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# ST MARY'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRISSUR-20

**I SEMESTER (CBCSS - PG) DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 2025**
**(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)**
**M. A. History**
**HIS1C02 : Pre-Modern Kerala: Problems and Perspectives**
**2024 Admission Onwards**

**Time:3 Hours** **Maximum Weightage:30**

***Answers can be written either in English or Malayalam***

## Part A

*Short answer type questions. Answer **any four**. Weightage **2** for each.*
***(4x2 = 8 Weightage)***

1. Give the interpretations on Parasurama Legend.
2. State the significance of *Manipravalam* Literature.
3. Trace out the historicity of *Chengannurati Paattu.*
4. What does the term "Physiological classification" refer to in the context of early Kerala geography?
5. Analyse the role of *Nagarams* and *Angadis* in the pre-modern Kerala society.
6. Analyse the work *'Perumals of Kerala'* by MGS Narayanan.
7. Sketch the existence of caste oppression in the Kerala society.

## PART B

*Short essay-type questions. Answer **any four**. Weightage **3** for each.*
***(4x3 = 12 Weightage)***

8. Explain how Arabic texts like *Tuhfat-ul-Mujahiddin* contribute to the understanding of Malabar's social life.
9. Elucidate how the archaeological sources help to create historical consciousness about Pre-modern Kerala.
10. Analyse the Cheraman Perumal legend and examine its historicity.
11. Infer the long-term impact of Kerala's trade with Arabs and Chinese in its cultural landscape.
12. Analyze the political and religious implications of the privileges granted in the Tarisappalli Copper Plates.

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13. Sketch the Brahmanical hegemony and landlord -tenant relations of Chera Empire.
14. Evaluate the process of Jati formation in the pre-modern Kerala.

## PART C

*Essay-type questions. Answer **any two**. Weightage **5** for each.*
***(2x5 = 10 Weightage)***

15. How can Indo-Roman coinage be used to study Kerala's role in early global trade?
16. Compare the power dynamics existed between local chieftains and Brahmin settlements.
17. Examine the statement that "Perumal Society was a temple-oriented Society".
18. Sketch the process of state formation in Travancore and Cochin.

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