



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Minor/Cor 1st Semester Examination, 2024-25

**HISMIN101T/HISCOR101T-HISTORY**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words  
and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

ଆନ୍ତିକ ସୀମାର ମଧ୍ୟରେ ସଂଖ୍ୟାଟି ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣମାନ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ କରେ।  
ପରୀକ୍ଷାର୍ଥୀରା ନିଜେର ଭାଷାଯ ସଥା ସନ୍ତୋଷପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଶବ୍ଦସୀମାର ମଧ୍ୟେ  
ଉତ୍ତର କରିବେ।



**GROUP-A / ବିଭାଗ-କ**

1. Answer any **ten** questions from the following (within 30 words each): **2×10 = 20**

ନିମ୍ନଲିଖିତ ଯେ-କୋନୋ ଦଶଟି ପ୍ରଶ୍ନର ଉତ୍ତର ଦାଓ (ପ୍ରତିଟି 30 ଶବ୍ଦର ମଧ୍ୟେ):

- (a) Name two important Neolithic sites in North-West India.  
ଉତ୍ତର-ପଶ୍ଚିମ ଭାରତେର ଦୁଟି ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ନବ୍ୟ-ପ୍ରସ୍ତରଯୁଗୀୟ ପ୍ରକ୍ଳଷ୍ଟରେ ନାମ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ କରୋ।
- (b) Mention two non-Indian civilizations contemporary to the Harappan Civilization.  
ହରପ୍ଲା ସଭ୍ୟତାର ସମକାଲୀନ ଦୁଟି ଅ-ଭାରତୀୟ ସଭ୍ୟତାର ନାମ କରୋ।
- (c) What is the significance of the 'Great Bath' of Mohenjodaro?  
ମହେଜୋଦାରୋର 'ବୃହତ୍ ମାନାଗାର'-ଏର ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ କୀ ?
- (d) What is the historical significance of the two epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata?  
ରାମାୟଣ ଓ ମହାଭାରତ-ଏହି ଦୁଇ ମହାକାବ୍ୟେର ଐତିହାସିକ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ କୀ ?
- (e) What do you understand by the term 'sabha' and 'samiti' of the Rig-Vedic period?  
ଶ୍ଵକ-ବୈଦିକ ଯୁଗେ 'ସଭା' ଓ 'ସମିତି' ବଲତେ କି ବୋବୋ ?
- (f) What are the 'Three Gems' (Tri Ratna)?  
'ତ୍ରିରତ୍ନ' କୀ ?
- (g) How many Jain Tirthankaras were there? Name the last two of them.  
କତଜନ ଜୈନ ତୀର୍ଥକରେର ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ ପାଇଁ ଯାଯ ? ଶେଷ ଦୁଇନ ତୀର୍ଥକରେର ନାମ ଲେଖୋ।
- (h) Who was the author of the 'Arthashastra'? What was its principal theme?  
'ଅର୍ଥଶାସ୍ତ୍ର'-ଏର ରଚ୍ୟତା କେ ? ଏର ମୂଳ ବିଷୟବନ୍ତ କୀ ?
- (i) Who was Bindusara?  
ବିନ୍ଦୁମାର କେ ଛିଲେନ ?
- (j) What were the functions of the Dharma mahamatras during the Maurya period?  
ମୌର୍ୟ ଯୁଗେ ଧର୍ମମହାମାତ୍ରଦେର କାଜ କୀ ଛିଲ ?
- (k) Who overthrew the Maurya dynasty and when? Who was the last Maurya king?  
କେ ଏବଂ କଥନ ମୌର୍ୟ ବଂଶେର ପତନ ଘଟାନ ? ଶେଷ ମୌର୍ୟ ସମ୍ରାଟ କେ ଛିଲେନ ?
- (l) Who was Banabhatta? Mention the name of the book written by him.  
ବାଣଭାଟ୍ କେ ଛିଲେନ ? ତାଁର ଲେଖା ଗ୍ରହେର ନାମ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ କରୋ।
- (m) Which natural phenomenon discovered in the first century C.E. favoured the growth of maritime trade between India and Rome?  
ଖର୍ଚ୍ଚିଯ ପ୍ରଥମ ଶତକେ ଆବିଷ୍ଟ କୋଣ ପ୍ରାକୃତିକ ସଟନା ଭାରତ-ରୋମ ସାମୁଦ୍ରିକ ବାଣିଜ୍ୟେର ବୃଦ୍ଧିତେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରେଛି ?

(n) Who was the greatest ruler of the Kushana dynasty? Where was his capital located?  
কুশান বংশের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ শাসক কে ছিলেন? তাঁর রাজধানী কোথায় ছিল?

(o) Who introduced the 'Saka' era and when?  
কে, কখন শক যুগের সূচনা করেছিলেন?

(p) Who wrote the Nasik inscription and why?  
কে নাসিক প্রশন্তি রচনা করেন এবং কেন?

**GROUP-B / বিভাগ-২**

**Answer any two questions from the following (within 250 words each)**

**$5 \times 2 = 10$**

**নিম্নলিখিত যে-কোনো দুটি প্রশ্নের উত্তর দাও (প্রতিটি ২৫০ শব্দের মধ্যে)**

2. Write a short note on Megasthenes's Indica.  
মেগাস্থিনিসের 'ইন্ডিকা' সম্পর্কে সংক্ষিপ্ত টীকা লেখো।

3. Explain the significance of the Mehergarh excavation.  
মেহেরগড় উৎখননের গুরুত্ব ব্যাখ্যা করো।

4. Discuss shortly on the extent of the Harappan civilization.  
হরপ্লা সভ্যতার বিস্তৃতি সম্পর্কে সংক্ষেপে আলোচনা করো।

5. What do you understand by 'Ashtangika Marg'?  
'অষ্টাঙ্গিক মার্গ' বলতে কী বোায়?

6. Write a short note on Gandhara Art.  
গান্ধার শিল্পের উপর একটি সংক্ষিপ্ত টীকা লেখো।



**GROUP-C / বিভাগ-৩**

**Answer any two questions from the following (within 500 words each)**

**$10 \times 2 = 20$**

**নিম্নলিখিত যে-কোনো দুটি প্রশ্নের উত্তর দাও (প্রতিটি ৫০০ শব্দের মধ্যে)**

7. Discuss the significance of literary sources for the reconstruction of Indian history.  
প্রাচীন ভারতের ইতিহাসে সাহিত্যিক উপাদানের গুরুত্ব আলোচনা করো।

8. Discuss the causes of downfall of the Harappan civilization.  
হরপ্লা সভ্যতার পতনকে তুমি কিভাবে ব্যাখ্যা করবে?

9. Discuss the social life of the Rig-Vedic period. What changes do you notice in the later Vedic period?  
ঞ্চক-বৈদিক যুগের সামাজিক জীবন আলোচনা করো। পরবর্তী বৈদিক যুগে এক্ষেত্রে কী কী পরিবর্তন এসেছিল?

10. How did Magadha emerge as the pre-eminent power of North India by the Fourth Century BC?  
শ্রিস্টপূর্ব চতুর্থ শতাব্দীর মধ্যে কিভাবে উত্তর ভারতের প্রধান শক্তি হিসাবে মগধের উত্থান হয়েছিল?

11. Discuss the achievements of Kanishka.  
সম্রাট কণিষ্ঠের কৃতিত্ব আলোচনা করো।

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