

PART A

Answer the following :

1x8=8

1. James Princep deciphered _____ script. (any one).
2. Amaravati stupa remains are not available because_____.
3. In Mauryan period , what was Sanstha and Sanchar related to?
4. Who is referred to as 'Devanam Piyadassi'?
5. Which kings adopted the title of Deva Putra?
6. Caves by Ashok were constructed for which traditions?
7. What was the work of Megasthenese known as?
8. What are Didactic traditions?

PART B

Answer the following in 120-150 words

4x3=12

9. Describe the domestic architecture at Mohenjodaro.
10. Give reasons for rise of Magadh as most powerful mahajanapad.
11. What were the strategies evolved by Brahmins to enforce norms of society?

PART B2

Answer the following value based questions in 120-150 words

4x1=4

12. Why were Stupas built? Describe their structure.

PART C

Answer the following in around 350 words

8x1=8

13. What were the reasons for resentment against Vedic traditions? What was the effect on society?

PART D

Answer the following questions based on the given passages

7x2=14

14.

A PRAYER TO AGNI

Here are two verses from the Rigveda invoking Agni, the god of fire, often identified with the sacrificial fire, into which offerings were made so as to reach the other deities:

Bring , O strong one ,this sacrifice of ours to the gods O wise one as a liberal giver. Bestow on us,O priest abundant food. Agni, obtain ,by sacrificing ,mighty wealth for us.

Procure , O Agni forever to him who prays to you (the gift of) nourishment ,the wonderful cow. May a son be ours,offsprings that continue our line...

Verses such as these were composed in a special kind of Sanskrit, known as Vedic Sanskrit. They were taught orally to men belonging to priestly families.

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| A. Why was son desired? | 1 |
| B. What is god of fire often identified with? | 1 |
| C. How were the prayer verses composed and taught? | 2 |
| D. Why was Agni worshipped? | 3 |

15.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BOUNDARIES

The Manusmriti is one of the best known legal text of early India, written in Sanskrit and compiled between c.second century BCE and c.second century CE. This is what the text advises the king to do:

Seeing that in the world controversies constantly arise due to ignorance of boundaries , he should...have ...concealed boundary markers buried-stones, bones, cows hair, chaff, ashes , potsherds, dries cow dung, bricks, coal, pebbles and sand. He should also have other similar substances that would not decay in the soil buried as hidden markers at the intersections of boundaries.

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| A. Which is the best known legal text of the period 2C BCE-2CE? | 1 |
| B. Who is advised here? | 1 |
| C. Would these boundary markers have been adequate to resolve disputes? | 2 |
| D. What was the advice? | 3 |

PART E

16. Name the places marked in the given map 1x4=4

- A. The place where great bath was found.
- B. Capital of Kuru.

Locate and name

- C. The place where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon.
- D. Capital of Gandhara.



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