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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE [REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY]
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS3E02—PERSPECTIVES AND DEBATES ON EARLY TAMILAKAM

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

*Answers can be written **either** in English or Malayalam.
Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.*

Section A (Short Answer Type)*Answer any **four** questions.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Evaluate the findings from Pattanam excavations.
2. Write a note on menhir.
3. What is the content of Tirunatharkunru inscription ?
4. What is vattezhuttu ? Explain.
5. Write a note on Kamil Zvelebil.
6. Write about Arikamedu.
7. What is a porthole ?

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essay /Problem Solving Type)*Answer any **four** questions.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Discuss the significance of the megalithic graffiti.
9. Critically evaluate the urban developments in early Tamizhagam.

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10. Trace the influences of Jainism in early Tamizhagam ?
11. Critically analyse the content of the early Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions.
12. Bring out the debates on *Silappatikaram*.
13. What are the influences of Vedic religion in early Tamil society ?
14. Explain the nature of megaliths.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Section C (Essays)

Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Examine the various interpretations on the early social formations in South India.
16. Bring out the importance of *aintinai* concept and its ecopoetics.
17. Discuss the various theories on the origin of Brahmi script.
18. Discuss the nature of the Indo-Roman trade and the views of various scholars.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)