



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2019

GE1-HISTORY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

GROUP-A

Answer any *four* questions from the following

3×4 = 12

1. What is the historical importance of Kalhana's Rajtarangini? 3
2. What were the features of Indus Seals? 3
3. Write a short note on 'Indica'. 3
4. What is the historical significance of Fa-Hien's visit to India? 3
5. What does 'Matsyanaya' in Gauda mean? 3
6. What do you mean by Feudalism in Early Medieval India? 3

GROUP-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following

6×4 = 24

7. Give the importance of coins for writing the History of Ancient India. 6
8. What were the striking features of the Harappan town planning? 6
9. Discuss the economic background of the rise of Jainism and Buddhism in the 6th century B.C. 6
10. What do you mean by Asoka's Dhamma? What were its principles? 3+3
11. Do you think that 'the Gupta Age' was the Age of Renaissance? 6
12. Analyse the administrative system of Harshavardhana. 6

GROUP-C

Answer any two questions from the following

12×2 = 24

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| 13. | Write an essay on the importance of literary sources for the reconstruction of Ancient Indian History. | 12 |
| 14. | Discuss the political and economic background to the emergence of Magadha as an imperial power. | 12 |
| 15. | Write an essay on 'Tripartite Struggle' for power after the fall of Harsha among the Palas, the Rastrakutas and the Gurjara Pratiharas. | 12 |
| 16. | What were the main features of Feudalism in Early Medieval India? | 12 |

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