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Paper Name: History of India (From Earliest times up to C. 1206)

1 mark questions & answers

- a. Who wrote 'Malavikagnimitra'?

Ans. 'Malavikagnimitra' was written by Kalidasa.

- b. What was the name of the book that narrates the history of Kashmir?

Ans. The book that narrates the history of Kashmir is *Rajatarangini*, written by Kalhana.

- c. Who wrote Arthashastra?

Ans. Kautilya

- d. Who was the last Nanda king?

Ans. Dhana Nanda

- e. When did Alexander invade India?

Ans. Alexander invaded India in 326 BCE.

- f. Where was the Fourth Buddhist Council held?

Ans. The Fourth Buddhist Council was held at Kundalvana near Kashmir during the reign of Kanishka.

- g. Who was the founder of the Gupta dynasty?

Ans. Sri Gupta

- h. Which king is known as 'Indian Napoleon'?

Ans. Samudra Gupta

- i. Who was the greatest of the Chola kings?

Ans. The greatest of the Chola kings was Rajaraja Chola I.

- j. Who was the founder of the Rashtrakuta dynasty?

Ans. The founder of the Rashtrakuta dynasty was Dantidurga (also known as Dantivarman).

2 mark questions & answers

- a. Write two causes of the decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.

Ans. Two causes of the decline of the Indus Valley Civilization are:

- Climate change and river shifts – Changes in river courses and reduced rainfall affected agriculture and water supply.
- Invasion or internal conflict – Possible invasions by outsiders or internal social unrest weakened urban centers.

b. What is the 'Ashtamarga' of the Buddhist religion?

Ans. The 'Ashtamarga' of the Buddhist religion refers to the Eightfold Path, which is the path to liberation from suffering. It includes: Right View, Right Intention, Right Speech, Right Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Mindfulness & Right Concentration.

c. Who composed the Allahabad Pillar Prashasti and during whose reign?

Ans. The Allahabad Pillar Prashasti was composed by Harisena, the court poet, during the reign of Samudragupta.

d. What were the three dramas composed by Harshavardhana?

Ans. The three dramas composed by Harshavardhana were: Nagananda, Ratnavali & Priyadarsika.

e. Who created the posts of Dharma-Mahamattas and what was their role?

Ans. The posts of Dharma-Mahamatras were created by Emperor Ashoka. They were officials responsible for promoting moral welfare, spreading Dharma (righteousness), and ensuring the ethical conduct of people throughout the empire.