

1/EH-17 (i) (Syllabus-2015)

2016

(October)

HISTORY

(Elective/Honours)

(History of Ancient India)

(HISUG-101)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer any **five** questions

1. Mention the geographical divisions in India and discuss their contribution to Indian culture. 5+10=15
2. What is meant by 'Neolithic cultures'? Trace its development with special reference to their geographical distributions. 5+10=15
3. Describe the later-Vedic polity and religion as reflected in later-Vedic literature. 5+10=15
4. Give an account of the rise of Magadha as a paramount political power in the sixth century B.C. 15

5. What was Ashoka's 'Dhamma'? Examine the steps taken by him to propagate it. $7+8=15$
6. Discuss the contribution of the Kushanas in the field of religion and art. $7+8=15$
7. Write a critical note on Gupta society with special reference to the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$
- (a) Jati dharma
 - (b) Position of women
 - (c) Untouchability
8. Write an essay on Pallava Art. 15
9. Who were the Rashtrakutas? Describe the administrative organization of the Rashtrakutas. $5+10=15$
10. State the economic and cultural impact of India's contact with the Mediterranean world. $7+8=15$
