

M.A. Examination, 2015
Semester-II
AIHC&A
Course – B.4.1
(History of Early Brahmanical Religion from Vedic times
to the beginning of Christian era)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any three* questions.

1. Discuss the main features of the Vedic Deities.
 2. What are the main tenets of the Upanishads?
 3. Discuss the origin and early history of Vaiṣṇavism.
 4. Assess the significance of the Pāśupatas in the history of early Saivism.
 5. Write a note on the Kāpālīka sub-sect of Śaivism.
 6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following:
 - (a) Ushā
 - (b) Āditya
 - (c) Pañcarātras
 - (d) Bhāgaratas
 - (e) Avatāras
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