

**POSTGRADUATE FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2021**

**Subject: History**

**Course Code: HST 403EA (New )**

**Course ID: 40453**

**Course Title: Maritime History: Indian Ocean Trade & the European Trading Companies (1500-1800)**

**Full Marks: 40**

**Time: 2 hours**

**The figures in the margin indicate full marks**

**Answer all the questions.**

**UNIT- I**

**1. Answer *any two* of the following questions: (15×2 = 30)**

- a. Write a brief note on the Portuguese relations with the Mughals & Vijayanagara Empire.
- b. How did the commodity structure of the Indian Ocean trade change from the seventeenth century to the eighteenth century?
- c. Write a brief note on the tripartite struggle between the Portuguese, the Dutch and the English in the seventeenth century.
- d. Discuss the role of Indian merchants in the Indian Ocean trade during your period of study.

**UNIT- II**

**2. Answer *any two* of the following questions: (5×2 = 10)**

- a. How did the Portuguese use the *Cartaz* System to retain their control over Indian Ocean trade?
- b. Write a short note on the importance of Goa as an international trading centre under the Portuguese.
- c. Examine the hypothesis of Van Leur on the early Asian Trade (Peddling trade).
- d. Write a short note on the Portuguese Missionary activities in Bengal.