

M.A. Examination, 2019
Semester–II
AIHC&A
Course – B.2.3 (Optional)
(Indian Epigraphy-I)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value
Answer **any three** questions.

1. Discuss about the origin and development of Brāhmī Script in India.
 2. Analyse the historical importance of the Mahasthan inscription.
 3. Narrate the content of the Bairat inscription of Aśoka. Name the Buddhist texts mentioned in the inscription.
 4. Discuss the importance of the Takht-i-Bāhi inscription of Gondopharnes. What light does the inscription throw on the date of the Parthian ruler?
 5. Who was Dhanadeva? What light does the inscription throw on his relationship with Puśyamitra Śuṅga?
 6. Translate the following passage into Aśokan Brāhmī Script:
 1. (A) *Devanampriyo priyadarśe raya Savra-Prashamḍani pravrajisani grahathani Cha Pujeti dānma vividhaye cha pujaye*
(B) *no chutaīhā dāna va puja va*
 2. *Devanampriyo manati yatha kiti Salavadhi siya savra-prashamdanam (C) salavaḍhi tu bahuvedha (D) tasa tu iyo mula yam vacha-guti*
 3. *Kisi ata-prashamḍa-puja Va para-pashamḍa-garana va no siya apakarana –si eahuka va siya tasi tasi prakaraṇe*
(E) *Puyetaviya va chu para-prashamḍa*
 4. *tena tena akarena (F) evam karatam ata-prashamḍam vaḍheti para-prashamḍasmsa pi cha upakaroti (G) tada añatha karamino ata-prashamḍa.*
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