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**I Semester M.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Reg./Supple./Imp.)
Examination, October 2025
(2023 Admission Onwards)
HISTORY
MAHIS01C03 : Themes and Debates in Early Indian History**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

**SECTION – A
(Essay Type Questions)**

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Analyse the evolution of historiography on Early India. In what ways did nationalist and Marxist historians challenge the Western interpretations ?
2. Critically evaluate the Aryan problem in Indian history. How do the invasion, migration and genomic hypotheses differ in their explanations ?
3. Examine the material conditions that led to the rise of Buddhism and Jainism.
4. Discuss the concept of kingship and the nature of the state under the Guptas. (2×10=20)

**SECTION – B
(Short Essay Type Questions)**

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

5. How did people in ancient India perceive and record their past ?
6. What do you know about Mahajanapadas ?
7. Describe the Harappan script and writing system.
8. Analyse the nature of the Mauryan State.

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9. Describe the political developments and administrative systems of the post-Mauryas polities.
10. Discuss the debate on Indian feudalism with reference to the interpretations of R. S. Sharma, D. D. Kosambi and B. N. S. Yadava.
11. Analyse the growth of temple based Bhakti traditions with special reference to the Alwars and Nayanars in South India. (5×5=25)

SECTION – C
(Paragraph Type Questions)

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

12. *Cultural Pasts.*
 13. Externalised history.
 14. Harappan town planning.
 15. Painted Grey Ware Culture.
 16. *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas.*
 17. Kujula Kadphises.
 18. Chandragupta II.
 19. South Indian feudalism. (5×3=15)
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