

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination (CCAЕ)

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-202

RELIGION AND ECOLOGY IN EARLY 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. What is 'preferred nature' as depicted in Cakkavatti - sīhanāda - sutta ?

(Turn Over)

2. How many plants are mentioned to be found in the Dandaka Forest as described in the Valmiki Ramayana?
3. What is a Sacred Garden?
4. What communities of people lived in the ancient forests?
5. What do you mean by 'dependent origination'?
6. How many species are mentioned in Umavati's Tattvartha Sutra?

### **Group - B**

Answer any *four* questions. 4x4

7. How does Jainism view living organism?
8. What place does Buddhism give to animals and plants?

9. Write a short note on environmental ethics as reflected in the *Jatakas*.
10. What is indigenous eco-cosmology?
11. Write a short note on *Aranyakas* and *tapovana* forests in ancient India.
12. What kind of world had been described in *Acaranga Sutta*?

**Group - C**

Answer any *two* questions. 2×8

13. Critically analyse the biodiversity of forests in *Valmiki Ramayana*.
14. Critically describe the Buddhist concept of interdependence of humans and nature.

15. Do you think that Valmiki Ramayana helps us understand the tradition that may have contributed to contemporary attitude toward nature?

16. Write an essay on 'Conservation from below'.

*[Internal assessment - 10]*

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