

FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 2025

HISTORY

(1st Semester)

Course No. : HISDSC-102T

**(History of India : From Mauryan Ascendancy to
Harsha Era)**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

**1. Answer any two questions from the
following : 2×2=4**

- (a) By whom Megasthenes was sent to the
Mauryan Court? Name a book
composed by him.**
- (b) Name two conquests of Chandragupta
Maurya.**
- (c) Mention two characteristics of Ashoka's
Dhamma.**

2. Answer any *one* question from the following : 10

- (a) Give an account of *Arthashastra* and *Indica* as the sources for the reconstruction of Mauryan history.
- (b) Discuss the factors responsible for the decline of Mauryan Empire.

UNIT—II

3. Answer any *two* questions from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Who founded Sunga dynasty and when?
- (b) Who was the founder of Satavahana dynasty? Name the most powerful ruler of that dynasty.
- (c) Name two court poets of Kanishka.

4. Answer any *one* question from the following : 10

- (a) Discuss various conquests and achievements of Kanishka.
- (b) Give an account on Kalinga ruler, Kharavela.

UNIT—III

5. Answer any two questions from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Who was the founder of the Gupta dynasty? Which Gupta ruler has been described as Indian Napoleon?
- (b) Mention two conquests of Chandragupta II.
- (c) Name two Sanskrit dramas composed by Kalidasa.

6. Answer any one question from the following : 10

- (a) Discuss various conquests of Samudragupta.
- (b) Analyze the factors responsible for the decline of Gupta Empire.

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any two questions from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Who founded Huna dynasty and when?
- (b) Name two powerful rulers of Maitraka dynasty.
- (c) What are the two branches of Vakatakas?

8. Answer any *one* question from the following : 10

- (a) Give a brief description of Huna invasion in India.
- (b) Write a note on political achievements of Maukharis.

UNIT—V

9. Answer any *two* questions from the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Mention two conquests of Harshavardhana.
- (b) Name two contemporary rulers of Harshavardhana.
- (c) Who was Sasanka?

10. Answer any *one* question from the following : 10

- (a) Discuss the cultural contribution of Harshavardhana.
- (b) Give an account of Hiuen Tsang on India.
