

(For candidates admitted from 2022 - 2023 onwards)

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023.

Visual Communication - Elective

TAMIL SOCIETY, HISTORY AND POLITICS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

SECTION -A (20Marks)

Answer ALL the questions

I (A) Choose the correct answer. (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

1. What was the language used in the Sangam literature?  
A) Tamil  
B) Sanskrit  
C) Telugu  
D) Kannada
2. Which of the following was a famous temple built during the Pallava period?  
A) Brihadeeswara temple  
B) Meenakshi temple  
C) Shore temple  
D) Kailash temple
3. The Pandya upsurge period saw the development of which famous temple in Madurai?  
a. Meenakshi Amman Temple  
b. Brihadeeswarar Temple  
c. Shore Temple  
d. Airavatesvara Temple
4. In which century did the Ramalinga Vallalar movement emerge in Tamil Nadu?  
a. 16<sup>th</sup> century  
b. 18<sup>th</sup> century  
c. 19<sup>th</sup> century  
d. 20<sup>th</sup> century
5. Who founded the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) political party in Tamil Nadu?  
a. M. G. Ramachandran  
b. C. N. Annadurai  
c. J. Jayalalithaa  
d. K. Kamaraj

(B) Fill in the blanks (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a landscape that is characterized by forests and is associated with pastoral life, cattle rearing, and hunting.
7. The Cholas were the first dynasty in South India to issue \_\_\_\_\_ inscriptions.

8. Thiruvalluvar is the author of the famous Tamil literary work called \_\_\_\_\_, which is a collection of aphorisms on ethics and morality.
9. The Christian missionaries introduced music to Tamil Nadu, which led to the development of a new form of Tamil music known as \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Self-Respect Movement, initiated by \_\_\_\_\_ in 1925, played an important role in the Dalit movement in Tamil Nadu.

**II. Answer the following questions: ( 5 x 2 = 10 )**

11. What are the main characteristics of Paalai Thinai?
12. What religious structures did Pallavas build?
13. Who were the Sangam poets and what did they write about?
14. What was the impact of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Tamil literature on society?
15. What was the role of Periyar in the Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu?

**PART - B - (5 x 5 = 25)**

**Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)**

16. (a) How did trade and commerce influence the political and social life of the Sangam period?  
Or  
(b) What was the role of agriculture in the economy of ancient Tamil society?
17. (a) What were the key achievements and contributions of Rajendra Chola?  
Or  
(b) What was the role of sculpture and art in Pallava architecture?
18. (a) How did the Tamil Siddhars view the relationship between the human body and the universe?  
Or  
(b) What role did Tamil newspapers and magazines play in the development of Tamil literature?
19. (a) How did the Vallalar movement promote social and political reform in Tamil Nadu?  
Or  
(b) What were the main beliefs of the Vallalar movement?
20. (a) What were the key factors that contributed to the rise of the Marxist movement in Tamil Nadu?  
Or  
(b) How did the Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu contribute to the empowerment of women?

**PART - C ( 3 x 10 = 30 )**

**Answer any THREE questions**

21. How did the geography of ancient Tamil Nadu influence the development of its society and culture? Explain.
22. Who were the Cholas and what were some of their major accomplishments during their rule in South India?
23. Discuss the significance of the Sangam literature in the development of Tamil literature.
24. Write an essay about the role of Christian missionaries play in promoting education and literacy in Tamil Nadu.
25. How has the use of technology improved healthcare delivery in Tamil Nadu? Discuss.

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