

M A DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION , APRIL 2024

Second Semester

CORE - HY010201 - HISTORY OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES OF EARLY INDIA

M A HISTORY, M A HISTORICAL STUDIES

2019 Admission Onwards

B178C575

Time: 3 Hours

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any eight questions.

Weight 1 each.

- 1. Briefly describe the literature of vedic period.
- 2. Gopa & Samiti.
- 3. Sartha.
- 4. What were the aspects of stratified society?
- 5. Mantriparishad.
- 6. Bayley's notion on caste.
- 7. Vaishnavism.
- 8. Land dues in Mauryan period.
- 9. Silappadikaram.
- 10. Palai.

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any six questions.

Weight 2 each.

11. Analyse Vidatha, Gana and Parishad as political Institutions in early Vedic society.

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- 12. Analyse the factors responsible for the decline of Jainism.
- 13. Describe the historical processes of the formation of Jati
- 14. Describe the land taxes under the Mauryas.

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Weightage: 30

(8×1=8 weightage)





- 15. Analyse the importance of Thulapurusha Mahadana in establishing royal credentials of rulers.
- 16. Trace the socio-political significance of the Chakravarti model kingship.
- 17. Describe aintinais and the occupations of its inhabitants.
- 18. What is Untattu? Describe its social-significance in Sangam Age.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight 5 each.

- 19. Explain the various types of Danas and discuss how it legitimized certain social classes.
- 20. Trace the growth of Iron technology and the expansion of Janapadas.
- 21. Explain how the land grants led to the proliferation of castes in early medieval India.
- 22. Explain the nature of power exercised by the chieftains of early Tamilakam

(2×5=10 weightage)