

2015

HISTORY

(Major)

Paper : 3.2

[History of Assam (5th Century AD to 1228 AD)]

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions in *one word* or *one sentence* each : $1 \times 10 = 10$
- (a) Who was the author of *Harshacharita*?
 - (b) Who was Lo-stunpa?
 - (c) Name a book on Tantra that was composed in Kamarupa.
 - (d) Who built the city of Durijaya?
 - (e) Who was the founder of the Pala dynasty?
 - (f) Who issued the Kamauli grant?
 - (g) What was the copper temple of Sadiya popularly known as?

- (h) What is a *Tulapurasadana*?
- (i) Name the author of *Tabaqat-i-Nasiri*.
- (j) When did the first Turko-Afghan invasion of Kamarupa take place?

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

- (a) Name two archaeological sites of ancient Assam belonging to the Tezpur region.
- (b) What do you understand by the term Varnasrama Dharma?
- (c) Name any two land grants issued by the Salastambha dynasty.
- (d) Name two professional castes of ancient Assam.
- (e) Write a short note on the reign of Harshadeva of the Salastambha dynasty.

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

- (a) *Kalika Purana*
- (b) Hiuen Tsang's description of Kamarupa
- (c) Position of women in ancient Assam
- (d) Trade routes of ancient Assam
- (e) Bhaskar Varman's relation with Harshavardhana
- (f) Harjaravarmana

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

- (a) Discuss the importance of inscription as a source of the history of ancient Assam from 5th century AD to 12th century AD.
- (b) Discuss briefly the religion of ancient Assam. In what respect can the influence of the non-Aryans be traced in it?
- (c) Give an account of the economic condition of early Assam.
- (d) Critically assess the reign of Ratnapala.
- (e) "Dharmapala was one of the greatest rulers of the Pala dynasty." Elucidate.
- (f) Discuss the main features of the administration of early Assam.
- (g) Give a brief account of the political condition of Kamarupa after the decline of the Pala dynasty.
- (h) Determine the boundary of the Kamarupa-Pragiyotisha kingdom with reference to your sources of information.

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