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End Semester Examination, December 2024

B.A. Program – 1st Semester

History of India-I: From the Earliest Times up to C.300 BCE (HUHS101)

Time: 2.5 hrs.

Max Marks: **50**

Note: *All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Q.1 *Attempt any 5 questions.*

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| (a) Describe two major characteristic features of the Paleolithic culture in India. | [CO-1] [L-1] 2 |
| (b) State two key features of Harappan urban planning. | [CO-1] [L-1] 2 |
| (c) Mention any two factors that contributed to the rise of territorial states in the 6 th century BCE. | [CO-1] [L-2] 2 |
| (d) What was the impact of urbanization on social life in the 6th to 4th centuries BCE? | [CO-1] [L-2] 2 |
| (e) State one social or economic change associated with the transition from the early to later Vedic period. | [CO-1] [L-2] 2 |
| (f) What does the term "megalith" refer to in the context of Iron Age India? | [CO-1] [L-1] 2 |
| (g) Explain the importance of rock art in understanding prehistoric cultures. | [CO-1] [L-2] 2 |

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PART-B

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| Q.2 | Explore the causes and impact of rise of Buddhism and Jainism in India. | [CO-2] [L-5] 10 |
| | OR | |
| | Explore in detail Hinayana and Mahayana forms of Buddhism. | [CO-2] [L-5] 10 |
| Q.3 | Explain the role played by the northern plains in shaping the history of the Indian subcontinent. | [CO-3] [L-3] 10 |
| | OR | |
| | Explain the role played by the Himalayan uplands in shaping the history of the Indian subcontinent | [CO-3] [L-3] 10 |
| Q.4 | Examine the characteristic features of the Indus Valley Civilization. | [CO-4] [L-4] 10 |
| | OR | |
| | Examine the causes for the decline of the Harappan Civilization | [CO- 4] [L-4] 10 |
| Q.5 | Evaluate the socio-religious and political life in the Vedic Age | [CO-5] [L-5] 10 |
| | OR | |
| | Evaluate the role of women in Vedic society | [CO- 5] [L-5] 10 |