

2014

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 each : 1×10=10

(a) What was the capital of Egypt during
the Age of the Pyramids?

(b) What is the meaning of the Egyptian
script known as 'Hieroglyphic'?

(c) Who deciphered the cuneiform script
of the Sumerians?

(d) What was the main occupation of the
Mesopotamians?

- (e) Name the dynasty that replaced the Shang rulers.
- (f) What was the principal item of export of China under the Hans?
- (g) Which ancient Iron Age civilization invented the umbrella?
- (h) What is an 'acropolis'?
- (i) Who were the 'demos' in ancient Greece?
- (j) What does the word 'princeps' mean?

2. Answer the following questions in brief :

2×5=10

- (a) What do you understand by 'Pax Romana'?
- (b) What was the Colosseum?
- (c) Write a note on the Mesopotamian calendar.
- (d) Name any two Greek mathematicians.
- (e) Name any two uses of Chinese canals.

3. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 5×4=20

- (a) The Sexagesimal System
- (b) The Behistun Inscription
- (c) The Pyramids of Gizah
- (d) The Code of Hammurabi
- (e) The Laws of Solon
- (f) Confucius
- (g) Trade and Commerce in Ancient Rome

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 10×4=40

- (a) Trace the emergence and decline of the new kingdom in Egypt.
- (b) Evaluate the contribution of the Sumerians in the field of arts and crafts, and trade and commerce.
- (c) Write a note on the society of ancient Mesopotamia.
- (d) Evaluate the contribution of the Han dynasty to the growth of Chinese civilization.

- (e) Why is Egyptian civilization called the 'Gift of the Nile'?
- (f) Assess the contribution of Pericles to the growth of democracy in Athens.
- (g) Discuss the contribution of the Greek in the field of art, literature and philosophy.
- (h) Briefly discuss the impact of the Punic Wars on Roman society.
