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MID-APRIL TEST 2025-26 HISTORY 027

Class: XII
Date: 21.04.25
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

- I. Question paper comprises four Sections – A, B, C and D. There are 13 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- II. Section A – Question 1 to 6 are MCQs of **1 mark** each.
- III. Section B – Question no. 7 to 10 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying **2 marks** each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40-60 words.
- IV. Section C - Question no. 11 and 12 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying **3 marks** each. Answer to each question should not exceed 80-100 words.
- V. Section D – Question no.13 is Long Type Question, carrying **5 marks**. Answer to this question should not exceed 120-150 words.
- VI. There is no overall choice in the question paper.

SECTION-A

Q1. The Indus or Harappan Civilisation Is Distinguished from the Other Contemporary Civilizations by It's: 1

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| A- Town planning | B- underground drainage system |
| C- uniformity of weights and measures | D- large agricultural surplus |

Q2. The Harappans did not know the use of: 1

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| A- Copper | B- Bronze |
| C- Gold | D- Iron |

Q3. Which British officer deciphered Brahmi and Kharosthi? 1

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| A. George Thomas | B. Lord Macaulay |
| C. James Wilson | D. James Prinsep |

Q4. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding 'Gahapati'? 1

- A. They belong to the urban elite
B. They are the owner of resources-land, animal and other things
C. They are the owner, master or head of the household
D. They are the officials of the king.

Q5. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read these statements and choose the correct answer from the given options- 1

Assertion (A): The Harappan culture is named after the first site where this culture was discovered.
Reason (R): Alexander Cunningham announced the discovery of this culture to the world in 1924.
Options:

- A. Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is correct but R is wrong.
D. A is wrong but R is correct.

Q6. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read these statements and choose the correct answer from the given options- 1

Assertion (A): Ashoka inscribed his messages to his subjects and officials on stone surfaces.
Reason (R): He used it as a means of communicating with his people to spread the message of Dhamma.

Options:

- A. Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is correct but R is wrong.
- D. A is wrong but R is correct.

SECTION-B

- Q7. Explain any two factors that contributed to the collapse of the mature Harappan Civilization around 1800 BCE. 2
- Q8. What was the drainage system of the Harappans? 2
- Q9. State any two features of the Mahajanapadas. 2
- Q10. Mention any two features of the administrative system of the Mauryan Empire. 2

SECTION-C

- Q11. List some of the problems faced by epigraphists. 3
- Q12. "The archaeological records provide no immediate answer to the Harappan central authority". 3

SECTION-D

- Q13. Describe the distinctive features of the domestic architecture of Mohenjo-Daro. 5
