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**III Semester M.A. Degree (CBSS – Reg./Supple./Imp.) Examination,  
October 2023  
(2020 Admission Onwards)**

**HISTORY**

**HIS3C10 : State and Society in Late Medieval India**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

**SECTION – A**

Answer **any two** questions (Essay).

(2×12=24)

1. Evaluate the contributions of nationalist historians in countering the colonial construction of Medieval India as a period of barbarism and tyranny.
2. Examine the centralized nature of the Mughal state. How did the emperor consolidate power and maintain control over a vast empire ?
3. Explore the formation and significance of the Maratha confederacy under Shivaji's leadership.
4. Analyze the economic foundations of the Vijayanagara Empire. How did trade networks and agriculture contribute to Vijayanagara's prosperity ?

**SECTION – B**

**Part – I**

Answer **any four** questions in **one** sentence or a word.

(4×1=4)

5. W. H. Moreland.
6. Ijara system.
7. Battle of Khanwa.

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8. Nicolo Conti.
9. Parganas.
10. A. L. Srivastava.

**Part – II**

Answer **any four** questions (short note).

(4×3=12)

11. Discuss the concept of segmentary state.
12. Briefly explain the architectural features of Vijayanagara empire.
13. Write a note on Watan system.
14. Critically evaluate the religious policy of Akbar.
15. Explain the features of Jagir system.
16. Analyse the causes for the decline of Maratha empire.

**Part – III**

Answer **any four** questions (short essay).

(4×5=20)

17. Examine the nature of Mughal state.
18. Discuss the reforms introduced in revenue administration during the reign of Akbar.
19. Examine the role played by Zamindars in Mughal India.
20. Who were the Peshwas and what was their role in the Maratha Empire's administration and governance ?
21. Analyse Todarmal's revenue reforms on the socio-economic conditions of the Mughal empire.
22. Briefly explain the features of Nayankara system.