

2012

HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : 2-2

(History of Ancient Civilizations of the World)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

1. Answer the following questions in *one* word or *one* sentence : 1×10=10
- (a) From which word has 'Egypt' been derived?
 - (b) What are hieroglyphics?
 - (c) What is the term 'ziggurat' associated with?
 - (d) What was the popular assembly of Athens known as?
 - (e) Who is known as the 'father of history'?

- (f) Name the Greek philosopher accused of 'corrupting the youth'.
- (g) In which country was paper invented?
- (h) What was the title of the rulers of Egypt?
- (i) Who was Imhotep?
- (j) Name the twin brothers who established the city of Rome.

2. Answer the following in brief : 2×5=10

- (a) Name any two city States of ancient Sumer.
- (b) Mention any two causes for the decline of the Egyptian civilization.
- (c) Write briefly on the Great Pyramid of Gizah.
- (d) What do you understand by the term 'Prinsep'?
- (e) Write briefly on the solar calendar of Egypt.

3. Write short notes on (any four) : 5×4=20

- (a) Salient features of the Spartan system of administration
- (b) Taoism

- (c) Great Wall of China
- (d) Sumerian system of writing
- (e) Class divisions in ancient Egypt
- (f) Solon

4. Answer any *four* of the following : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) Discuss the role of the city States (Polis) in the growth of democracy in Athens.
- (b) Narrate in detail the democratic reforms of Pericles of Athens.
- (c) Write a note on Sumerian religion with special reference to the system of burials.
- (d) Form a critical estimate of the part played by Confucius in the history of ancient China.
- (e) Assess the role of Hammurabi in the formation of the Mesopotamian civilisation.
- (f) Discuss the salient features of the socio-economic life of the ancient Egyptians.
- (g) Write a note on Roman art and architecture with special reference to Greek influence upon it.
- (h) Describe the reign of Chin Shih' Huang-ti in China.

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