

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE, (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600086
B.A. DEGREE: BRANCH – 1 A – HISTORY AND TOURISM
(For students admitted in the academic year 2019 – 20 & thereafter)
END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2021

Code: 19HS/AC/TN15

Time: 3 hours

Title: HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU UP TO THE 19TH CENTURY

Max. marks: 100

Section A

All questions to be answered in 50 words each.

(10 × 4 = 40 marks)

1. Explain one way in which ancient coins can be dated.
2. Describe two foreign sources for the study of history of Tamil Nadu.
3. Describe any one way in which the Pallava architecture was distinct from older forms of architecture.
4. What do you think is the greatest achievement of the Cholas?
5. What were the main Nayak principalities in Tamil Nadu? Who were their founders?
6. When was the Vijayanagar Kingdom founded? Very briefly, describe the political situation in southern India which led to its setting up.
7. Give examples of the impact of Buddhism on the literature of Tamil Nadu.
8. Why are the Sittanavasal Caves considered important?
9. Highlight one important reason for the defeat of the Poligars in the conflict with the British East India Company.
10. Write a note on early political associations in Tamil Nadu.

Section B

Answer any FIVE of the following in 250 words each.

(5 × 8 = 40 marks)

11. Write a note on Sangam Literature as a source of history.
12. Briefly describe prehistory in Tamil Nadu and the evidence we have for this.
13. Discuss the important rulers among the Pandiyas and the achievements of their dynasty.
14. Describe the cultural achievements of the Nayak period.
15. Evaluate the achievements of the Vijayanagar period.
16. How do we know that Buddhism and Jainism existed in ancient Tamil Nadu? Outline their histories and the possible causes for their decline.
17. Write a note on the Vellore Mutiny.

Section C

Answer any one of following in 1000 words.

(1 × 20 = 20 marks)

18. Outline the history of the Bhakti Movement and assess its impact.
19. Describe the architectural history of the Cholas and their important achievements in this field.
20. What are the different kinds of sources for the history of Tamil Nadu. Compare and contrast their value as sources of history.
