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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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First Semester

History Core

HISTORY OF TAMILNADU
UPTO 1565 AD

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. “Manimekalai” was written by _____
(a) Elango (b) Saathanar
(c) Paanar (d) Sekkilar
2. One among the twin epics was _____
(a) Silappathikaram (b) Thirukkural
(c) Valayapathi (d) Nannul

3. Chitrakarapuli is the title of _____
(a) Mahendravarman
(b) Narasimhavarman
(c) Nandivarman
(d) Dandivarman
4. One of the following was a part of Sangam Cholas.
(a) Musiri (b) Thondi
(c) Puhar (d) Korkai
5. The Chola King who issued the Ultiramerur inscription was _____
(a) Rajaraj (b) Rajendra
(c) Parantaka (d) Kulothunga
6. Andal belonged to _____
(a) Saivism (b) Vaishnavism
(c) Buddhism (d) Jainism
7. Nalayira divya Prabandam was compiled by _____
(a) Periyalvar (b) Andal
(c) Nathamuni (d) Nammalvar

8. The title Gangaikonda Chola was assumed by _____

- (a) Rajaraja I (b) Rajaraja II
(c) Rajendra I (d) Rajendra II

9. Marcopolo visited Tamilaham during the time of _____

- (a) Kalabhras (b) Pallavas
(c) Cholas (d) Pandyas

10. Thiruvannamalai Thousand Pillared Mandapa was built by _____

- (a) Krishnadevaraya (b) Achutharaya
(c) Vithala (d) Sadasivaraya

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Give a detailed account on the boundaries of ancient Tamilaham.

Or

(b) Give an account on the economic condition of the Sangam Tamils.

12. (a) Estimate the achievements of the Sangam Pandhyas.

Or

- (b) Analyse the various theories about the origin of Kalabhras.

13. (a) Bring out the glory of Mahendravarma Pallava.

Or

- (b) What were the causes for the downfall of Pallavas.

14. (a) Estimate the achievements of Rajendra I.

Or

- (b) Discuss the local self government under the Imperial Cholas.

15. (a) Examine the condition of Southern India on the eve of Muslim invasion.

Or

- (b) What do you know about the expedition of Kumara Kampana.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Assess the archaeological sources for the study of ancient Tamilaham.

Or

- (b) Examine the foreign accounts for the study of ancient Tamilaham.

17. (a) Whether Kalabhra period a dark period – Discuss.

Or

- (b) Describe the various views regarding the origin of the Pallavas.

18. (a) Estimate the life and achievements of Rajaraja, the Great.

Or

- (b) Describe the socio, economic and religious condition during the Imperial Cholas.

19. (a) Briefly discuss the political history of the Pandyas of the second empire.

Or

- (b) Bring out the accounts of Marcopolo about the Pandya period.

20. (a) Describe the progress of art and architecture in Tamilaham under the Vijayanagar rule.

Or

- (b) Give an account of Krishnadevaraya and his achievements.
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