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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026

HISTORY – II SEMESTER BA (Repeaters)

24UBA23A – HISTORY OF KARNATAKA

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer should be written completely in English.

SECTION - A

Answer any four questions. Each question carries five marks.

(4X5=20)

1. Who were the Kadambas? Where did they rule and who was their founder?
2. What is the Gomateshwara statue at Shravanabelagola? Who built it and in which century?
3. What is the Kailasa Temple at Ellora? Who built it and what is its connection to Karnataka history?
4. 'The fall of the Western Chalukyas of Kalyani paved the way for the rise of the Hoysalas and the Kalachuris.' Examine this statement critically.
5. Who was Harihara I? What role did he play in the founding of the Vijayanagara Empire?
6. What is meant by Veerashaiva movement.

SECTION - B

Answer any two questions. Each question carries ten marks.

(2X10=20)

7. What is the Talagunda inscription? What information does it provide about the Kadambas?
8. Describe the cave temples of Badami. What religious traditions do they represent and what is their artistic significance?
9. Bring out the significant pre-historic sites in Karnataka.
10. Analyze the political and military history of the Western Chalukyas of Kalyani. How did they differ from the Badami Chalukyas?

SECTION - C

Answer any two questions. Each question carries fifteen marks.

(2X15=30)

11. What were the main features of the social structure of the Chalukya period? What was the role of caste and guilds?
12. Critically analyze the foreign accounts of the Vijayanagara Empire. What do travellers like Abdur Razzaq and Domingo Paes reveal about the empire's prosperity?
13. 'The Vijayanagara Empire was a Hindu bulwark against Muslim expansion in the Deccan.'



- Critically examine this claim with evidence from political, religious, and cultural history.
14. Critically analyze the political significance of the Battle of Talikota (1565) and its immediate aftermath for Karnataka.

SECTION - D

Answer any one questions. Each question carries fifteen marks.

(1X10=10)

15. Mark the important cities on the map provided and write few lines about it: Goa, Bhatkal, Mangalore, Honavar, Berar.
16. 16. On the outline map of Karnataka provided, mark and identify the following rivers and geographical features important to Karnataka's historical geography.

