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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(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. Interdisciplinary approach in Ancient Indian history
2. Shereen Ratnagar
3. Early Vedic economy.
4. Sabha and Samiti.
5. Ganasanghas.
6. Brahmi script.
7. VA Smith.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essays)

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

Each question carries 3 weightage.

8. Critically evaluate the Asiatic mode of production.
9. Explain in brief the chief characteristics of Colonial historiography.

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10. Elaborate on the writings of RS Sharma on early India.
11. Analyse the significance Harappan trade with Sumeria.
12. Do you agree on the concept of Golden Age ?
13. How the system of Land grants paved way to the emergence of Feudalism ?
14. Comment on Ashoka's policy of Dhamma.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Section C (Essays)

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

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Explain in detail about the Nationalist construction of state and society in Early India.
16. Critically examine the 'Aryan problem' in Indian historiography.
17. Analyse the various interpretations regarding the nature of Mauryan state
18. Discuss in detail about the emergence and consolidation of Buddhism and Jainism in the context of second urbanisation.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)