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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
JANUARY 2014**

(CCSS)

History

HIS CSS IC 102 – WRITING KERALA HISTORY – HISTORIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weigh age

Part A (Short Answer Type)

Answer **all** questions.

Weightage for each question is 1.

1. Cheraman Perumal legend.
2. Manuals.
3. Tamil heroic poetry.
4. Jewish Copper Plate.
5. Archival sources.
6. **K.V. Krishna Iyer.**
7. Barbosa.
8. **Edakkal Engravings.**
9. **Puthooram Pattukal.**
10. **Gundert.**
11. **Granthavaris.**
12. Ethnography.
13. **Aula.**
14. **Ramavarma** Research Institute.

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

Part B (Paragraph Type)

Answer any **seven** questions.

Weightage for each question is 2.

15. Give an account of the debate on the nature of **Chera** state.
16. Point out the significance of Travancore Archeological Series.

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17. Evaluate the nature of the 'early histories' of Travancore.
18. Critically examine the comment on *Keralaolpathi* as a "ferrago of legendary-nonsense."
19. Historical significance of *Tuhfat-ul Mujahiddin*.
20. Explain the colonial initiative in the search for primary sources.
21. Comment on the notices of the institution of *Changatham* in the Vanjeri Granthavari.
22. Write on the reports of *Porkalam* and *Mangad* Excavations.
23. Assess *Manipravalam* literature as a source of Kerala history.
24. Examine the importance of language and literature on the historical studies on Kerala.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weightage for each question is 4.

25. The discovery of new categories of source materials in the 19th and 20th centuries had revolutionized our knowledge of Kerala history.' Evaluate.
26. Discuss the nature of medieval Malabar society as reflected in the Oral traditions.
27. Do you agree that the writings of K.P. Padmanabha Menon represent a paradigm shift in Kerala historiography? Substantiate your argument.
28. Evaluate the emerging trends in Kerala historiography.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)