

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2014

Semester - V

AIHC&A

Paper : H.11

(Early Indian Religious History)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer **any three** questions.

1. To what extent did the religious life of the Indus people revolve around their belief in fertility symbols?
 2. What are the four Vedas? Write the salient features of Vedic religion on the basis of these texts.
 3. How far did the Upaniṣads bring about a radical change in the Aryan religious practice?
 4. Discuss critically the respective views of the six philosophical teachers of the time of the Buddha as mentioned in the Buddhist literature.
 5. Give an account of the life and teachings of Mahāvīra.
 6. Write what do you know about the development of Buddhist Saṃgha in India. How far its functions were democratic in nature?
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