

M.A. Examination, 2017
Semester-II
Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology
Course – B.3.2
(Social History of India 320 A.D. to 1200 A.D.)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any three* questions.

1. Why do you think the study of social history is important? In what ways are social historians different from sociologists?
 2. Discuss the importance of traveller's accounts as historical source for the study of ancient Indian social history.
 3. "The *Varæa-jâti* system was one major social institution, which survived all the changes that took place in the early medieval period." Discuss.
 4. Analyse the position of *Īndras* in early medieval India.
 5. Discuss the evolution of the Writer's class and formation of the *Kâyastha* as separate castes in early medieval India.
 6. Write an essay on the Brahmanical educational system of ancient India from 320 A.D to 1200 A.D.
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