

**Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate marks assigned to each question.

**Q1. Answer any four of the following: (16 mks)**

- a) Explain the importance of foreign accounts in reconstructing the history of ancient India.
- b) Highlight the salient features of Paleolithic Age.
- c) Write a short note on the Indus Valley Script.
- d) Briefly comment on religion during the early Vedic period
- e) Explain the term *Mahajanapadas* with suitable examples.
- f) Bring out the points of difference between Digambaras and Svetambara sects of Jainism

**Q2. Answer any four of the following: (16 mks)**

- a) Bring out the importance of the Arthashastra in the history of the Mauryan period.
- b) Mention the achievements in the field of literature during Harshavardhana's period.
- c) Comment on the contribution of the Gupta dynasty to field of Art and Architecture.
- d) Write a short note on the dynasties of the Sangam Age
- e) Comment on the reign of Rajaraja Chola.
- f) Write a short note on Chola sculpture.

**Q3.A) Elucidate upon the role of archaeological sources in the reconstruction of the history of ancient India. (12 mks)**

**OR**

**B) Comment on the prominent sites of the Indus Valley Civilization.**

**Q4.A) Explain the socio-economic conditions of Early Vedic people. (12 mks)**

**OR**

**B) Throw light on the foundation and growth of Buddhism in ancient India.**

**Q5.A) Discuss the nature of the Mauryan state. (12 mks)**

**OR**

**B) Why was the Gupta period called as the 'Golden Age' of ancient Indian History?**

**Q6.A) Evaluate the socio- religious condition prevalent in South India during the Sangam Age. (12 mks)**

**OR**

**B) State the factors which led to extension of Indian culture to South East Asia**

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