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FAROOK COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOZHIKODE

First Semester MA History Degree Examination, November 2025

MHS1C01 - Methods of Historical Research

(2022 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Weightage 30

PART A (Short Answer Type)
Answer any four questions
Weightage for each question is two

1. Method and Methodology
2. Interdisciplinary Research
3. Hypothesis
4. *Historian's Craft*
5. Oral History
6. Citation
7. Digital Humanities

(4X2= 8 Weightage)

PART B (Short Essay Type)
Answer any four questions
Weightage for each question is three

8. Discuss the significance of textual analysis in research.
9. State how far is causation relevant in historical research
10. Differentiate qualitative and quantitative methods of research.
11. Discuss the methods of documentation in research.
12. State the role of review of literature in research .
13. Examine the significance of data in research. Explain types of data and nature of repositories.
14. Define plagiarism and explain its various forms. How can a research be free from plagiarism?

(4x3=12 Weightage)

PART C (Essay Type)
Answer any two questions
Weightage for each question is five

15. Elaborate the significance of heuristics and hermeneutics in historical research.
16. Trace the cardinal aspects of a research proposal. Prepare a research proposal with a topic of your own preference.
17. Discuss the impact of postmodernism on objectivity in historical writing.
18. Examine how a research problem is identified and stated in historical research.

(2x5=10 Weightage)

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MHS1C02 - Themes in Pre-Colonial History of Kerala

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Time: 3 hours

Max. Weightage 30

PART-A (Short Answer Type)**Answer four questions***Weightage for each question is 2*

1. Atula
2. Pulappedi and Mannapedi
3. Ay Kingdom
4. Punthurakon
5. Tyndis
6. Manipravalam
7. Joseph Rubban

(4x 2 = 8 weightage)

PART-B (Short Essay Type)**Answer any four questions***Weightage for each question is 3*

8. Examine the historiographical significances of Tuhfatul Mujahideen.
9. Assess the contributions of M.G.S to the historiography of Kerala.
10. Discuss the debate on the nature of early Chera polity.
11. Analyze the role of Mamankam in shaping the medieval Naduvazhi political structure.
12. Discuss the poetic expressions on the geo-ecozones of early Tamilakam.
13. Briefly explain the important source materials for the study of Indo-Roman trade.
14. Examine the nature of caste system in Kerala.

(4x 3 = 12 weightage)

PART-C (Essay Type)**Answer any two questions***Weightage for each question is 5*

15. Critically evaluate the historicity of *Keralolpathy*
16. Discuss the various debates on the origin of matriliney.
17. Examine the nature of debate on Second Chera polity.
18. Assess the nature of land right in pre-colonial Kerala.

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MHS1C03 - Themes in Indian Historiography

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Time: 3 hours

Max. Weightage 30

PART-A (Short Answer Type)

Answer four questions

Weightage for each question is 2

1. *Harsha Charitha*
2. *Tamil Heroic Poetry*
3. *Akbar Nama*
4. Chola inscriptions
5. Duarte Barbosa
6. Asiatic Society of Bengal.
7. Romila Thapar

(4 x 2 = 8 weightage)

PART-B (Short Essay Type)

Answer any four questions

Weightage for each question is 3

8. Discuss the features of the Buddhist literature and explain how they shaped the changing expressions of historical consciousness in ancient India.
9. Assess the role of the Itihāsa-Purāṇa traditions in preserving the cultural memory of ancient India.
10. Examine the works of Ziauddin Barani as a source for the history of the Delhi Sultanate.
11. Critically evaluate the relevance of the work *Textures of Time* in the study of Vijayanagara history.

12. Analyse did the works of the early Indologists in the rediscovery of India's past.
13. Briefly evaluate the role of Nationalist historiography in constructing an alternative image of Indian history.
14. Analyse the works of D. D. Kosambi and his approaches to the study of ancient Indian history.

(4 x 3 = 12 weightage)

PART-C (Essay Type)
Answer any two questions
Weightage for each question is 5

15. Critically examine the historical consciousness embedded in the Vedic texts.
16. Assess the significance of Abul Fazl's writings as sources for the study of Mughal administrative and economic history.
17. Analyse the nature of Sultanate historiography.
18. "The task of Subaltern Studies is to rectify the elitist bias in much of the research and writing on South Asian history." — Comment.

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MHS1C04 - Ancient Indian History - Selected Debates

(2022 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Weightage 30

PART A (Short Answers)
Answer any four questions.
Weightage for each question is 2.

1. Urbanism in the Indus Valley.
2. Genome-DNA research
3. Arthasastra.
4. Difference between *jana* and *janapada*.
5. *Time as Metaphor of History*
6. "Feudalism from above and below"
7. *Muvendar*

(4x2=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essays)
Answer any four of the following questions.
The weightage for each question is 3.

8. Describe the reading dilemma of Indus Script.
9. Discuss the scholarly debates on the Indian Feudalism.
10. "Mahajanapadas were powerful state in ancient India" – Evaluate.
11. Evaluate the Mauryan state structure in the context of empire-building in early India.
12. Elucidate the contributions of DD Kosambi and Romila Thapar in ancient Indian Studies.
13. Point out the feature of Tinai Concept.
14. Evaluate the contribution of Keezhadi excavations to the debate on the pre-Aryan character of Tamil culture.

(4x3=12 weightage)

Part C (Essays)

Answer any two of the following questions.

The weightage for each question is 5.

15. Critically assess the Aryan problem and its relation to the decline of the Harappan Civilisation.
16. Discuss Asoka's policy of Dhamma in relation to governance, society, and the decline of the Mauryas.
17. Assess the 'Land Grants' and R S Sharma's feudalism thesis.
18. Analyse the interaction of material culture, polity, and literature in shaping our understanding of early historic Tamilakam.

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