

**JHARGRAM RAJ COLLEGE**

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**B.A. Honours Internal Examination 2023 (under CBCS)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**Paper: CC-3**

**(Mauryan and Gupta Empire)**

Full Marks: 10

Time: 1 Hour

Answer **any two** questions: [*Write within 1000 words*]

5x2=10

1. Discuss the historical significance of Kautilya's *Arthashastra* and Megasthenes' *Indica*.
2. How did Magadhan imperialism grow under the first three Mauryan monarchs?
3. Discuss the nature of Asoka's empire.
4. "Asoka's Dhamma cannot be equated with Buddhism". Do you agree with this view?
5. Discuss the central and municipal administrations of the Mauryas.
6. Write an essay on Mauryan art.

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**Paper: CC-4**

**(Political History of Early Medieval India, 600 AD to 1200 AD)**

Full Marks: 10

Time: 1 Hour

Answer **any two** questions: [*Write within 1000 words*]

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1. Review the achievements of Harshavardhana.
2. Discuss the role of Pulakesin II in establishing Chalukyan rule.
3. Critically describe the different phases of the tripartite struggle held among the Palas, Pratiharas and Rashtrakutas.
4. Critically analyse the role of land grants in the theory of Indian feudalism.
5. Do you agree with the hypothesis that “monetary anaemia” existed in India from 600 to 1000 CE? Answer critically.
6. Compare the invasions of India of Mahmud of Ghazni and Muhammad Ghori.