

2009

M.A.

1st Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HI-1101

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group-A

1. Discuss the evolution of Kingship (rajan) as a form of political institution in the Vedic period. 10

Or

Critically examine the stages that state formation went through since the late Vedic period till the pre-Maurya phase. 10

2. Examine the causes behind the ascendancy of Magadha to the position of dominance in the 4th cent B.C.E.

Or

Critically analyse the development of taxation system and military authority as instrument of territorial state. 10

(Turn Over)

Group-B

3. What were the features of breakdown of the state system in the post-Gupta phase? 10

Or

Give an account of the struggle for dominance in politics of North India in the pre-Sultanate period. 10

4. What do you understand by the term segmentary state-formation in the context of the development of Chola State. 10

Or

Discuss the origin and structure of the Vijaynagara state. 10

[Internal Assessment — 10 Marks]
