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PERIODIC TEST-1, 2025-26

HISTORY 027

Class: XII
Date: 30.06.25
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

- I. Question paper comprises four Sections – A, B, C and D. There are 13 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- II. Section A – Question 1 to 6 are MCQs of **1 mark** each.
- III. Section B – Question no. 7 to 10 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying **2 marks** each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40-60 words.
- IV. Section C - Question no. 11 and 12 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying **3 marks** each. Answer to each question should not exceed 80-100 words.
- V. Section D – Question no.13 is Long Type Question, carrying **5 marks**. Answer to this question should not exceed 120-150 words.
- VI. There is no overall choice in the question paper.

SECTION-A

- Q1. Which ancient Indian text provides insights into the Varna system and social hierarchy? 1
- a. Arthashastra
 - b. Manusmriti
 - c. Ramayana
 - d. Mahabharata
- Q2. The "jajmani" system involved: 1
- a. Agricultural labor
 - b. Craftsmanship
 - c. Patron-client relationships
 - d. Religious rituals
- Q3. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read these statements and choose the correct answer from the given options- 1
- Assertion (A): Historians often use textual traditions to understand changes in economic and political life.
- Reason (R): These texts lay down norms of social behaviour or describe and comment on social situations and practices.
- Options:
- a. Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - b. Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - c. A is correct but R is wrong.
 - d. A is wrong but R is correct.
- Q4. Which ancient Indian text is known for its teachings on statecraft, economic policy, and the art of government during this time? 1
- a. Arthashastra
 - b. Bhagavad Gita

- c. Upanishads
d. Dharma Shastras
- Q5. Hagiography is the biography of a/an: 1
- a. King
b. Brahmin
c. Scholar
d. Saint
- Q6. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read these statements and choose the correct answer from the given options- 1
- Assertion (A): From earliest times, people tend to regard certain places as sacred.
Reason (R): These included sites with special trees or unique rock, or sites of awe-inspiring natural beauty.
- Options:
- a. Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
b. Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
c. A is correct but R is wrong.
d. A is wrong but R is correct.

SECTION-B

- Q7. Critically examine the duties as laid down in Manusmriti for the chandalas. 2
- Q8. Mention two ideal occupations of Brahmanas according to Dharmashastras. 2
- Q9. Explain the term 'Tipitaka'. 2
- Q10. Give any two reasons for the popularity of Buddhism. 2

SECTION-C

- Q11. Explain how you will prove that the text of Mahabharata was a dynamic one. 3
- Q12. Discuss the role of the begums of Bhopal in preserving the stupa at Sanchi. 3

SECTION-D

- Q13. The Mahabharata is a good source to study the social value of ancient times. Prove it. 5
