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(November)

HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 101

(Introduction to History and its Sources)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32 (Backlog) / 24 (2014 onwards)

Time : 3 hours

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

1. (a) Answer the following in one word or in one sentence : 1×8=8
- (i) "History makes man wise." Who coined the statement?
 - (ii) Who was the author of *Prison Notebook*?
 - (iii) Name the book written in ancient India on the art of running a State or a Government.

- (iv) To which country Alberuni belonged?
- (v) Who was honoured as 'Historiographer—Royal of the Mughals'?
- (vi) Name the place where The Nidhanpur Copper Plates of Bhaskar Varman' were discovered.
- (vii) Name the Ahom king whose coins are the oldest discovered till date.
- (viii) By which name the State Archive of the Ahoms was known?
- (b) Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (i) Internal criticism of sources
- (ii) Jatakas
- (iii) Hindavi
- (iv) Guwahati Copper Plate Grant of Indrapala
- (v) Tripura Buranji

2. Define the term 'history' and briefly describe its scope. 6+6=12

Or

Write a note on the relationship of history with archaeology and sociology. 6+6=12

3. Give an account of the *Arthasastra* as an important source material of ancient India. 12

Or

Discuss the importance of Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudra Gupta as a source of ancient Indian history.

4. Give an account of Alberuni's account of India. 12

Or

Write a brief note on the development of Bengali as a regional language of India.

5. Write a note on *Kalika Purana* as an important source of Assam history. 12

Or

Make an estimate of the Darrang Raj Vamsavali as a source of the history of medieval Assam.

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6. Describe the importance of the inscriptions of medieval Assam. 12

Or

Assess the importance of Captain Welsh's Report on Assam.
