

2007

HISTORY

SECOND PAPER

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

**Group-A**

**(History of Ancient Assam from earliest times to 1228 AD)**

1. Answer the following in one sentence 1×8=8
- In which ancient text is the story of Naraka elaborated in detail?
  - What was the Eastern boundary of Kamarupa according to the Yogini Tantra?
  - Who is the ruler referred to as Kumaraja by Hiuen Tsang?
  - Who is the author of The Social History of Assam?
  - Which king of Kamarupa was defeated by Mahasenagupta of Malwa, according to the *Apsad* Inscription of Adityasena?
  - Name the ancient text in which reference has been made of 'Kirrhadia'.
  - Who is the ruler referred to as *Paramabhattacharaka Maharajadhiraja* in the Barganga Rock Inscription?
  - In the Mahabharata, which ruler is referred to as 'dwelling in the Eastern sea' (Puroasagaravasin)?
2. Match the following: 1×4=4
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| (a) Sriharsa    | (i) Mudraraksasa    |
| (b) Kalhana     | (ii) Ratnavali      |
| (c) Ptolemy     | (iii) Rajatarangini |
| (d) Visakadatta | (iv) Geography      |
3. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5×4=20
- Nidhanpur Copper Plate Grant
  - Temple ruins at Dah Parbatiya
  - Karnasuvarna
  - Umachal Rock Inscription
  - Sakti Worship in ancient Assam
  - Hiuen Tsang's description of Kamarupa
4. Answer in detail any three of the following: 16×3=48
- Assess the importance of indigenous literary sources for the reconstruction of the history of ancient Assam.
  - Examine the Neolithic culture of North East India.
  - What light does the Kamauli Copper Plate Inscription throw on the political history of Kamarupa in the post-Pala period?

- d) A significant feature of ancient Indian society was the Vamasrama system. To what extent was society in Ancient Assam based on this system?
- e) "From the 7th century onwards, the polity of Pragjyotisa-Kamarupa was increasingly organised along feudal lines." Elucidate and comment.
- f) Discuss the system of land revenue in ancient Assam.

**GROUP-C**  
**(History of North-East India from 1826-1905)**

5. Answer the following in one sentence: 1×8=8

- a) Name the clause in the Treaty of Yandabo which refers to Assam.
- b) Under whose leadership did the Jayantias rebel in 1860?
- c) Who were the signatories of the Treaty of Sinchula, 1865?
- d) Name the port of the province of Eastern Bengal and Assam.
- e) What is the 'Inner Line'?
- f) Who is generally credited with the discovery of tea in Assam?
- g) What is meant by the term *mel*?
- h) Which was the first railway line to be constructed in Assam?

6. Match the following: 1×4=4

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| (a) BarmanIk            | (i) Moamaria Chief    |
| (b) Bar Senapati        | (ii) Khamti Chief     |
| (c) Sadiya Khowa Gohain | (iii) Jayantiya Chief |
| (d) Rajendra Singh      | (iv) Khasi Chief      |

7. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5×4=20

- a) Reasons for the failure of anti-British uprising (1828-30)
- b) Tularam Senapati
- c) Mill's Report as a source for the construction of the history of Assam
- d) Introduction of steamers on the Brahmaputra
- e) Discovery of oil in Assam
- f) Jorhat Sarbajanik Sabha

8. Answer in detail any three of the following: 16×3=48

- a) "No Assamese could have more efficiently championed the cause of his country as did Scott." Examine the truth of this statement in the context of David Scott's services to Assam.
- b) Trace the circumstances leading to the annexation of Cachar.
- c) Evaluate the role of Maniram Dewan in the Revolt of 1857. Why did the Revolt fail to have much impact in Assam?
- d) Critically examine Anglo-Naga relations during your period of study.
- e) Assess the role of the Assamese intelligentsia in the growth of political awareness in Assam.
- f) How did the Government justify the Partition of Bengal in 1905? How did the people of Assam react to the partition?