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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS 1C 03—PROBLEMS, PERSPECTIVES AND DEBATES IN EARLY INDIAN HISTORY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

*Answers can be written **either** in English **or** Malayalam.  
Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.*

**Section A (Very Short Essays)**

*Answer any **four** questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Explain the arguments of KP Jayaswal on Vedic assemblies.
2. Define the concept *Orientalism* of Edward Said.
3. Analyse the theory of 'Aryan Invasion'.
4. Discuss the features of Early Vedic Society.
5. Elaborate on the Buddhist theory of state.
6. Critically examine the significance of 'Indica of Megasthenes' as a source material.
7. Write about the contributions of Indo-Greeks

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any **four** from the following.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. What do you know about Oriental Despotism ?
9. Discuss the role of Nationalist Historiography in the reconstruction of early Indian history.
10. Define the nature of Harappan state.
11. Critically analyse the 'Aryan Problem'.

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12. Briefly examine the nature of Gupta State and society.
13. Comment on the significance of Arthashastra.
14. Give an of Kushana state.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Section C (Essays)**

*Answer any **two** questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Summarise the features of Colonial construction of state and society in Early India.
16. Discuss the features of the Vedic polity.
17. Write about the rise of Mahajanapadas.
18. Analyse the role of trade in sustaining the Harappan culture.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)