



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

**ANANDALAYA**  
**PERIODIC TEST-1**  
Class : XII

Subject: History  
Date : 17/07/2019

M.M: 40  
Time: 2 Hours

**General Instructions:**

- 1) Answer the 1 mark questions in about 30 words.
- 2) Answer the 3 mark questions in about 60 words.
- 3) Question no.15 is (6 marks) map pointing.
- 4) Answer the 8 mark questions in about 350 words.

**Section A**

1. Under whose leadership scholars initiated the task of preparing a critical edition of the Mahabharata. (1)
2. Write the names of two means of transport of the Harappans. (1)
3. Name the person who generally called the father of Indian archaeology? (1)
4. Mention any two strategies adopted by the historians to identify social differences among the Harappans. (1)
5. Name the dynasty that issued first gold coin in c.first century CE. (1)
6. Name any two titles adopted by Ashoka mentioned in the inscription. (1)
7. Mention any two features of Gotras as per the Brahmanical text. (1)
8. Mention any two factors that should be kept in mind by the historians while handling textual traditions. (1)
9. Mention any two items found in the graves of the Harappa. (1)

### Section B

10. Name the structure which was found on the citadel and used for special public purpose in Mohenjodaro? Explain briefly any three of its architectural features. (3)
11. 'The Dharmasutras and Dharmashastras also contained rules about the ideal occupations of the four categories of Varnas' critically examine the statement. (3)

### Section C

12. Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow: (3)

#### Deadman Lane

Deadman Lane is a narrow valley, varying from 3 to 6 feet width. At the point where the lane turns westward, part of skull and the bones of the thorax and upper arm of an adult were discovered, all in very friable condition, at a depth of 4 ft 2 inch. The body lay on its back diagonally across the lane. Fifteen inches to the west were a few fragments of a tiny skull. It is these remains that the lane owes its name.

(From John Marshall, Mohenjodaro and the Indus Civilisation, 1931).

Questions:

1. Why is the lane called Deadman Lane? (1)
2. In your opinion what could be the possible reasons behind the presence of skulls and bones in deadman lane? (2)

### Section D

13. Critically examine the limitations of inscriptional evidences in understanding political and economical history of India. Discuss the role played by the coins in the decipherment of Kharosthi Script. (8)
14. Describe the position of the untouchables in ancient society. (8)
15. On the given political outline map of India, Locate and label the following: (6)  
Magadha, Taxila, Rajgir, Varanasi, Sanchi, Topra