

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2020.

FOURTH SEMESTER

History and Archaeology

Paper III – EPIGRAPHY AND NUMISMATICS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

PART A — (5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 1 page.

1. Characteristics of Brahmi Script.
2. Writing Materials.
3. Kallamalla Inscription.
4. Rameswaram Inscription.
5. Coins of Janapadas.
6. Punch Marked Coins.
7. Ikshvaku Coins.
8. Legends on Kakatiya Coins.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Trace the Origin and Antiquity of writing in India.

Or

10. Discuss the Typology of the Inscriptions and their historical significance.

11. Explain the Historical Value of the Hathigumpha Inscription.

Or

12. Analyse the Content of the Aihole Inscription.

13. Discuss the importance of Numismatics in the reconstruction of Economic & Religious History.

Or

14. Write a note on the significance of Symbols on the coins of Ancient India.

15. Discuss the different Coins issued by the Satavahanas.

Or

16. Write an essay on the Vijayanagara Coins.

