

**M.A. Examination, 2018**  
**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: 3 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 *Upaniëad* been explained? Do you agree with the view that *Upaniëadic* thought has a non-priestly origin?
  3. What do you know about the origin and early history of *Ëaivism*?
  4. Discuss about *Lakulëa pàëupata* sub-sect of *Ëaivism*.
  5. Write a note on the *Avatàravàda* of *Vaiëæavism*.
  6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following:
    - (a) Besnagar Garuâa pillar Inscription
    - (b) Paècharàtrà
    - (c) Bhakti cult
    - (d) Kàlamukha
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