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First Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E.-Supplementary)
Examination, November 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN HISTORY
1B01HIS : History of India – I : Pre-Historic Times to C. 200 CE

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

Instruction : Answers may be **written** either in **English** or **Malayalam**

PART – A
(Short Notes)

Write short notes on the following **eight** topics in around **30** words. **Each** question carries **1** mark.

1. Asoka's Dhamma.
2. Varna and Jati.
3. Oligarchy.
4. *Ettuthokai*.
5. PGW culture.
6. *Topikkallu*.
7. Iron age.
8. Neolithic Revolution.

(8×1=8)

PART – B
(Short Essay)

Answer **any five** out of eight questions in around **200** words. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

9. Delineate the features of Town planning in Mohenjodaro.
10. Discuss the emergence and growth of Varna system.

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11. Comment on the teachings and principles of Jainism.
12. Write a note on maritime trade and important ports of early Tamilakam.
13. Examine the political institutions of Early Vedic period.
14. Explain the process of state formation as seen in Mahajanapadas.
15. Comment on the nature of Indus Script.
16. Analyse the nature of Mauryan administration. **(5×3=15)**

PART – C
(Map Illustration)

17. Mark the following places on the outline map provided.
 - a) Kaverippattanam
 - b) Madurai
 - c) Taxila
 - d) Broach
 - e) Rajagriha

(1×5=5)

PART – D
(Essay)

Answer **any two** out of four questions in around **400** words. **Each** question carries **6** marks.

18. Evaluate the background of the rise of heterodox sects like Buddhism and Jainism in India.
19. Write an essay on the decline of Harappan Civilization.
20. Evaluate the causes responsible for the decline of the Mauryas.
21. Discuss the polity and governance of Muventars of Tamilakam. **(2×6=12)**

