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(November)

HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 101

(Introduction to History and its Sources)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

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* each : 1×8=8
- (i) "History makes man wise." Who made this comment?
 - (ii) Mention the name of a subaltern historian.
 - (iii) What is the meaning of the term 'Rajatarangini'?

- (iv) Name the foreign traveller who visited the court of Chandragupta Maurya.
- (v) Who translated the *Kitab-ul-Hind* into English?
- (vi) What is 'Bakhar'?
- (vii) Name the Ahom king whose coins are considered as the oldest found till today.
- (viii) Name the chronicler who accompanied Mir Jumla to Assam.
- (b) Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (i) Relation of History with Economics
- (ii) Hatigumpha Inscription of Kharavela
- (iii) Badauni
- (iv) *Kalika Purana*
- (v) *Fathiya-i-Ibriyah*

2. Define History and discuss its scope. 12

Or

Discuss the Marxist trend of history writing in India.

3. Give an account of *Arthasastra* as an important source material of ancient Indian history. 12

Or

Trace the importance of coins of early India as a source of history writing.

4. Bring out the salient features of Ziauddin Barani's theory of history and examine the value of his writings as a source for the history of Sultanate period. 12

Or

Write a note on Tavernier's account of India.

5. Prepare a note on the Inscriptions of early Assam with special reference to Nidhanpur Copper Plates of Bhaskaravarman. 12

Or

Write a note on Darrang Rajvamsawali as a source of medieval history of Assam.

6. Discuss the importance of the inscriptions of medieval Assam as a source of history. 12

Or

Write a note on Captain Welsh's account of Assam.
