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I Semester M.A. Degree (Reg./Sup./Imp.) Examination, November 2015 (2014 Admn. Onwards)
HISTORY

HIS1C01: Social Formations in Pre-Modern Kerala

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 60

# SECTION - A (Essays)

Answer any two questions; each carries 12 marks.

- 1. Examine the characteristics of Iron Age Culture in Kerala.
- Explain the salient features of the forms of exchange during the time of chiefdoms in Kerala.
- 3. Examine the origin of caste hierarchy in early Kerala society.
- 4. Discuss the knowledge and technology of the iron age society in Kerala. (2×12=24)

### SECTION-B

Part - I: Answer any four questions in a sentence or a word:

- 5. Rock cut Chambers
- 6. Kotai
- 7. Menpulamregion
- 8. Atiyalar
- 9. Nagarattar
- 10. Brahmaswam.

 $(4 \times 1 = 4)$ 

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# Part - II: Answer any four questions; each carries three marks (short note):

- 11. Why is the Neolithic period considered to be a 'revolution'?
- 12. What is signified by the discovery of hoards of Roman coins in Kerala?
- 13. Which were the trading corporations in Kerala? Mention its functions.
- 14. Sketch the significance of centres of Rock Art in Kerala.
- 15. Examine the bhakthi ideas in the context of Nayanars and Alwars.
- 16. Write a note on Mesolithic culture of Kerala.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12)$ 

### Part - III: Answer any four questions; each carries five marks (short essay):

- Examine the role of geography and environment in shaping the history and culture of Kerala.
- 18. Discuss the recent understanding on political processes of ancient Kerala.
- 19. Sketch the significant features of Palaeolithic culture in Kerala.
- 20. Discuss the forms of burial in Megalithic age.
- Assess the brief system and ideology of Iron Age Culture in Kerala.
- 22. Write a note on labour expropriation and social stratification under chiefdom in Kerala. (4×5=20)