

M.A. Examination, 2014

Semester – I

AIHC&A

Course: A.4

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

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer *any three* questions.

1. Discuss the importance of the literary source materials for writing the history of ancient India of the first millennium B.C.
 2. Bring out the significance of the sixth century B.C. in ancient Indian historical context.
 3. Analyse the contribution of the Nanda rulers in strengthening the supremacy of Magadha.
 4. Critically evaluate the nature and dissemination of Aśokan Dhamma.
 5. Write an essay on Mauryan polity.
 6. Write notes on *any two* of the following:
 - (a) The Dotted Record of Canton.
 - (b) Indica.
 - (c) Kauṭilya Arthaśāstra (as a source for understanding the period of your study).
 - (d) Military campaign and conquest of Kāliṅga.
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