

M.A. Examination, 2017
Semester-II
Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology
Course – B.2.3
(Indian Epigraphy-I)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer question no. **6** and **any two** from the rest.

1. What are the issues related to the origin of the Brāhmā script in India?
2. Narrate the contents of the Bairat inscription of Aêoka. Name the Buddhist texts mentioned in the inscription.
3. Discuss the importance of the Takht-ä-Bähä inscription of Gondopharnes.
4. Who was Dhanadeva? What light does the inscription throw on his relationship with Puëyamitra ðîçga?
5. Translate **any one** of the following passages into English or Bengali adding explanatory notes:
 1. Silà-vigaâha-bhäcà kàlàpita silà-thabe ca usapàpite/hida bhagavaó jàte ti luminigàme ubalike kaìe/aihabhàgiye ca ||.
 2. nena [1*] sa [ó*] vagiy [a] naó [taladanasa-] |sapidina| [su]-màte|sulakhite puâanagalate |e[ta] ó [ni*] vahipayisati | samvagiyañam [cha] [di*] ne** [dhà]niyaó | nivahisati | daga-tiyà [i*] yake.
6. Transcribe the following passage in Aêokan Brāhmāscript.
 - 1 (A) Devànaópiye Piyadasi làja hevaó àha (B) saâuväsati vasàbhisitena me imàni pi jàtàni avadhyàni kaìàni seyatha.
 2. Suke sàlike alone cakavàhe haóse naódimukhe gelàte jàlîka aóbà-kapilika dúfi anaihika-mache vedaveyake
 3. Gaógà-pupuìake saókuja-mache kaphaìà-seyake paóna-sase simale saóâake okapióâe palasate seta-kapote
 4. gàma-kapote save catupade ye paìibhogaó no eti na cakhàdiyati (C) ajakà nàni eíakà ca sukali ca gabhini va
 5. pàyaminà va avadhya potake la kàni àsaómàsike (D) vadhi kukuìe no kaìaviye (E) tusu sajäve no jhapayitaviye
 6. (F) dàve aëaihàye va vihisàye va no jhàpayitaviye (G) jivena jäve no pusitaviye (H) tisu chàtuómàsisu tisyáó puónamàsiyaó.

