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**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**Question Paper**

**B.A. Honours Examination 2023**

**(Under CBCS Pattern)**

**Semester — II**

**Subject : HISTORY**

**Paper : C-3T**

**( Mauryan & Gupta Empire )**

**Full Marks : 60**

**Time : 3 hours**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

Answer from **all** the Groups as directed.

**( ENGLISH VERSION )**

**GROUP—A**

1. Answer **any ten** questions from the following :  
 $2 \times 10 = 20$

(a) Was the Vaishali State a republican State?

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(b) Who was Bimbisara?

(c) Write a short note on the “Science of Polity” as described in the Arthashastra.

(d) What information does the book *Indica* provide?

(e) How did Ashoka spread his message of Dhamma?

(f) Write a short note on Taxila as an education centre.

(g) What do you mean by Saka era?

(h) Write a short note on Arikamedu.

(i) Who composed the Nasik Inscription? Whose achievement has been described in it?

(j) Write a short note on the original homeland of Guptas.

(k) Who was Toramana?

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(l) What is the importance of Allahabad Pillar Inscription?

(m) Write a short note on Bactrian coins of Kanishka.

(n) Write a short note on 'Agrahara'.

(o) Write a short note on social development of Gupta period.

**GROUP—B**

Answer **any four** questions from the following :

$5 \times 4 = 20$

2. Differentiate between **gana sangha** and monarchies.
3. Discuss the important sources of Mauryan Empire.
4. Write a short note on **Gandhara School of Art**.
5. Examine the role of Ashoka in the consolidation of Mauryan empire through his policy of **Dhamma**.

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6. Write a note on the social organization under the Satavahanas.
7. Write a short note on local administration of Guptas.

### GROUP—C

Answer *any two* questions from the following :  
 $10 \times 2 = 20$

8. Assess the contribution of Chandragupta Maurya as a founder of Mauryan Dynasty.
9. Examine the importance of Satavahana Dynasty in the study of South Indian history.
10. Analyse the contributions of Gupta King Chandragupta II.
11. Do you agree with the view that the Gupta period was the 'Golden Age' in the ancient Indian history?