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M.A. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

Second Semester

Faculty of Social Sciences

Branch I : History

HIS PGC 6—HISTORY OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES OF EARLY INDIA

(2012—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

I. Short Answers. Answer any *five* questions in *one paragraph* each. Each question carries 1 weight :

- 1 Varna and Kula.
- 2 Dakshina and Sulka.
- 3 Tantric Buddhism.
- 4 Samaja and Puga.
- 5 Jati and Varna.
- 6 Hiranyagarbha.
- 7 Sakirnajati and Kingship.
- 8 Kalavu and Karpu.

(5 × 1 = 5)

II. Short Essay. Answer any *five* questions in not exceeding *two pages* each. Each question carries 2 weight :

- 9 Analyse the role of Gotra System in deciding social relations during the Vedic Period.
- 10 Bring out the role of Gopa and Samiti in the Vedic Polity.
- 11 What were the causes of the Brahmana Sramana dichotomy ?
- 12 Explain the political structure of the Janapadas.

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- 13 Examine the taxation system of the Mauryas.
- 14 How did the Bhakti cult lead to the rise of Bhagavada Movement ?
- 15 Trace the formation of tenurial hierarchy in Early India.
- 16 Sketch the status of women in Ancient Tamilakam.

(5 × 2 = 10)

III. Long Essay. Answer any *three* questions. Each question carries 5 weight :

- 17 Describe the material culture and social formations in Ancient India.
- 18 Discuss the social dimensions of early Buddhism.
- 19 How did the transition from Varna to jati take place ?
- 20 Review the nature of hierarchically stratified jati society based on Vishti.
- 21 Estimate the role of Aintinai in deciding the society of Ancient Tamilakam.
- 22 What was the politics of raids and redistribution in Early Tamilakam.

(3 × 5 = 15)

