

2024
SRMUJ
1st Semester Examination
M.A.
History
HIS-101
The State in Early India - I

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any two of the following questions 5×2
 - a) Explain the different phases of the evolution of the state as described in the Atharva Veda.
 - b) Discuss the main arguments of Mortimer Wheeler regarding the decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.
 - c) What were the main reasons behind the emergence of Magadha as a dominant power in ancient India?
 - d) Discuss the main principles of Ashoka's Dhamma

2. Answer any three of the following questions 10×3
 - a) Explain how Kautilya theorized about the state and its different organs.
 - b) Discuss the economic life of the Indus Valley Civilization in detail.
 - c) Discuss the political structure of Tamilakam during the Sangam period. How did it shape the socio-economic life of the people? 5+5
 - d) Discuss how the Mahajanapadas evolved as typical territorial states in the Post-Vedic period. What were the bases of their support? 7+3
 - e) Describe the administrative system of the Mauryan empire.