

**QP CODE**

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**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026**  
**Fourth Semester**  
**M.A. History**  
**M21HS02SC – Archival Studies**  
**(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. The Kerala State Archives Department was established in the year.....
2. Differentiate physical archives and digital archives.
3. Discuss the difference between preservation and conservation in archives.
4. What is hieroglyphic script?
5. What do you mean by the term *Appraisal* in archival management?
6. Mention any two private archives in India.
7. Expand the term DAM in the archive management system.
8. Explain Digital India Programme.
9. Delineate the challenges faced by Indian archivists in preserving the records.
10. What are microfilms.
11. Explain fumigation.
12. Explain the term reprography.
13. Mention any two archival legislations in India.
14. Name the regional archives in Kerala.
15. What is meant by Deacidification?

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

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

16. What is meant by Respect des fonds?
17. Critically analyses the merits and demerits of digitalization of archives.
18. Briefly describe preservation policies and their importance in archival institutions.
19. Delineate major functions of an archive.

20. Examine the similarities between an archive and library.
21. Examine the methods used for conservation.
22. What are the importance of Asokan pillars in the history of Indian archival system.
23. Write a short note on Vatican records.
24. Make a note on *Churunas* and *Grandhas*.
25. Explain the chemical deterioration of an archival record.

(2X5=10)

### Section C

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

26. "Archives are the custodian of collective memory". Explain.
27. Write a note on evolution of Archives.
28. Explain Appraisal.
29. Make a note on Indian laws in archival management.
30. Make a note on archival keeping system in medieval India.
31. Explain the significance of Prime Ministers' Museum and Library in Delhi.
32. Write about the public archives.
33. Analyse the role of the Indian Historical Records Commission in safeguarding archival record heritage in India.

(4X5=20)

### Section D

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

34. Write an essay on the Archives in India.
35. Describe the different kinds of archival Records.
36. Make an essay on film Digitisation in Archival Preservation.
37. Analyse the preventive measures followed in an archive.
38. Assess the role of UNESCO in promoting archival system.
39. Discuss the general rule for the Repair of Records.

(10X3=30)