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General Degree Examination in Arts (External) 2016

(December 2017)

History III (HG 3)

History of Peninsular India up to 1760 A.D.

Three Hours Only.

Answer **FOUR** Questions only, selecting at least **ONE** from **Each** part.

Illustrate your answer with sketch maps where appropriate

Candidate will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

The total numbers of questions in this paper is twelve (12).

Part I

1. Critically analyze the significance of inscriptions for the study of the history of Peninsular India.
2. Examine the development of Buddhist culture under the Sātavāhanas.
3. Elucidate the trade relationship between India and Roman Empire.
4. Discuss the cultural developments in Peninsular India under the Gupta rulers.

Part II

5. Assess the cultural and political achievements of King Narasinghavarman I.
6. Assess the impact of 'Triangular struggle' on the political history of Peninsular India.
7. Write a historical essay on the cultural developments in South India under the Cōla Empire.
8. Critically discuss the causes for the decline of the Cōla Empire.

Part III

9. Examine the relationship between South India and Sri Lanka under the Pāndyas.
10. Examine the policy of the rulers of Delhi Sultanate towards the Deccan.
11. Describe the impact of the Kingdom of Vijayanagar, against the expansion of Muslim power in Deccan.
12. Write historical notes on any three of the followings.
 1. Ajanta
 2. Kaveripattinam
 3. Mahabalipuram
 4. Fa-hien
 5. Cāṅkama literature
 6. Pulakesin II