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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS 4C 02—SELECTED THEMES IN PRE-MODERN SOUTH INDIA

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

*Answers can be written **either** in English **or** Malayalam.**Only one language should be used throughout the Answer script.***Part A (Short Answer Type)***Answer any **four** of the following questions.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Arikamedu Excavation.
2. Early Tamil literature.
3. Rise of non-cultivating intermediaries.
4. *Brahmadeyas and Devadanas.*
5. Land lords and tenants in medieval South India.
6. Left hand and Right hand castes.
7. *Saiva Siddhanta*

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/ Problem Solving Type)*Answer any **four** of the following questions.**Each question 3 weightage.*

8. Bring out the features of centralized, segmentary and feudal state models in South India.
9. Give an account of the nature of Tinai concept.

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10. Briefly discuss about the causes to the formations of Chiefdoms.
11. Explain the nature of the Pallava's state.
12. Narrate the features of the emergence of new political structure in Vijayanagara kingdom.
13. Discuss the functions and duties of Anchuvannam and Manigramam in the ancient South.
14. Narrate the salient features of the temple architecture in Chola Empire.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Long Essay Type)

*Answer any **two** of the following questions.*

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Discuss the sources and historiography of the early South Indian history.
16. Bring out the features of the forms of production and forces of change in early Tamil society.
17. Explain the socio-economic status of the women in pre-modern South India.
18. Examine the significance of maritime trade and Trade Corporations in ancient South India.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

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1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. The Chola rulers were :
(A) Shaiv. (B) Vaishnav.
(C) Worshipper of Shakti. (D) Buddhist.
2. The Vaishnav Bhakti Saints in South India were known as :
(A) Alwars. (B) Nayanars.
(C) Raghu. (D) Jina.
3. Nayakas were the :
(A) Watchman of the village. (B) Home minister of the state.
(C) Provincial Governor. (D) Secretary of State.
4. Which is the premium part of Cheras ?
(A) Korkai. (B) Puhar.
(C) Tondi and Muchiri. (D) Tanjore.
5. Which work refers to the existence of four caste in V N ?
(A) Manucharitam. (B) Panduranga Vijayam.
(C) Parijathapaharanam. (D) Usha Parinayam.
6. Valangai is related to :
(A) Artisans. (B) Agriculture.
(C) Plunders. (D) Scholars.
7. Which among this is not a guild in South India ?
(A) Anchuvannam. (B) Manigramam.
(C) Nanadesi. (D) Ayangars.

8. In which among the following a reference to the trading activities of the Tamils is found ?
- (A) Silappadigaram. (B) Mullaippattu.
(C) Nedunalvadaai. (D) Manimekhalai.
9. Which among the following statement is false about virasaivism ?
- (A) It was very popular in Karnataka.
(B) It was founded by Basava.
(C) It rejected the authority of the Vedas.
(D) It allowed the practice of caste distinction.
10. Evidence of Roman trade with south india is available from the excavation at :
- (A) Arikamedu and Kanyakumari. (B) Kodungallur and kanchipuram.
(C) Kanyakumari and Kodungallur. (D) Arikamedu and Alagangulam.
11. South Indian temple architecture reached its climax under the :
- (A) Hoysala. (B) Kakatiya.
(C) Chera. (D) Chola.
12. Which of the following place is known for the Pallava culture ?
- (A) Madurai. (B) Srinagar.
(C) Mahabalipuram. (D) Tanjore.
13. Which among the following ancient Tamil work is the source of Pattini cult ?
- (A) Tolkappiyam. (B) Pattuppattu.
(C) Manimekhalai. (D) Silipadikaram.
14. Who wrote Maduraikkanji ?
- (A) Nakkiyar. (B) Mangudi marudan.
(C) Kalladanar. (D) Malangilar.
15. Which is the most common animal found in the Pillars of Vijayanagara architecture ?
- (A) Elephant. (B) Deer.
(C) Horse. (D) Cat.

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16. The provinces of Cholas also called as :
- (A) Mandala. (B) Rashtra.
(C) Kottam. (D) Gramam.
17. The last anthology or group of sangam literature knowns as ten idylls is :
- (A) Tolkapiyam. (B) Kural.
(C) Manimekhalai. (D) Pattupattu.
18. Minakshi, the fish eyed goddess of the Pandyas of Madurai is identified with :
- (A) Laxmi. (B) Parvati.
(C) Sarasvati. (D) Savitri.
19. Which among the following pair is incorrect ?
- (A) Viprulu - Brahmins. (B) Rajulu - Ruling dynasty.
(C) Nakarajativaru - Agriculture. (D) Matikaratulu - Agriculture.
20. Who among the following refer nayakas of Vijayanagara ?
- (A) Mangattachan. (B) Albaruni.
(C) Thansen. (D) Fernao Nuniz.