

M.A. Examination, 2014

Semester – III

AIHC&A

Course: B.2.4

(Indian Epigraphy)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer Question No. 6 and *any two* questions from the rest.

1. Analyze the nature of the political relationship between Samudragupta and his contemporary powers on the basis of the Allahabad Praśasti.
2. What light do the Damodarpur copper plates of Kumāragupta throw on the administration of Pundravardhana bhukti?
3. How did Skandagupta revive the declining fortune of the Gupta dynasty and justify his claim to the throne as the successor of Kumāragupta I?
4. How does the Banskhera copper plate explain the circumstances leading to the death of Rājyavardhana?
5. Define the term 'Matsya-nyāya and 'prakṛitibhiḥ' in the Khalimpur copper plate inscription of Dharmapāladeva critically discussing the importance of the inscription.
6. Translate *any one* of the following passages into Bengali or English adding explanatory notes.
 - (a) khinnasya = eva viṣṛijya gāṁ narapater = ggām = āśritasya = etarāṁ mūrtyā karma-jitāvaniṁ gatavataḥ kīrttyā sthitasya kshitau.
 - (b) uddhūt-āmala-chāvāra-dhvaja śata-chchhatra-āndhakārair = bbalaiḥ śauryya – otsāha – rasoddat – ārimathanair = maula ādibhiḥ = shaḍvidaiḥ I ākrānt-ātma balonatim = balarajasañchhanna-kāñchipuraḥ prakārāntarita – pratāpam = akarod – yaḥ = Pallavānām = patim II.