

M.A. Examination, 2018

Semester-I

AIHC&A

Course – A.4 (Core)

(Political History of Ancient India : The Emergence of the Magadhan Empire)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any three* questions.

1. Discuss the nature and importance of indigenous literary sources for the reconstruction of early Indian history.
 2. Assess the contribution of Mahàpadma Nanda as an empire builder.
 3. “The political and military record of Chandragupta, brilliant as it is, does not sum up all his achievements”. Analyse the statement.
 4. Asoka’s *Dhamma* “lies quite apart from all questions either of ritual or theology”. Discuss.
 5. Discuss the causes of the disintegration and fall of the Mauryan Empire.
 6. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - (a) *Kàshà janapada*
 - (b) The Dotted Record of Canton
 - (c) Bimbisàra
 - (d) *Arthaêàstra* of Kauìilya
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