

M.A. Examination, 2019
Semester–II
AIHC&A
Course – B.4.1 (Optional)
(History of Early Brahmanical Religion from the Vedic times to the
beginning of the Christian Era)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value

Answer ***any three*** questions.

1. Discuss about the nature and classification of the Vedic deities.
 2. In what different ways has the word *Upanisad* been explained? Do you agree with the view that Upanisadic thought has a non-priestly origin?
 3. What do you know about the origins and early history of Śaivism?
 4. Write a note on the *Kāpālika* sub sect of Śaivism.
 5. Write a note on the *Avatāravāda* of Vaiṣṇavism.
 6. Write short notes on ***any two*** of the following:
 - (a) Besnagar Garuḍa Pillar inscription.
 - (b) Pañcharāha
 - (c) Bhakti
 - (d) Paśupati Śiva
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