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I Semester M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. Degree (Reg./Supple./Improv.)
Examination, November 2014
HISTORY (2014 Admn. under CBSS)
HIS1 C02 – State and Society in Early India

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION A : Essays

Answer **any two** of the following questions :

(2×12=24)

1. Evaluate the debate on the nature of Harappan State.
2. Critically assess the concepts of Oriental despotism and Asiatic mode of production.
3. What are the important Brahmanical and Buddhist theories on early state formation ?
4. Discuss the recent trends in the study of early Tamil Society.

SECTION B (Part I)

Answer **any four** of the following questions (answer in **one** sentence or **one** word)

(4×1=4)

5. Edward Said.
6. The battle of ten kings (*dasarajna*) is mentioned in which Vedic text ?
7. What is *shyama ayas* ?
8. What are the elements of state mentioned in Arthashastra ?
9. *Vetchi*.
10. *Tolkappiyam*.

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(Part II) : Short notes

Answer any four of the following questions : (4x3=12)

11. James Mill.
12. Unicorn symbol.
13. *Gana Sangha*.
14. *Tinai*.
15. What led to the pre-eminence of Magadha ?
16. Nationalist historiography.

(Part III) : Short Essays

Answer any four of the following questions : (4x5=20)

17. *Mahajanapadas*.
18. Write on *Sabha* and *Samiti*.
19. Critically assess Asoka's *Dhamma*.
20. Megalithic culture.
21. What are the major influences of Greek culture on early India ?
22. Early Indian trade.