

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018

Semester-VI

AIHC&A

Course – H-14 (Core)

Early Indian Religious History (from 300 A.D. to 1300 A.D.)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any three* questions.

1. What are the similarities and dissimilarities between Āṛyāvākyaṇa (Hānayaṇa) and Mahāyāna Buddhism in early India?
 2. What light do the literary and archaeological materials throw on the early history of Śaivism in India?
 3. What role did the Vedic Viśvānu, Nārāyaṇa and Vāsudeva Kṛiṣṇa play in the development of Vaiṣṇavism in early India?
 4. Why Kapalikas and Kalamukhas were called ‘extremists’ or ‘atimārgis’?
 5. What role did the women play in the Bhakti movement in Southern India from c. 6th century C.E. to 13th century C.E.?
 6. Write a note on the origin of the Śakti cult in Early India.
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