

JHARGRAM RAJ COLLEGE

Department of History

B.A. History Major [H / H&R] Internal Examination 2023 (under CCFUP)

1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Paper: Major -1

(Ancient India from the Earliest Times to 600 BCE)

Full Marks: 10

Time: 1 Hour

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

5x2=10

1. Write a critical note on the idea of Bharatvarsha.
2. Briefly discuss the importance of Buddhist and Jaina literature in writing the history of ancient India.
3. How do epigraphy and numismatics help to write the history of ancient India?
4. Explain briefly the central teachings of Buddhism.
5. Describe the position of women in India during 1500-500 BCE, highlighting the debate between A.S. Altekar and Uma Chakravarti.
6. What were the major examples of *asavarna* marriages in ancient India? Write in detail.