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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2012**

**(CUCSS)**

**History**

**C4—WRITING KERALA HISTORY—HISTORIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES**

**(2010 Admissions)**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weightage : 36

**Section I**

*Paragraph Type.*

*Answer the following questions.*

1. **Historicity of St, Thomas** legend.
2. **Granthavaris** as sources for Kerala history.
3. Significance of Buchanan's writings.
4. Characteristic features of inscriptions of Kerala.

(4 x 2 = 8 weightage)

**Section II**

*Short Essay Type.*

*Answer any **five** of the following.*

- 5 Discuss the significance of **Parasurama** legend in shaping an understanding of Kerala's past.
6. Point out the relevance of Manuals and **Gazetters** in Kerala history.
7. Explain the Colonial initiatives in the search for primary sources.
8. To what extent numismatics helps us to reconstruct the history of Kerala ?
9. Evaluate **Granthavari** as a source in pre—modern Kerala history.
10. To what extent **Padmanabha Menon's** writings represent a shift in Kerala historiography ?
11. Discuss the findings of **Pattanam** excavation.

(5 x 4 = 20 weightage)

**Section III**

*Essay.*

*Answer any **one** of the following.*

12. Attempt a critical evaluation of the Tamil and Sanskrit literary sources of Kerala history.
13. Trace the historiography of Kerala from **Pachu Muthathu** up to the middle of the 20th Century.

(1 x 8 = 8 weightage)