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**III Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – OBE-Regular)
Examination, October 2024
(2023 Admission)**

HISTORY

MAHIS03C11 : A History of Pre-Modern South India

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instruction : Answers may be written either in **English** or in **Malayalam**.

**SECTION – A
(Essay Type Questions)**

Answer **any 2** out of 4 questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Analyse the impact of Bhakti movements in pre-modern South Indian society.
2. Evaluate the political and economic structure of the Chola state with a focus on its village communities.
3. Examine the influence of the Portuguese and the Dutch on late medieval South Indian trade and politics.
4. Discuss the evolution of *nadus* and their significance in the agrarian order of South India during the 6th to 9th centuries. (2×10=20)

**SECTION – B
(Short Essay Questions)**

Answer **any 5** out of 7 questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

5. Discuss the role of inscriptions as sources for understanding state formation in early medieval South India.
6. Analyze the role of maritime trade in the Chola economy.

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7. Assess the contribution of Vijayanagara to art and architecture in South India.
8. Explain the role played by the Nirguna Bhakti Cult.
9. Evaluate the *nayaka* system in the context of Vijayanagara's administration.
10. How did the evolution of new *jatis* affect the social order in late medieval South India ?
11. Assess the influence of the Deccani sultanates on the political landscape of South India. (5×5=25)

**SECTION – C
(Paragraph Type Questions)**

Answer **any 5** out of 8 questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

12. What are the key features of Dravidian identity in early medieval South India ?
13. What are the key characteristics of the Deccani sultanates ?
14. Examine the social structures in early medieval South India ?
15. Define Virasaivism and its role in South Indian Society.
16. Evaluate the historiographical debates surrounding the Chola state's kingship and statecraft.
17. What were the key characteristics of village communities in the Chola period ?
18. What role did the Portuguese and Dutch play in South Indian maritime trade ?
19. Briefly explain the historiographical debates regarding Vijayanagara state formation. (5×3=15)