

M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2015

HISTORY

Special Paper : Economic History (Gr.-C)

Course - C1

Maritime History (1500-1600)

Time : Three Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer **any three** Questions.

1. Discuss the salient features of the trading pattern in the Indian Ocean prior to the arrival of the Portuguese in India.
 2. Comment on the organization of the Portuguese trade in the sixteenth century, with a brief mention of the new practices introduced by them in the Indian Oceanic trade
 3. Examine the response of the Indian merchants and ruling classes towards the Portuguese attempts to monopolize and control the Asian trade.
 4. Account for the causes behind the failure of the Portuguese mechanism of trade control in the Indian Ocean region.
 5. Write a short essay on the Portuguese colonial expansion and its impact on the native population.
 6. Discuss the system of administration and urban life under the Portuguese in Sixteenth century India.
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