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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Major 2nd Semester Examination, 2024

UHISMAJ12002-HISTORY

HISTORY OF INDIA II (CIRCA 1500 BCE - 300 BCE)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

Answer any four questions from the following

3×4 = 12

1. Write a short note on *Arthasastra*. 3
2. What do you mean by the term ‘Aryan’? 3
3. What was the importance of ‘Godhan’ in Vedic Age? 3
4. Write a short note on ‘Sodasa Mahajanapada’. 3
5. Who were ‘Tirthankaras’? Name the first, twenty third and last ‘Tirthankara’. 3
6. What do you mean by ‘Middle Path’? 3

GROUP-B

Answer any four questions from the following

6×4 = 24

7. Write a short note on Buddhist and Jaina text as a source for the period of your study. 6
8. What was the position of women in Rig Vedic Society? 6
9. Write a short note on Rig Vedic Economy. 6
10. Comment on the functions of ‘Sabha’ and ‘Samiti’ in the Rig Vedic period. 6
11. Mention the factors that led to the growth of protestant movement in 6th century B. C. 6
12. Trace the background to the emergence of Magadha as an imperial power. 6

GROUP-C

Answer any two questions from the following

12×2 = 24

13. Critically analyse on the original homeland of the Aryans. 12
14. Discuss the factors responsible for the rise of new religious movements in the 6th century B. C. 12
15. Discuss the political consolidation of Magadha under Bimbisara and Ajatsatru. 12
16. What were the main features of the Iron Age Culture with special reference to Painted Grey Ware? 12