

M.A. Examination, 2015

Semester-II

AIHC&A

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* of the rest.

1. Discuss the problems centering round the origin of the Brāhmi script.
2. Discuss the importance of the Bairat inscription of Aśoka.
3. Analyse the contents of the Ayodhyā stone inscription of Dhanadeva.
4. What light does the Takht-i-Bāhi inscription throw on the dates of the Gondophares.
5. Translate any one of the following passages into English or Bengali adding explanatory notes.

1. Devānaṁpiye piyadasi lājā ahā|kayāne dukale|e ādikale kayānasa se dukalaṁ kalati|se mamayā bahu kayāne kaṭe|tā mama putā cā natāle cā|palaṁ tehi ye apatiye me āva kapaṁ tathā anuvaṭisaṁti se sukaṭaṁ kachanti|e chu hetā desaṁ pi hāpayisanti se dukaṭaṁ kachati|

2. Silā-vigaḍha-bhīcā kālāpita silā-thabhe ca usapāpīte|hida bhagavaṁ jāte ti lumini-gāme ubalike kaṭe|aṭha-bhāgiye ca||

6. Transcribe the following passage into Aśokan Brāhmī script:

Sāravaḍhī asa savapāsaṁdānaṁ|sāravaḍhī tu bahuvidhā tasa tasa tu idaṁ mūlaṁ ya vacigutī|kiṁti ātpapāsaṁdāpūjā parapāsaṁdagarahā va no bhavē apakaraṇamhi lahukā va asa tamhi tamhi prakaraṇe|pūjetayā tū eva parapāsaṁdā tena tena prakaraṇena|evaṁ karuṁ ātpapāsaṁdaṁ ca vaḍhayati parapāsaṁdasa ca upakaroti|tadaṁyathā karoto ātpapāsaṁdaṁ ca chaṇati parapāsaṁdasa ca pi apakaroti yo hi koci ātmapāsaṁdaṁ puṇayati parapāsaṁdaṁ vā|garahati|sarva ātpapāṣaḍabhatiyā|kiṁti ātpapāsaṁdaṁ dīpayema iti|.