

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS—201

STATE FORMATION IN ANCIENT INDIA

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the 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

Answer any four questions.

4×2

1. Which section of the Mahabharata refers to the pre-state society?

(Turn Over)

2. What is meant by *Vairajya*?
3. What is *Gopati*?
4. For what is *Atranjikhera* famous?
5. Name two major urban centres of 6th century BCE.
6. What is *panchajanah*?

Group - B

Answer any four questions.

4x4

7. How does the advancement in material culture indicated by PGW explain the development of the state in northern India?
8. Explain briefly the connection between the *kosha* and the *sena*?
9. Explain the terms *svami* and *durga*.

10. State all six characteristics of the early medieval / feudal state formation.
11. What is a segmentary state?
12. Give an instance of local autonomy retained within the structure of the emergent state in the 6th century?

Group - C

Answer any *two* questions.

2×8

13. Explain the features of transition from the lineage society to territorial state in the early and later Vedic periods.
14. How does Kautilya explain the bonds between the *jana* and the *janapada* in early India?
15. Narrate the development of the state in the Tamilakam of South India. What were the conditions favouring it?

16. Explain how the feudal society emerged in the late Gupta period.

[Internal assessment - 10]
