

2014

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 : 1×10=10
  - (a) Who was the author of 'Arthasastra'?
  - (b) Who was Amritprava?
  - (c) Name the inscription of Ancient Assam  
that recorded the establishment of a  
cave dedicated to Lord Balabhadra.
  - (d) Who was the founder of the Varmana  
dynasty?
  - (e) Name the Chinese pilgrim who visited  
Kamarupa in seventh century AD.
  - (f) Name the capital of Sasanka of Gauda.

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- (g) Who rebuilt the temple of Hetuka-Sulin?
- (h) Who were Devadasis?
- (i) Mention the place of Assam where remains of a sun temple are found.
- (j) Who was the king of Kamarupa at the time of the invasion of Muhammad-bin-Bakhtiyar Khalji?

2. Answer the following in brief :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Name two epigraphs of Indrapala.
- (b) Mention two occupations of Ancient Assam.
- (c) Mention two Tantrik works that highlighted Kamarupa.
- (d) What is Agrahara settlement?
- (e) Name two Mongoloid tribes that ruled in the eastern part of the Brahmaputra valley during the coming of the Ahoms.

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

- (a) Material remains as a source of the history of Ancient Assam
- (b) Education and learning in Ancient Assam

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- (c) Judicial administration in Ancient Assam
- (d) Dharmapala
- (e) Vaidyadeva
- (f) Bhuyans

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

- (a) Give an account of the literary sources of the history of Assam.
- (b) Bring out the main features of the reign of Bhaskarvarman with special reference to his relations with Harshavardhana of Kanauj.
- (c) Assess the contribution of the Salastambha dynasty to the political history of Ancient Assam.
- (d) "The ancient society of Kamarupa was an admixture of Aryans and non-Aryans." Discuss.
- (e) Trace the development of Saivism and Saktism in early Assam.
- (f) Discuss the political condition of Eastern Assam on the eve of the coming of the Ahoms.
- (g) Discuss the causes and results of the invasions of Turko-Afghans towards the Ancient Kamarupa.

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