

**M.A. Examination, 2018**

**Semester-II**

**AIHC&A**

**Course – B.2.3 (Optional)**

**(Indian Epigraphy-I)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of equal value.*

Answer question no. 6 and *any two* from the rest.

1. Trace the development of Bràhmä script from 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC to 4<sup>th</sup> century AD.
2. Discuss the writing of text pattern of the inscriptions of early India.
3. Discuss the religious faith of Aêoka as gleaned from the Bairat inscription.
4. Analyse the historical importance of Mahàsthàn stone inscription of Mauryan age.
5. Translate any one of the following passages into English or Bengali adding explanatory notes.
  - (a) silà vigaâabhã chà kàlapita silà-thabhe cha usapàpate hida Bhagavaó jàte ti luómini-gàme ubalike kaie aïha-bhàgiyecha
  - (b) 1. sidhaã ....no dhaómasa namo ä dasa namo saókari sana-vàsudevànaó caóda-sîrànaó mahimàvatànaó catuónaó caó lokapàlanaó yama-varuæa-kubera-vàsavànaó namo kumàravarasa vedisirisa raèò  
2. \_\_\_\_ vârasa sîrasa aprati hatacakasa dakhinàpàihapatino raèò simukasàtavàhanasa sunhàya \_\_\_\_.
6. Transcribe the following passage into Aêokan Bràhmä script.
  1. (A) Devànaópiye Piyadasi làja hevaó àhà (B) saâuväsati.
  2. vasa-abhisitena me iyaó dhaóma-lipi likhàpità
  3. (C) hidata-pàlate dusaópaìpàdaye aónata agàyà dhaóma-kàmatàyà
  4. agàyà palikhàyà agàyà susîyàyà agena bhayenà
  5. agena usàhenà (D) esa chu kho mama anusathiyà
  6. dhaómàpekhà dhaóma-kàmatà chà suve suve vaâhità vaâhäsati chevà
  7. (E) pulisà pi cha me ukasà chà gevayà chà majhimà chà anuvidhiyaóta
  8. saópaìpàdayaóti chà alaó chapalaó samàdapayitave (F) hemevà aóta.
  9. mahàmàtà pi (G) esa hi vidhi yà iyaó dhaómèna pàlanà dhaómèna vidhàne
  10. dhaómèna sukhiyanà dhaómèna gotä ti.