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General Degree Examination in Arts (External) 2014

(August 2015)

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

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

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

Part I

1. Assess the importance of numismatic evidence for the study of the history of Peninsular India.
2. Discuss the main features of the land tenure system of India up to the end of the Gupta period.
3. Examine the development of cultural activities under the Sātavāhana.
4. Discuss the historical significance of Indica of Megesthanese.

Part II

5. Assess the contribution of king Narasinghavarman I for the cultural and political developments in Peninsular India.
6. Assess the importance of 'Triangular Struggle' in the political history of Peninsular India.
7. Examine the Pāndyan – Sri Lanka relations up to the end of the 10th Century AD.
8. Discuss the art and architectural development of South India during the Cola Empire.

Part III

9. Describe the origin and expansion of Bahamani Kingdom in the Deccan.
10. Assess the contribution of Śivāji for the development of Marātha power.
11. What are the main features of the administrative system of Vijayanagar Empire?
12. Write historical notes on any three of the following.
 1. Ajanta
 2. Sānchi
 3. Amaravati
 4. Fahien
 5. Cañkam literature
 6. Raichur Doab