

M.A. Examination, 2016

Semester-I

AIHC&A

Course – A.4

(Political History of Ancient India : Emergence of the Magadhan Empire)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer ***any three*** questions.

1. Evaluate the importance and significance of the literary source materials at your disposal to understand the history of early India during the first millennium B.C.
 2. Highlight the essentials of the institution of monarchy in ancient India.
 3. “The Nandas are sometimes described as the first dynasty with imperial ambitions...”. Discuss.
 4. Give a critical account of the battle of Kaliṅga. How far the battle impacted the emperor’s future course of actions?
 5. Analyse the nature and structure of the Maurya Empire with a special note on administrative changes.
 6. Write short note on ***any two*** of the following:
 - (a) Lichchhavi *gaṇarājya*
 - (b) The Seleukid war
 - (c) Bimbisāra
 - (d) Downfall of the Maurya empire
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