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**General Degree Examination in Arts ( External) 2015**

**(August 2016)**

**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 number of questions in this paper is twelve (12).

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**Part I**

1. Assess the impact of geographical factors that contributed to shape the history of India up to the 1760 A.D.
2. Discuss the policy of the Gupta rulers towards the Deccan region.
3. Analyze the commercial activities of the Sātavāhanas.
4. What was the contribution of Pāndiyas for the cultural development of South India?

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### Part II

5. Discuss the main stages of the Cālukyan expansion in Deccan under the rulers of Vatāpi.
6. Examine the cultural relations between South India and Sri Lanka under the Pallavas.
7. Examine the salient features of the Cōla administration.
8. Assess the foreign trade of Cōlas.

### Part III

9. What were the main features of the expansion of Delhi Sultanate power in India?
10. What were the factors that led to the decline of Bahamani kingdom?
11. Write a critical note on the art and architectural tradition of Vijayanagar Empire.
12. Write historical notes on any three of the following.
  1. Tanjor
  2. Ellora
  3. Kauanj
  4. Nāgapattanam
  5. Arikamedu
  6. Samudragupta