

**B.A. L.L.B (Hons.) DEGREE FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**HISTORY**

**Time: 3hrs**

**Maximum Marks: 50**

**Section A**

**Answer any TWO questions. Each question carries 10 marks.**

1. Discuss the political, social, and economic challenges faced by India in the immediate aftermath of independence in 1947. How did the Partition exacerbate these challenges?
2. What role does interpretation play in writing history? How is history shaping collective memory? Explain how history can be used to justify or legitimise political power.
3. What were the various strands of nationalism that emerged in India up to 1919? Analyse the differences between moderate and extremist approaches within the Indian National Congress and their impact on the independence movement.
4. Examine the role of caste in shaping the social and economic structure of ancient and medieval Indian society. How did it influence political power distribution?

**Section B**

**Answer any FOUR questions. Each question carries 5 marks.**

5. What were the key differences in the administration of justice under the Mauryan Empire versus the Gupta Empire? How did these differences reflect the changing political ideologies?
6. a. What was Solon's contribution to Athenian democracy?  
b. What was the significance of Draco's legal reforms in Athens, and why were they considered harsh?
7. How did the Partition of Bengal in 1905 affect Indian nationalism? Analyse the political and cultural responses to the partition.
8. History is often seen as a linear progression of events. Discuss how alternative interpretations, such as cyclical or fragmented views of history, challenge this perspective.
9. How did the political and administrative structure of the Harappan Civilization reflect its urban organization? What evidence exists of a centralized or decentralized power system?

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**Section C**

**Answer any FIVE questions. Each question carries 2 marks.**

10. What is the role of objectivity in historical research?
11. What was the importance of the Sabha and Samiti in Vedic polity?
12. What was the significance of village panchayats in pre-modern Indian justice?
13. How can political science contribute to historical understanding?
14. What was the importance of the Simon Commission in Indian politics?
15. What role did B.R. Ambedkar play in the social reform movements of the time

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