



'সমানো মন্ত্র: সমিতি: সমানী'

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**

B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2021

**GE2-P1-HISTORY**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**CATEGORY-I**

**Answer any four questions from the following**

3×4 = 12

1. Give the historical importance of the Puranas. 3
2. Write the importance of the study of numismatics for understanding the history of Ancient India. 3
3. Define 'Varna System'. 3
4. What do you understand by the Middle Path? 3
5. Write in brief about Gandhara School of Art. 3
6. What is the historical importance of 'Allahabad Prasasti'? 3
7. Write a short note on Nalanda University. 3
8. Name the powers involved in Tripartite Struggle. 3

**CATEGORY-II**

**Answer any four questions from the following**

6×4 = 24

9. What are the chief features of the Neolithic Culture of India? 6
10. Give an account of the Harappan Trade. 6
11. What was the position of women in the Rig Vedic society? 6
12. Write a short note on Kautilya's state system. 6
13. Trace the rise of Kanauj under the leadership of Harshavardhana. 6
14. Bring out the salient features of the Gupta Administrative system. Mention your source of information. 4+2

**CATEGORY-III**

**Answer any *two* questions from the following**

12×2 = 24

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| 15. | Assess the importance of the archeological sources for the reconstruction of ancient Indian history.                       | 12   |
| 16. | Review the socio-economic background of the rise of the Buddhism and Jainism in India in the 6th Century B.C.              | 12   |
| 17. | Who were the Indo-Greeks? Discuss their cultural contributions in the history of India with special reference to Menander. | 2+10 |
| 18. | Discuss the features of Asoka's Dhamma. What steps did he adopt to propagate it?   | 12   |

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