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M A DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION , APRIL 2024

Second Semester

**CORE - HY010201 - HISTORY OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES OF
EARLY INDIA**

M A HISTORY, M A HISTORICAL STUDIES

2019 Admission Onwards

B178C575

Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight **1** each.

1. Briefly describe the literature of vedic period.
2. Gopa & Samiti.
3. Sartha.
4. What were the aspects of stratified society?
5. Mantriparishad.
6. Bayley's notion on caste.
7. Vaishnavism.
8. Land dues in Mauryan period.
9. Silappadikaram.
10. Palai.

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight **2** each.

11. Analyse Vidatha, Gana and Parishad as political Institutions in early Vedic society.
12. Analyse the factors responsible for the decline of Jainism.
13. Describe the historical processes of the formation of Jati
14. Describe the land taxes under the Mauryas.



15. Analyse the importance of Thulapurusha Mahadana in establishing royal credentials of rulers.
16. Trace the socio-political significance of the Chakravarti model kingship.
17. Describe aintinais and the occupations of its inhabitants.
18. What is Untattu? Describe its social-significance in Sangam Age.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight **5** each.

19. Explain the various types of Danas and discuss how it legitimized certain social classes.
20. Trace the growth of Iron technology and the expansion of Janapadas.
21. Explain how the land grants led to the proliferation of castes in early medieval India.
22. Explain the nature of power exercised by the chieftains of early Tamilakam

(2×5=10 weightage)