

**M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2023**

**HISTORY**

*(State Formation in Ancient India)*

PAPER – HIS-201

*Full Marks : 50*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks*

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

**GROUP – A**

Answer any **four** of the following : 5 × 4

1. What is meant by *dasharajna* ?
2. Explain the connotations of the words *gopa* or *gopati* ?

( Turn Over )

3. What are the sources on the pre-state society and what light do they throw on the conditions of existence ?
4. Briefly state the kingships and chieftaincies of early South India.
5. What are the *angas* of the state as enumerated by Kautilya ?
6. What is the major factor that contributed to decentralization of power in the early medieval period ?

GROUP – B

Answer any **two** of the following : 10 × 2

7. Discuss the nature and structure of the Mauryan imperial state.
8. By what characteristics does one identify the early medieval state and society ?

9. By referring to archaeological and literary sources discuss the formation of territorial states c. 6th century BCE.
10. By referring to geographical divisions discuss the beginnings of state and society in early South India.

**[ Internal Assessment -- 10 Marks ]**

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