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FIRST SEMESTER 2019-2020

MIDTERM TEST

MAIN TRENDS IN INDIAN HISTORY (HSS F233)

04.10.19 (4.00- 5.30 P.M AM)

Total marks:

30

1. Arrange according to chronological order: (5)
Arab Invasion of Sind
Death of Asoka
The Indus Valley Civilization
Death of Akbar
Reign of Muhammad bin Tuglugh
2. What do we know about the Indus Valley Civilization? What in your opinion is striking about it? (5)
3. Read the passage below and answer the questions: (10)

“But the Beloved of the Gods does not consider gifts of honour to be as important as the essential advancement of all sects. Its basis is the control of one’s speech, so as to not to extol one’s own sect or disparage that of another on suitable occasions....On each occasion, one should honour the sect of another for by doing so, one increases the affluence of one’s own sect and benefits that of the other, while, by doing otherwise, one diminishes the influence of one’s own sect and harms the other...therefore concord is to be commended so that men may hear one another’s principles.” Major Rock Edict XII, Tr. R.Thapar.

- a. Who is the beloved of the Gods referred to here?
- b. What does the passage say about the idea of tolerance and co-existence?
- c. Would you argue that the extract is modern in its spirit as far as social harmony and political rule is concerned? If so, why?

4. If you were to time travel to the reign of Allauddin Khalji's Delhi and its outlying areas, what would you have experienced as a peasant, as a khot and as a merchant? (10)
