

CSM – 38/19

History

Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates should attempt Q. No. 1 from Section – A and Q. No. 5 from Section – B which are compulsory and any three of the remaining questions, selecting at least one from each Section.

SECTION – A

1. Answer any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : $20 \times 3 = 60$
- (a) The non-literary sources of knowing the ancient history of India
 - (b) 'Tree Worship' in Indus Valley Civilization
 - (c) The Hathigumpha Rock Inscription
 - (d) Parshvnath

2. Discuss the 'Chandragupta-Chanakya Strategy' for winning over Nandas and paving way for the establishment of a strong state. 60
3. How does the 'Allahabad Pillar Inscription' help us to identify the details of Gupta rulers ? 60
4. Throw light on the specific features of Naga Dynasty as revealed through its sources. 60

SECTION – B

5. Write about any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : 20×3 = 60
 - (a) Cult of Jagannath
 - (b) Maritime commerce and naval activities of Cholas
 - (c) Tripartite Struggle for Supremacy
 - (d) Rajtarangini
6. Make a comparative assessment of the personality and outstanding contribution of Dara Shikoh. 60

7. Discuss Alberuni's study of Indian Science and Civilization. 60
8. Evaluate the significance of Vijay Nagar Empire in the history of medieval India. 60

