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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS 4E 06—INDIAN LITERATURE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Section A (Short Answers)***Answer any **four** questions from the following.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Write a brief note on *Arthasasthra*.
2. Identify the importance of the Tamil text *Tirukural*.
3. Court chronicles of medieval India.
4. What is meant by colonial modernity ?
5. Trace the growth of Bengali literature during the colonial period.
6. List out the major novels published in Malayalam during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
7. Briefly evaluate Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy*.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)***Answer any **four** questions from the following.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Analyze the importance of Buddhist canonical texts for the reconstruction of early Indian history.
9. Examine the different ways in which ancient texts can be read in a historical point of view.
10. Trace the evolution of Sanskrit language and compilation of Sanskrit texts during the first centuries of CE.

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11. Discuss the salient features of Bhakti literature in Tamil.
12. *Indulekha* unfolds the life of emerging Malayali middle class. Discuss.
13. Examine the Relationship between national movement and literary production in modern India
14. Childhood is beautifully narrated in the works of R. K. Narayanan. Discuss.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

### Section C (Essays)

*Answer any two questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Critically evaluate the nature of scientific literature produced in early India.
16. Elaborate how ecological and production zones have been represented in Sangam literature.
17. Religion and state power are interconnected with production of literary texts in medieval India. Elucidate.
18. How did colonialism influence the Indian writings of 19<sup>th</sup> century.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)