

**M.A. Examination, 2019**  
**Semester–II**  
**AIHC&A**  
**Course – B.3.2 (Optional)**  
**(Social History of India 320 A.D. to 1200 A.D.)**

**Time: Three Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of equal value*

Answer *any three* questions.

1. Assess the value of archaeological sources in writing the social history of India from 320 A.D. to 1200 A.D.
  2. Analyse the concept of *Varṇa-Jāti* from interdisciplinary perspective and how has the notion of social history changed over the last thirty years?
  3. Examine the changes in the position of Sūdras and Vaishyas in early medieval period.
  4. How would you explain the rise of new professional castes in the Gupta and post-Gupta periods?
  5. Who were the Kāyasthas? Discuss the process of transformation of the writer class into a rigid caste group.
  6. Make a comparative assessment of the Brahmanical and Buddhist educational institutions of India in early medieval period.
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