

Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill Shimla
Centre for Distance and Online Education

Department of History M A
Semester Second

Paper: History of Early India (up to c. AD 1200)
Core Course-HIST 221

***Important Instruction:** All the students are required to prepare all three assignments separately. These assignments are compulsory and submit them in a time bound manner, otherwise admit card for the exams will not be generated. A sample of the title page is also attached.*

Assignment – I

Maximum Marks = 6

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:

- Q.1 What are the key literary and archaeological sources for studying ancient Indian history?
- Q.2 Explain the importance of the Sabha and Samiti in Vedic polity.
- Q.3 What were the major features of Mauryan administration under Ashoka?
- Q.4 Discuss the significance of Sangam literature in understanding the early history of Tamilakam.

3 × 2 = 6

Assignment – 2

Maximum Marks = 6

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:

- Q.1 How did the Indo-Greeks, Shakas, and Kushans influence the political landscape of north-west India?
- Q.2 Describe the administrative structure of the Satavahana state.
- Q.3 What were the key features of the Gupta administration?
- Q.4 Explain the impact of the Huna invasions on the Gupta Empire.

3 × 2 = 6

Assignment – 3

Maximum Marks = 8

Note: Attempt any two questions of the following:

- Q.1 Discuss the administrative structure of the Vakatakas in the Deccan.
- Q.2 What were the key political and military achievements of Harshavardhana?
- Q.3 Explain the significance of the tripartite struggle among the Gurjara-Pratiharas, Rashtrakutas, and Palas.
- Q.4 How did the Cholas expand their influence in Southeast Asia?

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