



## HIS 1C 04—EARLY BRONZE AGE AND IRON AGE CIVILIZATIONS

## Part A

## Multiple Choice Questions :

1. The inscriptions on the Rosetta stone are in :
  - (A) Demotic script.
  - (B) Hieroglyphics.
  - (C) Greek.
  - (D) All the above.
2. The Rosetta stone was discovered in the year :
  - (A) 1813.
  - (B) 1822.
  - (C) 1934.
  - (D) 1849.
3. The Egyptians developed a type of government in which rule is based on religious authority of the pharaoh. The type of government was :
  - (A) Oligarchy.
  - (B) Democracy.
  - (C) Theocracy.
  - (D) Monarchy.
4. Pyramids are :
  - (A) Warehouses where surplus food is stored.
  - (B) Temples where the people are allowed to come and pray.
  - (C) Stone tombs with four rectangle-shaped sides that join a limestone roof.
  - (D) Royal tombs with four triangle-shaped sides that meet in a point on top.
5. What job employed the most people in Egypt ?
  - (A) Merchant.
  - (B) Scribe.
  - (C) Farmer.
  - (D) Architect.
6. Which statement best describes the burial practices of Egyptians ?
  - (A) Egyptians preserved bodies as mummies.
  - (B) Egyptians carried their dead to neighbouring countries.
  - (C) Egyptians used a funeral pyre for their dead.
  - (D) Egyptians buried their dead in the river.

7. Why was Hammurabi's Code important ?
- (A) It helped decode cuneiform writing.
  - (B) Soldiers used it to send messages during battle.
  - (C) It helped everyone to know the rules and punishments.
  - (D) It showed archaeologists why writing was important.
8. Who developed the philosophy of *Mohism* ?
- (A) Mozi.
  - (B) Confucius.
  - (C) Lao-tsu.
  - (D) Hsuan Tsang.
9. Who started recruiting civil servants through competitive exams in ancient China ?
- (A) Emperor Wu.
  - (B) Zhou.
  - (C) Cheng Tang.
  - (D) King Ping.
10. The social class known as *shi* consisted of :
- (A) Government officials.
  - (B) Merchants.
  - (C) Peasants.
  - (D) Bandits.
11. Regarding the civil administration in ancient China, which of the following statements is incorrect ?
- a) The post of civil scholars was reserved for women.
  - b) Scholars had to pass rigorous examinations to be posted in the administration.
  - c) Civil scholars were trained in Confucius doctrines.
  - d) Scholars kept records of government business.
- (A) a and b.
  - (B) a, b, c and d.
  - (C) Only a.
  - (D) a, c and d.
12. Which trade route connected China with the West ?
- (A) Royal Highway.
  - (B) Han pass.
  - (C) Silk route.
  - (D) Malacca strait.

13. The primary unit of the democratic structure established by Cleisthenes was :
- (A) Doeri. (B) The *deme*.  
(C) Phylai. (D) Chos.
14. Who among the following was the proponent of Ionian school of thought ?
- (A) Socrates. (B) Anaximandes.  
(C) Plato. (D) Herodotus.
15. What is the meaning of *thalosso-cracy* ?
- (A) People's power. (B) Sea power.  
(C) Rule of nobles. (D) Rule of peasants.
16. Who is the author of *Elements* ?
- (A) Socrates. (B) Euclid.  
(C) Homer. (D) Marcus Aurelius.
17. How many *Kins* made an *Unial* ?
- (A) 40. (B) 20.  
(C) 120. (D) 60.
18. The high priest of Mayas was called :
- (A) Chilan. (B) Chac.  
(C) Tupac. (D) Ahkin.
19. Mayan women made embroidered tunics called :
- (A) Huipiles. (B) Hellos.  
(C) Steles. (D) Cham.
20. The Inca knot-record was famously called as :
- (A) Sid. (B) Khipu.  
(C) Tawantinsuyu. (D) Haab.

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**Part B****SECTION A (SHORT ANSWERS)***Answer any four questions.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Board of Ten Generals.
2. Iliad and Odyssey.
3. Osiris Cult.
4. Demotic.
5. Confucius.
6. Ahmose I.
7. Mesoamerica.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**SECTION B (SHORT ESSAYS)***Answer any four questions.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Sketch the importance of Spartan Militarism.
9. Give an account on Egyptian Intellectual achievements.
10. Write a note on Greco- Persian war.
11. Describe Han Dynasty.
12. Estimate the contributions of Chinese Philosophy.

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## SECTION C (LONG ESSAY)

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Illustrate the significance of ballads for understanding Pre-modern Kerala polity.
16. Sketch out the features of Iron Age culture in Kerala.
17. Give an estimate of the over lordship of Perumals of Mahodayapuram.
18. Trace out the formation of Kerala as a linguistic and cultural region.

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HIS 1C 01—METHOD OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

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**Part A**

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## HIS 1C 01—METHOD OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

## Part A

## Multiple Choice Questions :

1. The following is a step in the process of historical research :
  - (A) Identifying a research topic.
  - (B) Data.
  - (C) Data collection.
  - (D) All of the above.
2. Who is considered father of objectivity ?
  - (A) Toynbee.
  - (B) Rousseau.
  - (C) Voltaire.
  - (D) Ranke.
3. Which is the method of determine the authenticity of data ?
  - (A) External criticism.
  - (B) Internal criticism.
  - (C) Interview.
  - (D) Observation.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is used as methodology for textual analysis.
  - (A) Heuristics.
  - (B) Hermeneutics.
  - (C) Higher criticism.
  - (D) Lower criticism.
5. Who launched modern scientific theory ?
  - (A) Ranke.
  - (B) J. B. Bury.
  - (C) Toynbee.
  - (D) Gibbon.
6. Social science research creates social :
  - (A) Alienation.
  - (B) Cohesion.
  - (C) Mobility.
  - (D) Integration.
7. The first step survey is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a problem.
  - (A) Application.
  - (B) Rejection.
  - (C) Selection.
  - (D) Planning.



8. Practice of generalisation is a simple inversion of :
- (A) Inheritance. (B) Dependency.  
(C) Specialisation. (D) Relationships.
9. Name the three styles used today for writing :
- (A) AMA, MLA and Chicago Manual. (B) APA, PLA and Chicago Manual.  
(C) APA, MLA and Chicago Manual. (D) APA, MLA and Miami Manual.
10. How does qualitative content analysis differ from quantitative content analysis ?
- (A) It is always preceded by ethnographic research.  
(B) It involves counting the number of times certain words appear in a text.  
(C) It is less rigid as researchers are constantly revising their concepts.  
(D) It is less likely to be used by feminist researchers.
11. Action research means :
- (A) A longitudinal research.  
(B) An applied research.  
(C) A research initiated to solve an immediate problem.  
(D) A research with socio economic objectives.
12. A research paper is a brief report of research work based on :
- (A) Primary data only. (B) Secondary data only.  
(C) Both Primary and Secondary data. (D) None of the above.
13. UNESCO assisted Model Public Library in India is located at :
- (A) Kolkata. (B) Delhi.  
(C) Mumbai. (D) Chennai.
14. Who authored the book "Methods in Social Research" ?
- (A) Marshall. (B) C. R. Kothari.  
(C) Kerlingere. (D) Goode and Halt.

15. Hypothesis is which explain relationship between two variables is :
- (A) Causal. (B) Relational.  
(C) Descriptive. (D) Tentative.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ is a source of Hypothesis.
- (A) Institution. (B) Knowledge.  
(C) Energy. (D) Survey.
17. A Research which follows case study material is called :
- (A) Clinical or diagnostics. (B) Causal.  
(C) Analytical. (D) Qualitative.
18. Which of the following is an example of primary data ?
- (A) Book. (B) Journal.  
(C) Newspaper. (D) Census report.
19. The problem selected must have :
- (A) Speed. (B) Facts.  
(C) Values. (D) Novelty.
20. When a hypothesis stated negatively is called :
- (A) Relational hypothesis. (B) Situational Hypothesis.  
(C) Null Hypothesis. (D) Causal Hypothesis.

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**Part B**

## SECTION A (SHORT ANSWERS)

*Answer any four of the following.  
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1. Textual Analysis.
2. Cliometrics.
3. Hermeneutics.
4. Historical Objectivity.
5. Exposition.
6. URKUND.
7. Semiotics.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

## SECTION B (SHORT ESSAYS)

*Answer any four of the following.  
Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Give an account on the oral traditions and its validity as historical sources.
9. Assess the importance of archival sources in historical research.
10. Describe the need of historical generalisation.
11. Analyse the methods of documentation in historical research.

12. Outline a general format of a historical research project.
13. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative methods of research.
14. Examine the subjective conditions in historical research.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

SECTION C (ESSAYS)

*Answer any two of the following.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.*

15. Discuss the factors to be considered for the selection of a research topic.
16. Assess the importance of hypothesis and its verification in historical research.
17. Analyse the methods involved in internal and external criticism of sources.
18. Explain the methods, techniques and styles of citation.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

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Paper IV—SELECTED DEBATES IN INDIAN HISTORY

(2008 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Critically examine the Aryan Invasion Theory in the light of archeological and linguistic evidences.
2. Explain the theories of D.D. Kosambi and R.S. Sharma on Indian feudalism.
3. Discuss the potentialities of capitalist development in India.
4. Analyze the different theories on deindustrialization of Indian Economy.
5. Examine, how Cambridge historians view Gandhi's role in Indian National Movement.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Explain the theory of Asiatic Mode of Production.
7. Examine Ambedkar's perception of National movement.
8. Write a note on Aryans and the Harappan civilization.
9. Explain 'portfolio capitalism'.
10. Elucidate the concept of Segmentary State in South India.
11. How do gender and dalit issues intercept the understanding of Indian Nationalism.
12. Explain the Marxist positions on colonization of Indian economy.
13. Write on Bipan Chandra's arguments on De-industrialization debate.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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Paper III—THEORY AND METHOD IN HISTORIOGRAPHY

(2008 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Explain how Leopold van Ranke conceptualises history.
2. Critically evaluate Auguste Comte's doctrine of positivism.
3. Discuss Emile Durkheim as the architect of modern social science.
4. Critically analyse Hegelian philosophy of history.
5. Examine the theory of historical materialism.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Analyse the sociological methods in history.
7. Examine the features of Annales school of historical writing.
8. Discuss Max Weber's sociological materialism.
9. Examine the theories of post structuralism.
10. Write on Michael Foucault and his history of ideas.
11. Evaluate George Lukacs analysis of history and sociology.
12. Write a note on Antonio Gramsci's theory of hegemony.
13. Give an account of Hayden White and metahistory..

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Paper II—HISTORY OF KERALA—I

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)***Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.**Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Examine the role of Western Ghats in deciding the agricultural prosperity of Kerala.
2. To what extent the national movement had provided the required impetus for the search for Kerala's past.
3. Write an essay on the different types of Traditional writing in Kerala.
4. Evaluate the literary sources available for the reconstruction of the history of Kerala.
5. Describe the formation of Kerala as outlined in *Keralolpathi*. How far has the outline been corroborated by historical sources ?

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)***Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.**Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Explain to what extent the locations of Kerala had contributed for the evolution of a composite culture.
7. Evaluate the role of Arabian Sea in the making of Kerala history.
8. Examine the significance of archival sources in reconstructing the history of Kerala.
9. Describe the themes of discussion in Manuals and Gazetteers.
10. Briefly describe the recent archeological excavations in Kerala.
11. Examine the perceptions of Arab and European travelers on Kerala.
12. Write on the local history initiative in Kerala.
13. Explain the attempts made to reconstruct the peasant history in Kerala.

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Paper I—STATE AND SOCIETY IN ANCIENT WORLD

(2008 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

**Part A (Essays)**

*Answer any two of the following essays in not more than eight pages each.*

*Each question carries 30 marks.*

1. Discuss the major features of Persian Empire.
2. Analyse the material culture and state formation in Ancient India.
3. Evaluate Nature and characteristics of Mauryan Empire.
4. Explain the system of slavery in Ancient Greece.
5. Give an account on decline of Mauryan Empire.

(2 × 30 = 60 marks)

**Part B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five of the following short essays in not more than four pages each.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

6. Write a note on Indian Overseas Trade.
7. Discuss Spartan militarism.
8. Analyse Roman City Life.
9. Give an account on slavery in Rome.
10. Describe the major elements of science and Technology in Ancient Greece.
11. How far Barbarian attack caused for the decline of Roman Empire ?
12. Evaluate Perry Anderson's views on Transition Debate.
13. Write a note on contribution of Greeks to literature.

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1. The Rosetta stone was discovered in the year :
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2. Who was Ptah-hotep ?
  - (A) Pharaoh.
  - (B) Governor of Memphis.
  - (C) Egyptian queen.
  - (D) God of fertility.
3. What was the purpose of the pyramids in ancient Egypt ?
  - (A) To protect the body of the pharaoh to help it reach the afterlife.
  - (B) To create a memorial for the pharaoh.
  - (C) To create a stairway from heaven to earth.
  - (D) To provide jobs for the Egyptian people.
4. The Egyptians developed a type of government in which rule is based on religious authority of the pharaoh. The type of government was :
  - (A) Oligarchy.
  - (B) Democracy.
  - (C) Theocracy.
  - (D) Monarchy.
5. Ramses the Great is best remembered :
  - (A) For his ability as an artist.
  - (B) As a great scribe.
  - (C) For his untimely death at the hands of Ahmose.
  - (D) As a great warrior and builder.
6. Why was Hammurabi's Code important ?
  - (A) It helped decode cuneiform writing.
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  - (D) It showed archaeologists why writing was important.

7. Name the important female Pharaoh of the New Kingdom who expanded trade and built monuments :
- (A) Hatshepsut. (B) Cleopatra.  
(C) Tutankhamun. (D) Ramses, the Great.
8. The first historical dynasty of China is :
- (A) Xia dynasty. (B) Zhou dynasty.  
(C) Shang dynasty. (D) Ming dynasty.
9. Who founded the Shang dynasty ?
- (A) Ying Zheng. (B) Cheng Tang.  
(C) King Ping. (D) Zhengzhou.
10. Regarding the civil administration in ancient China, which of the following statements is incorrect ?
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(D) Scholars kept records of government business.
11. Which of the following inventions helped China to become the first imperial power ?
- (A) Paper. (B) Gunpowder.  
(C) Compass. (D) Kung-fu.
12. The emperor is considered as :
- (A) The shadow of God. (B) Master of Earth.  
(C) The Son of Heaven. (D) The God.
13. Who is known as the "Father of History" ?
- (A) Socrates. (B) Plato.  
(C) Anaximandes. (D) Herodotus.
14. Who is the author of *Elements* ?
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15. The Olmec is ?
- (A) Mayan calendar. (B) Traditional knowledge of Mayans.  
(C) Forest bridge. (D) Sacrificial altar.
16. The Mayan calendar system with 18 months was called :
- (A) Uayeb. (B) Haab.  
(C) Tzolkin. (D) Long count.
17. *Chac* was the ————— of Mayans.
- (A) Moon God. (B) Rain God.  
(C) Protector of cattle. (D) God of Ocean.
18. Mayans constructed upright stone-slabs called :
- (A) Haab. (B) Steles.  
(C) Seltos. (D) Chou.
19. The Inca knot-record was famously called as :
- (A) Sid. (B) Khipu.  
(C) Tawantinsuyu. (D) Haab.
20. The Royal Descent groups of the Incas were known as :
- (A) Panaqa. (B) Perri.  
(C) Chou. (D) Khipu.

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3. *The instruction if any, to attend a minimum number of questions from each sub section / sub part / sub division may be ignored.*
4. *There will be an overall ceiling for each Section / Part that is equivalent to the maximum weightage of the Section / Part.*

**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

1. Elaborate the similarities of Bronze Age civilizations.
2. Bring out the nature and significance of Athenian democracy.
3. Assess the contributions of Ancient China in the field of Philosophy and Literature.
4. Assess the achievement of Mayans in art and architecture.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

5. Examine the role of trade and commerce in Egyptian civilization.
6. Elaborate the basic principles of Taoism.
7. Discuss the features of Spartan state.

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8. Assess the achievements of the Incas in the field of Science and Technology.
9. Explain the process of state formation in ancient Egypt.
10. Write on the achievement of China under the Chou dynasty.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Section C (Very Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

11. What is meant by 'Bronze Age Urbanism' ?
12. Write about the Chinese system of writing.
13. Give an account of the calendar system of Ancient Americans.
14. What do you mean by 'Osiris culture' ?
15. Nature of government in Ancient Egypt.
16. Examine the religious ideas of Ikhnaton.

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

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1. Who issued the first gold coins in India ?
  - (A) Kujula kadphises.
  - (B) Huvishka.
  - (C) Vima Kadphises.
  - (D) Kanishka.
  
2. The Tripitakas are written in the language of :
  - (A) Sanskrit.
  - (B) Prakrit.
  - (C) Pali.
  - (D) Hindi.
  
3. What does the term used to denote the term used to denote the wooden plough by, Rigvedic Aryans ?
  - (A) Ayas.
  - (B) Kulal.
  - (C) Langal.
  - (D) Yava.
  
4. How many Puranas are there in India ?
  - (A) 12.
  - (B) 18.
  - (C) 15.
  - (D) 10.
  
5. The staple food of the Vedic Aryan was :
  - (A) Barley and rice.
  - (B) Rice and pulse.
  - (C) Vegetables and fruits.
  - (D) Milk and its products.
  
6. The unit of currency used during Rigvedic period :
  - (A) Nishka.
  - (B) Rupee.
  - (C) Dollar.
  - (D) None.



7. Two popular assemblies of the Vedic period were :
- (A) Sabha and Mahasabha. (B) Maha Sabha and Gana Sabha.  
(C) Sabha Samiti and. (D) Ur and Kulal.
8. Which of the following technique used for making bronze status during Harappan civilization ?
- (A) Lost wax casting. (B) Stone Carving.  
(C) Wood Carving. (D) Ivory Carving.
9. Which Pre-State society in ancient India is considered as lineage society ?
- (A) Rigvedic. (B) Capitalistic.  
(C) Socialistic. (D) Utopian.
10. Janapada derived from :
- (A) Gana. (B) Kula.  
(C) Janaka. (D) Jans.
11. Who is the author of from lineage to State ?
- (A) Romila Thaper. (B) Sastrinilakanda.  
(C) Jha. (D) N Kosambi D D.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ Culture was essentially in urban culture.
- (A) Vedic. (B) Harappan.  
(C) Buddhist. (D) Jaina.
13. The city of Harappa had existed on the banks of the river ?
- (A) Ravi. (B) Narmada.  
(C) Brahmaputra. (D) Ganga.

14. Which of the following is the latest site found ?
- (A) Dholavira. (B) Amri.  
(C) Lothal. (D) Kalibangan.
15. Which of the following artefact of the Harappan civilization was mainly used for commercial purposes ?
- (A) Bronze. (B) Stone Sculpture.  
(C) Seal. (D) Terracotta Sculpture.
16. Which one of the following inscriptions makes a reference to Chandragupta Maurya ?
- (A) Kandahar inscription of Asokan.  
(B) Brahnaferi inscription of Asoka.  
(C) Jungagadh inscription of Rudradaman.  
(D) Maski inscription of Asokan.
17. Who wrote the book "select inscriptions bearing on Indian History Civilization" ?
- (A) D. C Sircar. (B) R. G. Bhandarkar.  
(C) R. C. Majumdar. (D) D. D. Kosambi.
18. The family of the Rigvedic Aryans was :
- (A) Patrilineal. (B) Patriarchal.  
(C) Matriarchial. (D) Matrilineal.
19. The organic relationship between the ancient culture of the Indus valley and Hinduism of today is proved by the worship of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Pasupati Indra and the mother Goddess.  
(B) Stones, trees and animals.  
(C) Vishnu and Lakshmi.  
(D) Siva and Sakti.
20. The Script of the Indus Valley Civilization was :
- (A) Dravidian. (B) Persian.  
(C) Sanskrit. (D) Undeciphered.

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

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**General Instructions**

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**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following..*

*Each question carries 5 weightage*

1. Bring out the interdisciplinary approaches and recent trends in the study of early Indian history.
2. Examine the 'Aryan Problem' in Indian historiography.
3. Analyse the divergent views on the nature of Mauryan state.
4. Elaborate the concept of Golden age in ancient India and explain how far DN Jha was right in identifying it as a myth ?

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

5. Summarise the features of Colonial historiography on early India.
6. Assess the impact of land grant system in Early India.

**Turn over**

7. Analyse Romila Thapar's views on transition from Lineage to state.
8. Discuss the social stratification in the later Vedic period.
9. Examine the material background for the emergence of Buddhism and Jainism.
10. Discuss the nature of Gupta state.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Section C (Very Short Essays)**

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

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

11. Define Oriental despotism.
12. Give a critical view of Asiatic Mode of Production.
13. Elaborate the Saptanga Theory of State.
14. Explain Asoka's policy of Dhamma.
15. Examine the nature of Harappan state.
16. Write on the political structure of Mahajanapadas.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

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HIS 1C 02—PRE-MODERN KERALA : PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES

(2019 Admission onwards)

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

**Time : 20 Minutes**

**Total No. of Questions : 20**

**Maximum : 5 Weightage**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

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## HIS 1C 02—PRE-MODERN KERALA : PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. Athula was the court poet of :
 

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| (A) Srikantha.   | (B) Sreerama.  |
| (C) Manavikrama. | (D) Ravivarma. |
2. *Rajatarangini* written by Kalhana deals with the history of :
 

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Kerala.  | (B) Ezhimala Kingdom. |
| (C) Kashmir. | (D) Tamilakam.        |
3. Which of the following was/were the indigenous coins of Kerala ?
 

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| (A) Dinaram. | (B) Pazhankasu.    |
| (C) Kashu.   | (D) All the above. |
4. Who was Mar Saphir Eso ?
 

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| (A) A merchant from Arabia.                              | (B) Ancient traveller. |
| (C) A Jew who established Tharisapaili church in Kollam. | (D) Ruler of Portugal. |
5. Which of the statements is/are true regarding *Iravikutty Pillai Pattu* ?
 

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| (A) Belongs to Southern Ballads.                                  | (B) Its hero is Iravikutty Pillai. |
| (C) Iravikutty Pillai was the minister to the King of Travancore. | (D) All the above.                 |
6. Which ancient text mentions Kerala's links to the Kurukshetra war ?
 

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) Keralolpathi. | (B) Mushikavamsa Kavya. |
| (C) Ramayana.     | (D) Mahabharata.        |
7. *Akananuru* deals with :
 

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| (A) Administration.   | (B) Warcraft. |
| (C) Love and romance. | (D) Trade.    |

8. Who wrote *Silappathikaram* ?
- (A) Tolkapiyar. (B) Ilango Adikal.  
(C) Nanthanar. (D) Nammalavar.
9. Who wrote *Tolkapiyam* ?
- (A) Nanthanar. (B) Ilango Adikal.  
(C) Tolkapiyar. (D) Thiruvalluvar.
10. The author of *Perumal-Thirumozhi* is :
- (A) Ilango Adikal. (B) Kulasekhara Alwar.  
(C) Sathanar. (D) Nanthanar.
11. Epigraphy is the study of :
- (A) Fossil. (B) Pottery.  
(C) Coins. (D) Incriptions.
12. The Thrikkodithanam stone inscriptions belong to :
- (A) 11<sup>th</sup> century A.D. (B) 10<sup>th</sup> century A.D.  
(C) 13<sup>th</sup> century A.D. (D) 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D.
13. The Syrian Copper plate (Viraraghava Pattayam) issued by :
- (A) Ayyan Atikal. (B) Vikramadithya Varaguna.  
(C) Bhaskararavi. (D) Viraraghava, of Perumpadappu.
14. *Kudiyars* were :
- (A) Bonded Service classes. (B) Settled tenant Cultivator.  
(C) Land owners and temple trustees. (D) Rulers.
15. The obligations of the tenants were determined by :
- (A) Mariyadai. (B) Janmi.  
(C) Uralar. (D) King.

16. Who was the first ruler of Venad who ascended the throne according to the matrilineal system of succession ?
- (A) Vira Udaya Mathanda Varma. (B) Ayyan Atikal Tiruvatikal.  
(C) Govardhana Marthanda. (D) Sri Vallabhakotha.
17. The Malayalam work *Unnunili Sandesam* contains the earliest reference to :
- (A) Koodiyattam. (B) Kathakali.  
(C) Padhakom. (D) Theyyam.
18. Author of *Vasumitra-Manavikrama* ?
- (A) Kakkasseri. (B) Chennos Nampudiri.  
(C) Uddhanda Sastrikal. (D) Poonthanam.
19. Who annexed Goa to Portuguese in 1510 ?
- (A) Alfonso de Albuquerque. (B) Francisco de Almeida.  
(C) Pedro Alvariz Cabral (D) Vasco da Gama.
20. *Karyakkars* were :
- (A) Local rulers. (B) Army men.  
(C) Teachers. (D) Tax collectors.



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HIS1C02—PRE-MODERN KERALA : PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES

(2019 Admission onwards)

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Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

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**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage.*

1. Examine archaeology as a source in the writing of the history of Kerala.
2. Attempt a critical evaluation of the historical consciousness in Pre-modern Kerala.
3. Examine the origin of Caste hierarchy in early Kerala society.
4. Sketch the process of state formation in Travancore and Cochin.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

5. Analyse the Cheraman Perumal legend and examine its historicity.
6. Evaluate the use of *Granthavaris* as a source for pre-modern history.

**Turn over**

7. Discuss the importance of oral tradition in reconstructing the historical past of Kerala.
8. Bring out the importance of Brahmin settlements in the agrarian expansion of Kerala.
9. Assess the role of *nagarams* and *angadis* in the promotion of internal trade.
10. Discuss the process of formation of Malayali identity.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Section C (Very Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

11. Identify *Muhakavasakavya* as a historical narrative.
12. Outline the salient aspects of the material culture of the megalithic people in Kerala.
13. Write on the different forms of exchanges that existed during the period of clans and chiefdoms.
14. Consider Pattanam as a trade settlement of Kerala coast.
15. Examine the political structure of Swarupams.
16. Assess the debate over the nature of state under the Perumals.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

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HIS 1C 01—METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(2019 Admission onwards)

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

**Time : 20 Minutes****Total No. of Questions : 20****Weightage : 5****INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. Who is considered father of objectivity ?
  - (A) Toynbee.
  - (B) Rousseau.
  - (C) Voltaire.
  - (D) Ranke.
2. Which is the method of determine the authenticity of data ?
  - (A) External criticism.
  - (B) Internal criticism.
  - (C) Interview.
  - (D) Observation.
3. The visual representation of data is called :
  - (A) Charts.
  - (B) Tables.
  - (C) Index.
  - (D) Maps.
4. The study of history is the study of causes says :
  - (A) E.H. Carr.
  - (B) Winston Churchil.
  - (C) J.B. Bury.
  - (D) Golman.
5. Concept of two types :
  - (A) Abstract and Coherent.
  - (B) Concrete and Coherent.
  - (C) Abstract and concrete.
  - (D) None of the above.
6. The first step survey is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a problem.
  - (A) Application.
  - (B) Rejection.
  - (C) Selection.
  - (D) Planning.
7. Post modernists typically argue that :
  - (A) "Universalists" narratives which attempt to explain the world are invariably false.
  - (B) The world is socially constructed in a variety of ways.
  - (C) Differences of viewpoint should be celebrated not deplored.
  - (D) All of the above.

8. Action research means :
- (A) A longitudinal research.
  - (B) An applied research.
  - (C) A research initiated to solve an immediate problem.
  - (D) A research with socio economic objectives.
9. Informal self education is possible in what kind of library :
- (A) National Library.
  - (B) Public Library.
  - (C) Specific Library.
  - (D) College study.
10. Information is :
- (A) Raw data.
  - (B) Processed data.
  - (C) Input data.
  - (D) Organised data.
11. "Controlled group" is a term used in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Survey research.
  - (B) Historical research.
  - (C) Experimental Research.
  - (D) Descriptive research.
12. Whether library is a system ?
- (A) Yes, it has various sections as sub-systems c-ordinating each other forming each other forming a system.
  - (B) No, it cannot be a system.
  - (C) It is quite impossible.
  - (D) Library is a separate from a system.
13. Hypothesis is which explain relationship between two variables is :
- (A) Causal.
  - (B) Relational.
  - (C) Descriptive.
  - (D) Tentative.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is a source of Hypothesis.
- (A) Institution.
  - (B) Knowledge.
  - (C) Energy.
  - (D) Survey.

15. Source of data collected and compiled by others is called :
- (A) Primary. (B) Secondary.  
(C) Primary and Secondary. (D) None of the above.
16. Good research is always \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Slow. (B) Fast.  
(C) Narrow. (D) Systematic.
17. Which of the following is an example of primary data ?
- (A) Book. (B) Journal.  
(C) Newspaper. (D) Census report.
18. A Research which follows case study material is called :
- (A) Clinical or diagnostics. (B) Causal.  
(C) Analytical. (D) Qualitative.
19. Third step in problem formulation is :
- (A) Statement of the problem.  
(B) Understanding the nature of the problem.  
(C) Survey the available literature.  
(D) Discussion.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ is called publication in a Research journal.
- (A) Guide. (B) Popular report.  
(C) Research article. (D) Format.

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HIS 1C 01—METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(2019 Admission onwards)

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**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 5 weightage*

1. Illustrate your answer regarding the importance of Footnote, Bibliography, Appendices, and Index in history writing
2. What is Oral history? Critically examine the achievements of oral history in the reconstruction of new Social history.
3. Explain Louise Gottschalks' Six-fold classification of generalization in history.
4. Critically examine the different aspects of analytical operation in history research.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 3 weightage.*

5. What is hypothesis? Explain the significance of hypothesis in history research.
6. Explain the factors to be considered in the selection of a research topic.
7. How do you prepare a good synopsis for history research ?
8. Explain the impact of post modernism on historical research.
9. Discuss the various methods of data collection in history research.
10. Can historians be impartial ? Explain.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Section C (Very Short Essays)**

*Answer any four questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage*

11. What is a research monograph ?
12. Distinguish between text and context.
13. List out the advantages of a good questionnaire in history research.
14. What is Exposition ? List out different elements of exposition.
15. Distinguish between Heuristics and Hermeneutics.
16. What is field work in history ?

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)



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HIS 1C 04—EARLY BRONZE AND IRON AGE CIVILISATIONS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Describe the Bronze Age Civilization in China.
2. Comment on the nature of Government during Egyptian Civilization.
3. Bring out the significance of Incas Civilization in Latin America.
4. Explain the salient features of Greek Civilization.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five questions from the following.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Give an account of Rosetta stone and Hieroglyphics script.
6. Assess the contribution of Chin dynasty.
7. Point out the intellectual achievements of Mayans.
8. Examine the development of Democracy in Greece.
9. Write a note on *Mummy*.
10. Briefly describe the early human settlements in China.
11. Review the growth of the concept *History* in Greece.
12. Comment on the *Religious Revolution* in Egypt.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Evaluate the perspective on Early Indian History in the recent writings with special reference to Marxist interpretation and Interdisciplinary approaches.
2. Discuss how did Harappans maintain trade relations with distant lands ?
3. Examine the various interpretations of Mauryan state.
4. Describe the factors leading to the conceptualization of Dhamma and state its significance in the newly emerging socio-economic conditions of 3<sup>rd</sup> century B. C.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five questions from the following.*

*Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Examine the political structure of Mahajanapadas.
6. Critically assess AMP.
7. What is Oriental Despotism ?
8. Sketch the different interpretations on Aryan problem.
9. What is Bali and Bhaga, Dana and Dakshina ? How it influenced the social formation of the Vedic society as a part of power structure.
10. Discuss Kautilya's view on Saptanga theory of state.
11. Account on how James Mill periodised Indian History ? What effects did it create on the understanding of Indian History ?
12. Elaborate the process of transition from lineage to state in the Vedic period.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Essays)***Answer any two questions out of the following four.**Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Critically evaluate the significance of archaeological sources for the reconstruction of Kerala history.
2. Give an estimate of the overland trade relations in pre-modern Kerala.
3. Examine the process of social formation in Kerala during the early historic period.
4. Analyse the social and economic changes caused by the Brahmin migration to Kerala.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Section B (Short Essays)***Answer any five questions out of the following eight.**Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. Examine the origin of historical consciousness in Kerala.
6. Illustrate the features of early Iron Age society in Kerala.
7. Scrutinise the relations between *Jati* system and social stratification in Kerala.
8. Assess the nature of political structure under the *Perumals*.
9. Discuss the emergence of *Naduvazhi Swaroopams*.
10. Analyse the significance of oral traditions as source of history.
11. Trace the origin of Kerala as a linguistic and cultural identity.
12. Observe the transformations caused by the use of money as a value of exchange in pre-modern Kerala.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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HIS 1 C01—METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions from the following.  
Each question carries 20 marks.*

1. Distinguish Heuristics and Hermeneutics and establish the various processes which enable the scholar to identify reliable documents in the process of research.
2. Examine the different types of sources for the reconstruction of the past.
3. Assess the impact of Postmodernism on the theory and methodology of History.
4. Elaborate the method of Citation in a research monograph.

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

**Section B (Short Essays)**

*Answer any five questions from the following.  
Each question carries 8 marks.*

5. What is Plagiarism ? How can the researchers prevent it ?
6. Critically discuss the significance of Hypothesis in historical research.
7. What is Synthesis and what stage it occurs in research in History ?
8. Analyze the importance of Generalization in Historical Method.
9. Discuss the relevance of Card System in research.
10. What is the purpose of Appendix ?
11. Examine the importance of objectivity in Historical writing.
12. How far semiotics and study of symbols helps the researcher in History ?

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)