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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* : 1×8=8
- (i) What is the Greek word for history?
 - (ii) Who is the author of the book, *What is History* ?
 - (iii) During whose reign Fa Hien came to India?
 - (iv) Name the scholar who edited the Hathigumpha Inscription of Kharavela.

(v) Who was Francois Bernier?

(vi) By which name the Koch coins are known?

(vii) Who issued the Inscription of the Bengena-Ati-Satra, Majuli?

(viii) Name the physician who accompanied Captain Welsh in his expedition to Assam.

(b) Write short notes on any three of the following : $4 \times 3 = 12$

(i) Relation of history with geography

(ii) Arthasastra

(iii) Alberuni

(iv) Nidhanpur Copper Plates Inscription

(v) Deodhai Buranji

2. What are the sources of history? Discuss internal and external criticisms of the sources. $4+8=12$

Or

What are the major trends of history writing in India? Discuss the nationalist trend of history writing. $4+8=12$

3. Who was Kalhana? Assess the importance of Kalhana's *Rajatarangini* as a source of ancient Indian history. $2+10=12$

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Or

Who was Megasthenes? Discuss the importance of his account as a source of ancient Indian history. 2+10=12

4. Describe briefly the importance of Abu-l-Fazl's *Ain-i-Akbari* as a source of Mughal history. 12

Or

Briefly describe the development of Bakhar as a regional tradition of Maharashtra.

5. Write a note on the development of Charit tradition in Assam and its importance as a source. 12

Or

Discuss the importance of the coins of medieval Assam as a source of history.

6. Write an essay on the development of Buranji tradition in Assam. 12

Or

Evaluate the account of Shihab-ud-din Talish as a source of political and social history of medieval Assam.
