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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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History – Core

SOCIO CULTURAL HISTORY OF TAMILNADU
UPTO 1565 CE

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. _____ inscriptions give in formations about village assemblies.
- (a) Kudumiyamalai (b) Uttaramerur
(c) Manjikallu (d) Thiruvallangadu

2. Pattinappalai speaks about the maritime activities of _____.
(a) Choras (b) Cholas
(c) Pandiyas (d) Pallavas
3. Chinese coins were unearthed from _____.
(a) Gangaikonda chola puram
(b) Tanjore
(c) Palayarai
(d) Uraiyur
4. Allahabad pillar inscription of Samudra Gupta speaks about _____ Pallava King.
(a) Mahendra Varman
(b) Narasimha Varman
(c) Vishnu Gopa
(d) Rajasimha
5. Velurpalayam plates of _____ gives a complete list of Pallava rulers.
(a) Nandivarman II (b) Skanda Varman
(c) Danti Varman (d) Aparajita Varman



6. _____ is identifies with Aiyaradigal Kadavarkan.

- (a) Simhavarman (b) Simhavishnu
(c) Parameshwaran (d) Someshvaran

7. The Ceylonese chronicle _____ mentions about Cholas relationship with Ceylon.

- (a) Dipa Vamsa (b) Maha Vamsa
(c) Cula Vamsa (d) Yadu Vamsa

8. Sekkilar was a contemporary of _____.

- (a) Rajendra II (b) Kulotunga II
(c) Raja Raja II (d) Parantakar II

9. _____ gave lumpsum gold to Chidambaram Temple.

- (a) Parantaka (b) Gandaraditya
(c) Arinjaya (d) Aditya

10. Velvikudi Grant was issued by _____.

- (a) Kadungon
(b) Nedunjadayan
(c) Kochadayan
(d) Maravarman Rajasimha I

11. Vikrama Pandiya ruled as a loyal feudatory of _____.

- (a) Kulotunga I (b) Kulotunga II
(c) Kulotunga III (d) Raja Raja III

12. Narasimha II the _____ king helped Raja Raja III againts Maravarman Sundara Pandiyar.

- (a) Kakatiya (b) Hoysala
(c) Chalukya (d) Yadava

13. _____ witnessed the dead body of Vira Ballala III on the walls of Madurai.

- (a) Ibn Batuta (b) Ferishta
(c) Alberuni (d) Abul Fazil

14. _____ type of architecture developed in India due to the Muslim rule.

- (a) Indo-Greek (b) Vesara
(c) Gothic (d) Sarasnic

15. Name of the Gold Coin issued during Vijayanagar rule in Tamilnadu was _____.

- (a) Kasu (b) Pon
(c) Kalanju (d) Varahan



PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Write a short note in Indigenous sources.

Or

- (b) Aimperum Kulu.

17. (a) Give an account of Mahendra Varman I's contribution to painting.

Or

- (b) Pallava council of Ministers.

18. (a) Write a note on Devaradiyar.

Or

- (b) Mention about the Chola Harbours.

19. (a) Weaving industry in Pandiyan Kingdom.

Or

- (b) Pandiyan Maritime Trade.

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20. (a) What were the taxes imposed by the Madurai Sultans?

Or

- (b) Growth of Tamil Literature during Vijayanagar rule.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

21. (a) Describe about the Archaeological sources to know about Ancient Tamil Nadu.

Or

- (b) Analyze about Sangam Age Music and Dance.

22. (a) Evaluate the growth of Education during Pallava Rule.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of Nayanmars in the Bhakthi movement.

23. (a) Critically analyze village administration under the Imperial Cholas.

Or

- (b) Evaluate the social conditions during Chola period.

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24. (a) Evaluate the growth of literature under later Pandiyas.

Or

- (b) Describe Marcopolo's account on Pandiya country.

25. (a) Discuss the effects of Muslim invasion in Tamil Nadu.

Or

- (b) Analyze the social conditions of Tamil Nadu under Vijayanagar.
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