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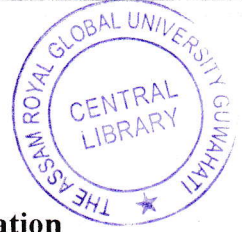
Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences

M.A History 2nd Semester

Special Supplementary Examination, September 2023

Course Title: State Formations in Medieval India: Polity and Administration

Course Code : HST184C201



Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Section – A

1. Attempt **all** questions. (Maximum word limit 50) 2 x 8
- Name any two sources of Mughal period.
 - Who was Minhaj ul Siraj? Name a book written by him.
 - Who is known as the real founder of Delhi Sultanate? Why?
 - Define the term *ulema*.
 - Define *sul-i-kul*.
 - Who were the *Iqtadars*?
 - What do you mean by the term *mansab*?
 - Name any two successor states of the Mughal empire.

Section – B

2. Attempt **any one** of the following: 12 x 1
- Give an account of the contemporary sources to reconstruct the history of the Delhi Sultanate.
 - Write a detailed essay on *Malfuz* literature.
3. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- Critically analyse the salient features of Balban's theory of kingship and highlight its significance in the history of Delhi Sultanate.
 - Examine the price control measures of Alauddin Khilji. How far were they successful? Comment.
 - 'Muhammad bin Tughlaq was a mad wise king'. Do you agree? Elucidate with special reference to his political experiments.
4. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- Trace the evolution of Mansabdari system.
 - Highlight the various reasons that led to the disintegration of the Delhi Sultanate.
 - Write a short note on the Vijaynagara empire.
5. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- 'Aurangzeb's Deccan policy led to the decline and disintegration of Mughal empire'. Do you agree? Give reasons to substantiate your answer.
 - Elaborate the religious policy of Jalaluddin Akbar.
 - Describe the growth of regional powers in the 18th century.