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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026

Fourth Semester

M.A. History

M21HS08DE– Maritime History of India

(2023 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Which seasonal wind system facilitated ancient Indian maritime trade?
2. Name one archaeological site of the Indus Valley associated with maritime activity.
3. *Periplus of the Erythraean Sea* is associated with trade between India and which region?
4. Name the Dutch company that came to India for trading.
5. Name any one South Indian dynasty known for maritime ventures.
6. Who were *sarrafis*?
7. What was meant by *Hundi*?
8. Who issued the *Cartaz* passes in the Indian Ocean?
9. Which European power did Kunjali Marakkars resist on the Malabar coast of Kerala?
10. Which European company first challenged Portuguese dominance on the Indian Ocean?
11. Who were referred to as 'Indian Moors' in.
12. Which religion spread to Southeast Asia through maritime routes from India?
13. What does cosmopolitanism mean in the context of port towns colonial writings?
14. Name one major port developed by the British during the colonial period.
15. Who were the *Khalasis*?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Briefly define historiography in the study of India's maritime past.
17. Mention any two literary sources for the study of ancient Indian maritime history.
18. What role did monsoons play in Indian Ocean trade?
19. State two features of maritime trade during the Sangam period.

20. How Indian music was influenced by maritime contacts.
21. Explain the influence of maritime contacts on Indian art.
22. Mention two functions of *sarais* in medieval India.
23. Write a note on Anjuvannam and Manigramam.
24. What is meant by Latinization in coastal India?
25. Mention two impacts of maritime trade on Indian agriculture.

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. Write a note on investments by Mughal rulers on maritime Industries.
27. Explain the Maratha resistance in the naval field.
28. Discuss the influence of maritime contact on Indian languages.
29. Explain the process of 'cosmopolitanism' as a result of maritime relations.
30. Explain the role of ports and coastal towns in India's maritime network.
31. Assess the contributions of the Delhi Sultanate to oceanic trade.
32. Discuss the resistance of the Kunjali Marakkars against Imperialism.
33. Explain the Orientalist perception of Indian seafaring communities.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Critically analyse the historiography of India's maritime past with reference to literary and archaeological sources.
35. Discuss India's maritime relations with the Middle East and the Far East during the ancient period.
36. Examine the trade networks and institutions that supported maritime commerce in medieval India.
37. Analyse the impact of the Portuguese arrival on Indian Ocean trade and coastal societies.
38. Trace the transition from trade to territorial control by European companies in India.
39. Evaluate the economic, social, and cultural impacts of maritime contacts on Indian society.

(10X3=30)