

**2021****History**

[Semester – I]

Paper Code: MAHIST-101

**Paper name: State, Society and Economy in Ancient India**

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

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**Answer any FOUR questions****10X4=40**

1. Give a critical estimate of the four *Varnas* as known from Vedas.
2. Write an essay on the Sixteen *Mahajanapadas*.
3. Discuss the factors contributing to the rise of Magadha as an imperial power.
4. “Maurya administration was centralized and bureaucratic ”-  
Give your opinion.

5. Elucidate the concept of Saptangarastra in Kautilya’s Arthashastra.
6. Describe the Indo-Roman trade relations between 100 CE to 300 CE with special reference to commercial products.
7. Discuss some of the salient features of the Chola administrative system. 10
8. Explain the policy adopted by Samudra Gupta for maintaining relationships with the frontier and neighboring states. 10