

HCS (MAIN) EXAM 2018
INDIAN HISTORY
Sectionwise Test 1

Time : 3 Hours

M.Marks: 150

Note: Attempt Five questions in all. All questions carry equal marks. Questions No.1 is compulsory.

1. Write short essays of not more than 200 words each on any three of the following: **(4×7.5=30)**

- (a) Alexander's invasion was but a passing episode in Indian history
- (b) Position of women in the Rigvedic society
- (c) The intellectual revolution in the Sixth Century B.C.
- (d) Examine the contribution of Vedic culture in the sphere of social institutions and religion.

2. Give a brief account of life of Mahavir and explain his teachings. What impact did Jainism have on ancient Indian life and civilization? **30**

3. Give an account of the republics in the pre-Maurya period. Discuss the factors which contributed to their decline. **30**

4. Discuss the extent, settlement patterns and subsistence economy of the megalithic cultures. **30**

5. Discuss the trade, cultural contacts and the extents of the Indus Civilization within and outside India and describe in detail any one of the Indus sites within India. **30**

6. Analyse the differences and similarities between Indus Valley and Vedic Cultures **30**

7. Estimate the contribution of Buddhism to the development of art and literature in ancient India. **30**

8. Discuss the social & economic factors for the rise of Buddhism. How far was it influenced by Upanisadic thought? **30**