

The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati

Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences

MA History 1st Semester

Semester End Examination, December, 2019

Course Title: Ancient Mesopotamia

Course Code: HST184C102

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

Q. 1. Attempt **all** questions. (Maximum word limit 50)

2 x 8

- a. How did the physical features helped in the growth of agriculture in ancient Mesopotamia ?
- b. What is Tell Hassuna ?
- c. Write very briefly about any one of the middle Tigris settlements in ancient Mesopotamia.
- d. How did the Jemdet Nasr culture lead to the emergence of Sumerian Civilization ?
- e. What were the Ziggurats ?
- f. Name the fertility goddess and the shepherd god of the ancient Mesopotamians. What was the relation between them ?
- g. Who was Hammurabi ?
- h. Write very briefly about slavery in ancient Mesopotamia.

Section – B

Q.2 Attempt any **one** of the following:

12 x 1

- (a.) Write a detailed note on the Jarmo Neolithic settlement.

Or

- (b.) Write short notes on the following :
Hassuna, Samarra and Halaf cultures.

4x3=12

Q.3 Attempt any **one** of the following:

14 x 1

(a) Assess the contribution of Uruk period in the development of urban culture in ancient Mesopotamia.

Or

(b) Trace the growth of urbanization in middle part of ancient Mesopotamia between c. 3100 and 2900 BCE.

Q.4. Attempt any **one** of the following:

14 x1

(a.) Assess the role of temples in ancient Mesopotamia.

Or

(b) How did the Palace rise into prominence in ancient Mesopotamia ?

Q.5 Attempt any **one** of the following:

14 x 1

(a.) Critically analyze the stratified society of Sumer.

or

(b) Write short notes on the following :

Hammurabi's legal code, Position of women in Mesopotamian society