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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026

HISTORY – II SEMESTER BA

25UBA23A – 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. What is the Halmidi inscription? Why is it important in the history of the Kannada language?
2. Bring out the major rock-cut cave temples of Badami. What do they reveal about Chalukya religion and art?
3. 'The Hoysala period was the golden age of Kannada literature and temple architecture.' Critically evaluate this claim.
4. Who were the Western Gangas?
5. What were major trading commodities of Vijayanagara Empire.
6. Analyze the social conditions, caste structure, and status of women during the Hoysala and Vijayanagara periods based on inscriptional and literary evidence.

SECTION - B

Answer any two questions. Each question carries ten marks.

(2X10=20)

7. What are the major features of the Badami Chalukyas' external relations with the Pallavas, Cholas, and other powers.
8. Describe the political history of the Vijayanagara Empire from the Sangama dynasty to the Tuluva dynasty. How did each dynasty consolidate and expand the empire?
9. Who were the Nayakas in the Vijayanagara administrative system? What functions did they perform?
10. What are the significant Asokan edicts found in Karnataka and where are they located?

SECTION - C

Answer any two questions. Each question carries fifteen marks.

(2X15=30)

11. Critically analyze the foreign accounts of the Vijayanagara Empire. What do travellers like Abdur Razzaq and Domingo Paes reveal about the empire's prosperity?



12. Examine the condition of women in Vijayanagar Empire.
13. Point out the significant socio-economic revolt.
14. Examine the Hoysala dynasty from its foundation to Veera Ballala III, covering political history, important rulers, and decline.

SECTION - D

Answer any one of the map questions. The question carries ten marks.

(1X10=10)

15. Mark the important cities on the map provided and write a few lines about it: Konkan Coast, Surat, Penukonda, Tirupati.
16. On the outline Map of Karnataka provided, mark any five locations associated with the pre-historic sites and write a few lines about it.

