2014

HISTORY
(Major)

Paper: 3.2

[History of Assam (5th Century AD to 1228 AD)]

Full Marks: 80
Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence each: $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) Who was the author of 'Arthasastra'?

(b) Who was Amritprava?

(c) Name the inscription of Ancient Assam that recorded the establishment of a cave dedicated to Lord Balabhadra.

(d) Who was the founder of the Varman dynasty?

(e) Name the Chinese pilgrim who visited Kamarupa in seventh century AD.

(f) Name the capital of Sasanka of Gauda.
2. Answer the following in brief: 2x5=10
(a) Name two epigraphs of Indrapala.
(b) Mention two occupations of Ancient Assam.
(c) Mention two Tantrik works that highlighted Kamarupa.
(d) What is Agrahara settlement?
(e) Name two Mongoloid tribes that ruled in the eastern part of the Brahmaputra valley during the coming of the Ahoms.

3. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5x4=20
(a) Material remains as a source of the history of Ancient Assam
(b) Education and learning in Ancient Assam
(c) Judicial administration in Ancient Assam
(d) Dharmapala
(e) Vaidyadeva
(f) Bhuyans

4. Answer any four of the following: 10x4=40
(a) Give an account of the literary sources of the history of Assam.
(b) Bring out the main features of the reign of Bhaskarvarman with special reference to his relations with Harshavardhana of Kanauj.
(c) Assess the contribution of the Salastambha dynasty to the political history of Ancient Assam.
(d) "The ancient society of Kamarupa was an admixture of Aryans and non-Aryans." Discuss.
(e) Trace the development of Saivism and Saktism in early Assam.
(f) Discuss the political condition of Eastern Assam on the eve of the coming of the Ahoms.
(g) Discuss the causes and results of the invasions of Turko-Afghans towards the Ancient Kamarupa.

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