



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Examination 2021

(CBCS)

1st Semester

HISTORY

PAPER—C1T

GREEK AND ROMAN HISTORIANS

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Group - A

Answer any *four* questions.

4×12

1. Write an essay on Greek historiography before Herodotus.
2. Make a critical assessment of Herodotus as a historian.
3. Why does Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War* qualify as a valid historical account? What are its weaknesses?

4. How did Cicero justify the role of mortality in the writing of history?
5. Discuss the plague epidemic in Athens, according to Thucydides.
6. Make an assessment of Cato, the Elder.
7. Compare the writing style of Livy and Tacitus.
8. Evaluate Polybius as a historian.

Group - B

Answer any *six* questions.

6×2

9. What is known about the historical works of Charon of Lampsacus?
10. What is the subject matter of Herodotus' *The Histories*?
11. What is the subject matter of the *History of the Peloponnesian War*?
12. What is logography?
13. What do you mean by Pragmatic History?
14. What is *Graeci Annals*?
15. Who was Diodorus Siculus? Write the name of one of his notable books.
16. Who signed the Peace of Nicias Pact and when?
17. Mention the name of any two books written by Cato.
18. Why was Hecataeus of Meletus been regarded as the most important predecessor of Herodotus?



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**EARLY HISTORIC INDIA
(PROTO HISTORY TO 6TH CENTURY BC)**

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4×12

1. Discuss the importance of indigenous literary sources in reconstructing the history of early India.
2. Critically analyse the possible causes of the decline of the Harappan Civilization ?

3. What do you mean by the Aryan problem? How did the scholars try to locate the original homeland of the Aryan?
4. Explain the socio-economic background of the rise of protestant movement of Buddhism and Jainism.
5. Analyse the development of physical and mathematical sciences in Ancient India.
6. Analyse the nature of Indo-Roman trade with reference to Arikamedu.
7. What were the causes of Second Urbanization? What were its chief features?
8. Make a critical appraisal of Panini's Ashtadhyayi.

Group – B

Answer any six questions.

6×2

9. What do you understand by 'Neolithic Revolution'?
10. Why is the significance of Mehargarh?
11. When and amongst whom was the 'battle of ten kings' fought?
12. What do you mean by 'Streedhan'?
13. What are the Three Jewels (triratna)?
14. What are four Aryasatyas?
15. What are the differences between Stupa and Vihar?
16. What are the differences between *varna* and *jati*?

උ. පෞරාණික ඉතිහාසයේ (Ashtadhyayi) නිර්දේශිත නිවැරදි පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න.

Group - B

න) පහත දැක්වෙන (6) ප්‍රකාරව පැහැදිලි කරනු ලබන ප්‍රශ්නවලට පිළිතුරු සපයන්න. (6x2)

1. පෞරාණික ඉතිහාසයේ (Ashtadhyayi) නිර්දේශිත නිවැරදි පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
2. පැහැදිලි කිරීම (Mehorharh) පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
3. 'ඉන්ද්‍ර පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී' ඉතිහාසයේ පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
4. 'පෞරාණික ඉතිහාසයේ (Stredhan)' පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
5. පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ (Trihatha) පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
6. පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ (Aryasatyas) පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
7. පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ (Stupa) කාව්‍යයේ (Vihar) පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
8. පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ (VARNA) කාව්‍යයේ (JATI) පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
9. පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ (Guild) පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න?
10. පෞරාණික කාව්‍යයේ පැහැදිලි කිරීමේදී පැහැදිලි කිරීමක් සිදු කරන්න.