

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2014

Semester - I

AIHC&A (Subsidiary)

Paper : S-2.1

Political History of Ancient India (600 BC – 200 BC)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Write an essay on sixteen mahājanapadas.
 2. Write a short essay on the rise of Magadha as an imperial power from Bimbisara to Asoka.
 3. Give an account of the political conquest of Chandragupta Maurya.
 4. Discuss the salient features of the administrative system under the Mauryas.
 5. Discuss the causes of the decline of the Mauryas. How far was Asoka responsible for the decline?
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following:
 - (a) Vajji / Vriji confederacy.
 - (b) *Dhamma Mahamatyas* in Ashokan administration.
 - (c) Literary sources of Mauryan empire.
 - (d) Reasons for the rise of Magadha.
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