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Second Semester M.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Reg./Supple./Imp.)
Examination, April 2026
(2023 Admission Onwards)

HISTORY

MAHIS02C07 : State and Society in Medieval India

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION – A
(Essays)

Answer **any two** questions.

(2×10=20)

1. Discuss the Chola and Vijayanagara State debate regarding their centralized or segmentary nature.
2. Explain the Agrarian System of Mughal India and the factors leading to agrarian expansion.
3. Describe the evolution of Military technology in Medieval India, focusing on gunpowder and weaponry.
4. Examine the Sufi movement and its contribution to the development of a syncretic culture in India.

SECTION – B
(Short Essays)

Answer **any five** questions.

(5×5=25)

5. How did colonial historians portray the Medieval Indian economy as “stagnant” ?
6. Discuss the revenue assessment systems used by the Mughal administration.
7. What were the social distancing practices related to the caste system in medieval times ?
8. Discuss the Kingship theory of the Delhi Sultans.

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9. What was the role of the nobility in the stability of the Sultanate ?
10. Describe the culinary practices and food culture of the Mughal Court.
11. Explain the concept of “Total History” in the context of medieval India.

SECTION – C

Answer **any five** in the following in **one** paragraph.

(5×3=15)

12. Define Jizya.
13. Shaivism.
14. Guru Nanak.
15. Rahat.
16. Define the “Segmentary State” theory.
17. What is Sulh-i-kul ?
18. Name a famous Sufi Saint of the Chisti order.
19. What is Khalisa land ?