

Ans b - Dharmashastras and Manusmriti form the basis of ancient Indian traditional thought.

### Basic Features:

#### → POLITY:

- The origin of state is divine in nature
- King has divine status but not divine powers as he is bound by Dharma.
- King needs to work for welfare of masses to achieve 4 Purushartha.

#### → SOCIETY:

- Society is based on Varna system which was functional differentiation. But later on it degraded to birth based discrimination.
- Rights of women, Shudras and other lower castes were not valued.

#### → OTHER FEATURES:

- Society was inegalitarian and discriminatory.
- Status quoist nature and deep faith in religion.

Remarks