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Third Semester FYUGP Degree Examination NOVEMBER 2025

KU3DSCHIS203 - HISTORY OF TRADE AND COMMERCE IN INDIA

2024 Admission onwards

Time : 2 hours Maximum Marks : 70

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 3 marks.

1. What is commerce? How does it differ from trade?
2. What was the state's role in Mauryan commerce?
3. Explain the nature of Portuguese monopoly over spice trade.
4. Define commercialization of agriculture.
5. Explain the role of Surat in early English trade.
6. What were the main Arabian trading settlements in India?
7. What were the principal commodities traded between Arabia and India?
8. Explain the concept of colonial economic exploitation.

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Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. Analyze the importance of Bengal in European trade operations during the early colonial India
10. Explain the impact of transport revolution in agricultural trade.
11. Explain the transition of the English East India Company from a trading entity to a political power
12. Briefly discuss the features of Sultanate trade.
13. Write a note on the Mughal currency system and its impact on trade.
14. Explain the significance of Bengal in the Mughal commercial system.

Section C

Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. British colonialism fundamentally transformed the structure of Indian trade and commerce." Critically analyze this statement with detailed examples.

16. Evaluate the impact of the introduction of railways on trade, commerce, and urbanization in colonial India.

17. Trade was the primary catalyst for urbanisation in ancient India." Critically examine this statement with reference to Harappan and later periods.

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