



**FACULTY HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2019-20)
CLASS-XII (HUMANITIES)
SUBJECT-HISTORY**

Max. Marks -50

General Instructions:

- i. Answer all questions. Some questions have internal choice. Marks are indicated against each question.
- ii. Question number 1 to 6 (Part-A) is of 1 mark each.
- iii. Answer to questions carrying 3 marks (Part B, 7 to 10) should not exceed 100 words each.
- iv. Answer to questions carrying 8 marks (Part C, 12 to 13) should not exceed 350 words each.
- v. Question no 14 & 15 (Part-D) are source based questions.
- vi. Question 16 is a map question (Part-E).

Part A (Very Short Answer Type Questions)

1. Which of these is the feature of the Harappan Civilization 1
 - a) Citadel and Lower Town
 - b) Urban Planning
 - c) Drainage System
 - d) All the above
2. Give one feature of settlement of Pre-Harappan period. 1
3. What was Asoka known as in his inscriptions? 1
4. 'Sangama' is a literature of which language? 1
5. Name the texts in which codes of social behavior were written in great detail. 1
6. What do you understand by 'Stridhana'? 1

Part B (Short Answer Type Questions)

7. 'Harappan seals and sealings were used to facilitate long distance communication? Elucidate the statement. 3
8. What do the studies of archaeo botanists and archaeo zoologists reveal about the Harappans? 3
Or
Why do historians and archaeologists find the Harappan script enigmatic? Give reasons.
9. 'Communication along both land and river routes was vital for the existence of the Mauryan Empire.' Analyse the statement. 3
10. The central theme of the Mahabharata analyses the familial relationship? Justify the statement with evidences. 3

Part C (Long Answer Type Questions)

11. "The study of coins helped the Numismatists to reconstruct possible commercial network during 6th century BCE' Discuss. 8
Or
How did John Marshall contribute to Indian Archaeology as the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India? 8
12. "Due to the diversity of the Indian subcontinent there have always been populations whose social practices were not influenced by the Brahmanical ideas during 600 BCE-600 CE." Examine the statement. 8
Or
"Another criterion apart from gender for regulating access to wealth was Varna" Do you agree with the statement. Give reasons. 8

Part-D (Source based Questions)

In praise of Samudragupta :

This is an excerpt from the Prayaga Prashasti:

He was without an antagonist on earth; he, by the overflowing of the multitude of (his) many good qualities adorned by hundreds of good actions, has wiped off the fame of other kings with the soles of (his) feet; (he is) Purusha (the Supreme Being), being the cause of the prosperity of the good and the destruction of the bad (he is) incomprehensible; (he is) one whose tender heart can be captured only by devotion and humility; (he is) possessed of compassion; (he is) the giver of many hundred-thousands of cows; (his) mind has received ceremonial initiation for the uplift of the miserable, the poor, the forlorn and the suffering; (he is) resplendent and embodied kindness to mankind; (he is) equal to (the gods) Kubera (the god of wealth), Varuna (the god of the ocean), Indra (the god of rains) and Yama (the god of death)...

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| I. What is a Prashasti? Who wrote the above Prashasti? | $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ |
| II. Give any two qualities of the ruler as mentioned in the Prashasti. | 2 |
| III. Why did rulers identify themselves with a variety of deities? | 2 |

A mother's advice:

13. The Mahabharata describes how, when war between the Kauravas and the Pandavas became almost inevitable, Gandhari made one last appeal to her eldest son Duryodhana:
- By making peace you honour your father and me, as well as your well-wishers ... it is the wise man in control of his senses who guards his kingdom. Greed and anger drag a man away from his profits; by defeating these two enemies a king conquers the earth ... You will happily enjoy the earth, my son, along with the wise and heroic Pandavas ... There is no good in a war, no law (dharma) and profit (artha), let alone happiness; nor is there (necessarily) victory in the end – don't set your mind on war ... Duryodhana did not listen to this advice and fought and lost the war.

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| I. Mention the views of Gandhari on war? | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| II. What did Gandhari appeal to her son Duryodhana? | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| III. How does a king conquer the earth as mentioned in the extract? | 2 |

PART-E (Map Questions)

14. On a given political outline map of India, locate and label the following with appropriate symbols: 1x3=3
- a) Nageshwar 2
- b) Pataliputra
- c) Vajji

