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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?

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- (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.

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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.

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- (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.

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