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First Semester

Core Courses - HY010103 - HISTORY OF SOCIAL FORMATION IN KERALA: PRE-HISTORIC TO PRE-MODERN

M A HISTORY, MA HISTORICAL STUDIES

2019 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

*Weight **1** each.*

1. The Sangam assembly.
2. Elaborate the Aintinai concept.
3. Analyze the basic tenets of the theory of cultural symbiosis.
4. State the role of primary producers in Kerala society in ancient times.
5. Write a note on the Pamba River.
6. Define agro-pastoralism.
7. Trace the importance of Edakkal rock shelter during Iron Age.
8. The Muziris Papyrus.
9. Explain the idea of upagrama.
10. Define a nadu.

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

*Weight **2** each.*

11. Analyse K Kailasapathy's arguments on the nature of Sangam culture.
12. State the role of peasants in the early history of Kerala.
13. Give an account of the grave goods found in Megalithic sites in Kerala.
14. State the formation of uzhakudi settlements in the riparian midlands.





15. What was the socio-economic background of the expansion of Nadus?
16. Explain the institution of Karanmai.
17. Analyze the social and political background of Bhakti cult.
18. Describe the early contacts between Kerala and west Asia.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Weight **5** each.*

19. Critically analyse the position of Gurukkal and Varier on the early social formation of Kerala.
20. Assess the features of the Mesolithic cultures of Kerala.
21. Discuss the development and role of intermediaries in the cultivation of land.
22. Trace the impact of Indian Ocean exchange in ancient Kerala.

(2×5=10 weightage)

