

**FOURTH SEMESTER P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021**

(CCSS)

M.A. History

HIS 4E 06—ORAL HISTORY OF KERALA

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essay form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Discuss what is Oral History ?
2. Critically evaluate the techniques of oral history in the writing of history.
3. To what extent the oral traditions is dependable in the writings of freedom movement in Kerala.
4. Critically examine the movements of Dalits and marginalised in oral history perspective.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essay form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Differentiate local history with oral history.
6. Past through individual and family histories : Substantiate.
7. Analyse different types of oral history sources.
8. Summarise the efforts of regional records survey committee in the preservation and maintenance of oral traditions.
9. How far the family history project of KCHR is successful ?
10. Illustrate people's planning programme and oral history.
11. Discuss the impact of globalization and information technology in the oral history projects.
12. Explain in detail oral history as a tool in writing peasant movement in Kerala.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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**HIS 4E 06—INDIAN LITERATURE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES**

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essay form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Critically examine the importance of Vedic and later Vedic literature in the study of Ancient Indian History.
2. Bring out the significance of Medieval Indian Bhakti Literature in Medieval South India.
3. To what extent the writings Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and Rabindranath Tagore and other Nationalist writers influenced the National Movement.
4. Critically evaluate the writings of Anitha Desai and Arundhati Roy.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essay form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Illustrate the writings of Vikram Seth and R.K. Narayanan.
6. To what extent writings of Kushwant Singh influenced the readers ?
7. Modern Indian literature is a response to colonial institutions. Discuss.
8. Explain important Hindi writings in the context of Nationalism.
9. Analyse early Tamil works in Historical perspective.
10. Discuss the position of 'Arthasasthra' in Indian History.
11. Explain the importance of works on Science and Mathematics.
12. How far court chronicles useful for the writings of Indian History.

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**HIS 4E 05—INDIAN EPIGRAPHY**

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Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essay form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Evaluate the role of epigraphy in the re-construction of Indian History.
2. Discuss the debate on nature, character and decipherment of Indus script.
3. Examine the nature and content of Chera inscriptions.
4. Examine the role of Prof. M.G.S. Narayanan in the epigraphical studies of South India.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essay form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Write a note on Travancore Archaeological series.
6. Discuss Kerala society papers.
7. Analyse the features of Brahmi inscriptions from Kerala.
8. Discuss debate on origin of Kollam Era.
9. Evaluate the nature of Eras in Indian inscriptions.
10. Examine different theories on the origin of Brahmi script.
11. What is Palaeography ? Discuss its role in the study of Epigraphy.
12. Illustrate the contribution of Asiatic society of Bengal.

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**HIS 4E 04—PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF INDIA**

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essay form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Critically analyse the two waves of environmentalism.
2. India's Ecological past : Discuss in historical perspective.
3. Evaluate the colonial forest policy and its environmental problems.
4. Discuss the different environmental movements in post independent India.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essay form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Discuss water pollution.
6. Discuss the environmental challenges in the light of struggle over water.
7. Analyse Ecological changes and epidemics.
8. Summarise the introduction of new genetic varieties and its effects.
9. Analyse the relationship of Indus and Vedic people with environment.
10. Critically evaluate the transition from pastoralism to settled agriculture in Indian context.
11. Examine Deep ecology and Earth First movement.
12. Discuss the use of resources with special reference to metal, mineral and water resources.

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**HIS 4E 03—SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN MEDIEVAL INDIA**

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essay form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Discuss main features of Science and Technology under Sultanate.
2. Critically analyse Mathematical knowledge with special reference to Aryabhata.
3. Explain Agrarian and textile technology of Medieval India.
4. Write historical explanation on Industry and transportation of Mughal period.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essay form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Discuss the navigation activities of Medieval time.
6. Analyse the engineering skill and Architecture of the Mughals.
7. Explain the paper technology and printing of the Medieval times.
8. Summarise the Agricultural expansion and the irrigation technology of the Medieval time.
9. Substantiate the knowledge system of the Mughals.
10. Write a note on the importance of Western Ghats in moulding the economy and culture.
11. Discuss the technological advancement that led to shift in civilization.
12. Analyse the cultural environment of Medieval North India.

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Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essay form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. What is Human Geography ? Discuss its importance in the study of history.
  2. Describe the historical transformation that led to the emergence of village and village communities.
  3. To what extent globalization influenced regional cultures and cultural networks.
  4. Analyse the formation of human geography of Indian Nation in historical perspective.
- (2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essay form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Write a note on European perceptions of Indian landscape.
6. Explain what is spatial exclusion and conflict in relation with development and under development.
7. In what way migrations influenced spatial and social diffusion of cultures ?
8. Write a note on sacred and profane landscape.
9. To what extent spatialisation related with social History ?
10. Discuss cultural Geography and *Anthropogeography*.
11. Explain Human Geography and to what extent it is useful in the study of History.
12. Critically analyse patterns of habitat and settlements.

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

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A***Answer any two of the following in essays form.**Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Critically analyse 'centralised', 'segmentary' and 'Feudal'. State models.
2. Discuss the problem of early social formations in historical perspectives.
3. Critically examine the Debate on the nature of Chola State.
4. Write a note on Bhakti movement and temples in the context of Pre-modern South India.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B***Answer any five of the following in short essays form.**Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Narrate the characteristic features of Chalukya and Hoysala art and Architecture.
6. Write a note on economic situation of South India in the context of Anchuvannam and Manigramam.
7. What is your understanding on the emergence of Pallava State ?
8. Write a short essay on the agricultural expansion and irrigation system in Pandya country.
9. Write a note on the archaeological excavation at Arikamedu and Kodumanal.
10. Critically evaluate to what extend inscriptions helpful to redraft the history of Pre-modern South India.
11. Discuss the concept of Tinai.
12. To what extend Roman trade beneficial to the economy of India.

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HIS 4C 01—PROBLEMS AND DEBATES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer any two of the following in essays form.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Discuss the political, social and economic Legacy of colonialism.
2. Critically analyse the formation of linguistic states in India.
3. To what extent communalism influenced the social and political scenario of contemporary India.
4. How far the Panchayat Raj fulfilled the dreams of rural poor ? Discuss.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Part B**

*Answer any five of the following in short essays form.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Write a note on the formation of Janata party.
6. Discuss the role of films and theatre in contemporary India.
7. To what extent the political economy of LPG is important : critically evaluate.
8. Critically examine the challenges to secularism in India.
9. Write a note on Anti Hindi agitation.
10. Do you think land question alone is the major reason behind peasant rebellions ?
11. Historically analyse Centre-State relations in contemporary India.
12. Do you agree that Dalit enjoyed all the constitutional rights in contemporary India.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)