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The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati
Royal School of Humanities and social Sciences
M.A. History 1st Semester
Semester End Examination, January 2023
Course Title : Ancient Mesopotamia (Scrapped)
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

1. Attempt **all** questions. (Maximum word limit 50) **2 x 8**
- a. How did the geographical features help the Mesopotamians develop their culture?
 - b. State the location of ancient Sumeria.
 - c. What were the commonalities of Eridu, Uruk and Ur?
 - d. What were the ziggurats?
 - e. Who were the two most popular deities of the early Mesopotamians?
 - f. State the main functions of the high priest and the priestess of an early Mesopotamian city temple.
 - g. What was the contribution of Sargon of Akkad in the history of Iraq?
 - h. What do you know about Hammurabi's Code of Law?

Section – B

2. Attempt **any two** of the following: **6 x 2**
- a. Describe the pattern of a Jarmo settlement house.
 - b. Give a comparative analysis of Hassuna and Samarra Neolithic cultures.
 - c. What were the advancements made by the Halafians with regard to pottery and stamp seals?
3. Attempt **any two** of the following: **7 x 2**
- a. Write about the contributions of the Uruk period in the growth of Urbanisation.
 - b. Write a detailed note on the findings of the Jemdet Nasr archaeological site.
 - c. Give a critical note on the different early legends that reflect the growth of an urban culture in Mesopotamia.
4. Attempt **any two** of the following: **7 x 2**
- a. How did the temple exert its power and influence upon the Mesopotamian citizens?
 - b. Enumerate the different causes that led to the rise of the 'palace' in Mesopotamia.
 - c. Analyse critically the religious beliefs of the Mesopotamians.
5. Attempt **any one** of the following: **14 x 1**

- a. The early Mesopotamian society was highly stratified. Find out the causes and the results of this stratification.
- b. Write a critical note on the legal system of the ancient Mesopotamian polity.