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M.A. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019

Fourth Semester

Faculty of Social Sciences

Branch I: History

HIS PGC 16 (2)—ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS OF WEST ASIA

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weight: 30

- I. Short answers. Answer any five questions in one paragraph each. Each question carries 1 weight:
 - 1 Eridu.
 - 2 Awan dynasty.
 - 3 Epic of Gilgamesh.
 - 4 Akkadian Cuneiform.
 - 5 Pottery wheel.
 - 6 Assurbanipal.
 - 7 Old Assyrian Cuneiform.
 - 8 Tell Hassuna.

 $(5\times 1=5)$

- II. Short essays. Answer any *five* questions in not exceeding *two pages* each. Each question carries 2 weight:
 - 9 Assess the contributions of Gilgamesh.
 - 10 Explain the Sumerian renaissance under Ur.
 - 11 Examine the nature of agriculture under the Gutians.
 - 12 Estimate the importance of the Gudean Regime.
 - 13 What were the provisions of the code of Hummurabi?
 - 14 Sketch the intellectual contributions of the Babylonian Civilization.
 - 15 Trace the nature of urban development in Assyria.
 - 16 How did the Chaldean invasion affect the fortunes of the Assyrians?

 $(5 \times 2 = 10)$

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- III. Long essays. Answer any three questions. Each question carries 5 weight:
 - 17 Analyse the factors that led to the decline of the Sumerian Civilization.
 - 18 Describe the works of the Etana dynasty.
 - 19 Review the circumstances that led to the Babylonian hegemony.
 - 20 Portray the career and achievements of Nebuchadnezzar II.
 - 21 What were the major urban and trade developments under the Assyrian Civilization?
 - 22 How did the collapse of Assyria take place?

 $(3 \times 5 = 15)$

