

M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2015
HISTORY
Special Paper : Medieval India : State and Polity (C-1200-1757)
Course - A1

Time : Three Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer **any three** Questions.

1. Write a critical essay on the Indo-Islamic historiography with special reference to Taj-ul Ma'asir.
 2. Do you think that coins form an important primary source in writing history? What was the importance of tri-metallism in the Mughal coinage system?
 3. Discuss the theory of kingship of Balban. Why was Balban's theory of kingship dropped during the Khalji period?
 4. Write a note on the modern perception of medieval state in India with emphasis on the Delhi Sultanate.
 5. What were the leading pressure-groups under the Delhi Sultanate? Do you think Ulema played a leading role as a pressure-group?
 6. 'The Mughal empire was fast becoming merely the empty shell of its former grand structure'. Explain the context of decline of the Mughal Empire as deposited by J.F. Richards.
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