

**The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati**  
**Royal School of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**PG History 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**  
**Semester End Examination, August 2021**  
**Course Title : Historical Traditions in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds**  
**Course Code : HST184C201**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

**Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.**

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**Section – A**

1. Attempt **all** questions. (Maximum word limit 50) 2 x 8
- a. Define 'history'.
  - b. What do you mean by 'culture'?
  - c. Who was Hecataeus?
  - d. What do you know about the 'Mandate of Heaven Theory'?
  - e. Define 'Gatha'.
  - f. Who was Amir Khusrau?
  - g. Who was Eusebius Pamphilus?
  - h. What is 'Isnad'?
2. Attempt **any one** of the following: 12 x 1
- a. Give an account on inscriptions as history writing in India.
  - b. Discuss the Jain and Buddhist historical traditions.
3. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- a. Make an assessment of Thucydides as a scientific historian.
  - b. 'Livy enjoyed a distinct place in Roman Historiography'. Explain.
  - c. Assess the contribution of Ssu- Ma-Chien towards Chinese Historiography.

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**Section – B**

4. Attempt **any two** of the following: **7 x 2**
- a. Do you think that the ancient Indians lacked a historical sense? Substantiate your answer.
  - b. Write about Banabhatta and his work 'Harshacharita'.
  - c. Throw light on Alberuni's description of India.
5. Attempt **any two** of the following: **7 x 2**
- a. 'The greatest of the Church historiographers was St. Augustine'. Elucidate.
  - b. How has the Muslim tradition contributed towards Medieval Historiography?
  - c. Write a note on the weakness of the Christian Historiography.