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Internal Assessment

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B.A. History [Honours] 1st Year 1st Semester 2021 [under CBCS]

QUESTION PAPER

Full Marks: 10

Time: 1 Hour

Course: CC-1

Answer *any one* question:

1. Who were logographers? Write a critical note on Hecataeus of Miletus. (2+8)
2. Evaluate Herodotus as a historian.
3. Why has Polybius been called a 'pragmatic historian'?
4. Who was Quintus Fabius Pictor? Examine the importance of the 'Graeci annals'? (2+8)
5. Critically analyze the influence of Marcus Porcius Cato on Greek historiography.
6. What did Livy have to say about Roman law and religion?

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Answer *any one* question:

1. Differentiate between *Shruti* and *Smriti*. Discuss how these literary sources help in reconstructing the history of early India. (3+7)
2. What do you mean by the 'Neolithic Revolution'? Critically comment on the 'revolutionary changes' of the neolithic period. (3+7)
3. Who were the Aryans? Discuss the debates among the scholars about the original homeland of the Aryans.
4. Write a note on the pastoral life as indicated in the Rig Vedic literature. Do you think that the changes in the mode of agricultural production were at the root of socio-economic changes in the later Vedic period? (5+5)
5. Identify the characteristics of the second urbanisation. Which region formed the core of it? (7+3)
6. Discuss the social and economic background of the rise of protestant religions in India in the 6th century B.C.E. How do you explain the success of Buddhism as a protestant religion?