



University of Gour Banga

Syllabi for

Three Years General Degree Course

(Under 1+1+1 System)

History General

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SYLLABUS in History

History (General)

Part I

Paper I—From Pre Historic Age to Post Mouryan Period

(50 Marks)

Unit I:

- a. Survey of the sources.
- b. Concept of the Neolithic- advent of food production. Neolithic- Chalcolithic cultures.
- c. Harappan Civilization - origin, extent, urban planning—nature of political and economic organization, Economic patterns in north Harappan India, Urban decline and the late Harappan cultures.
- d. Society, polity, economy, culture and religion as reflected in Vedic literature.
- e. Social developments- Varna, jati and occupational categories, marriage and property relations.
- f. Rise of new religious movements in north India. Doctrines and social dimensions of early Buddhism and Jainism.
- g. Rise of territorial States.

- h. The Mouryan Empire: Asoka's Dhamma—its nature and propagations

- i. The Mouryan state administration and economy: Mouryan Art and Architecture.

- j. Post Mauryan period - Sungas, Western Kshatrapas, Satavahanas, Kushana, Chieftaincies, Chera, Chola and Pandyaes in the far south. Urban Growth - Craft production, trade, Coinage.
- k. Post-Mauryan period--social and cultural developments with special reference to the Kushanas and Satavahanas. Kushana (Mathura and Gandhara) art and architecture.

PAPER VIII: THE MAKING OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Suggested Readings:

1. A. J. P, Taylor - The Origins of the Second World War.
2. W. P. Knapp: History of War and Peace.
3. Peter Calvocoressi - Europe since 1939.
4. D. F. Fleming - The Cold War and its Origin.
5. Hebert Feis - Churchill Roosevelt and Stalin.
6. Issac Deutscher - Stalin.
7. S. N, Dhar - International Relations.
8. Hedrick Smith - The New Russians (Random House)
9. Manuel Castells - The Rise of the Network Society, Vol. I., Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 1996. Vol. II. - The Power of Identity. Vol. III - End of Millennium.
10. Andre Gunder Frank - Reorient: Global Economy in the Asian age, Berkeley, University of California.
11. Paul Kennedy - The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers, London, Unwin Hyman, 1988
12. Abu-Lughod, J. L. - Going Beyond Global Babel. In A. D. King (Ed.) Culture Globalization and the World System. London: Macmillan, 1991.
13. A Citizens Guide to the Globalization of Finance - Kavaljit Singh (Madhyam Books)
14. Social Scientist (302-313)
15. Update Series - 2
16. Gettleman (Ed.) Vietnam (Penguin India)
17. Crozier Brien - South East Asia in Turmoil (Penguin)
18. Hall - South East Asia.
19. Carr E. H., Twenty Years Crisis,
20. Thomson, G., Capitalism and After.
21. Schuman, International Politics
22. Laugsham, World since 1.919.

- a. Consolidation and territorial expansion: growth of composite ruling class.
- b. Mughal Empire - 1707 - relations with Rajputs, Sikhs, Deccan Kingdom; Marathas; Persia and Central Asia.
- c. Mughal administration and institutions: administrative structure; land revenue system; mansabdari; and jagirdari.
- d. Bengal: under the Mughals.
- e. Society and economy:
 - i. Agriculture; trade; and commerce.
 - ii. Social classes - ulema; nobility; zamindars; peasantry; artisans; agriculture labour, and slaves.
 - iii. Status of women.
- f. Religion and Culture: religious policies of Akbar and Aurangzeb; revivalist movements; and composite culture.
- g. Decline and disintegration of the Mughal Empire.
- h. Advent of European powers: Portuguese; French; and English

Peninsular India**(Marathas and Tamil Kingdoms)**

- a. Society and economy.
- b. Religion and culture: Bhakti and Sufi movements in the Deccan; Art; Architecture literature; and education.
- c. Emergence of modern Indian languages and literature.

III (GENERAL) : HISTORY OF INDIA 1200-1556 AD**(50 Marks)****Unit 1: Survey of Sources of Medieval Indian History****Unit 2: Early Medieval Period (AD 1200-1556)**

- 2.1. Foundation and consolidation of the Sultanate, causes of the success of the Turks; Iltutmish, Razia, Balban, the Mongols and the Sultanate.
- 2.2. Expansion:-
 - 2.2.1. Khaljis - conquests, administrative and economic reforms.
 - 2.2.2. Tughlaqs - Mohammad bin-Tughlaq, and Feroz Shah Tughlaq.
- 2.3. Fragmentation of the Sultanate and rise of provincial kingdoms:-
 - 2.3.1. Timur's invasion.
 - 2.3.2. Malwa, Gujarat, Bengal, Iltutmish Sahi and Hussain Sahi dynasty. Their significance. Jaunpur and Mewar.
- 2.4. Advent of the Mughals and the Second Afghan Empire.
- 2.5. State and society: political and administrative institutions and ruling classes.
- 2.6. Economic and technological developments: agriculture, industry, trade, commerce; and urban centers.
- 2.7. Religion and culture: Bhakti and Sufi movements; art, architecture; and literature.

Unit 3: Peninsular India

Bahmani ; Vijayanagar

PART II

PAPER VI (GENERAL): HISTORY OF INDIA 1857-1950 AD

(50 Marks)

National Movement

- 1.1 Emergence of organized nationalism,
- 1.2 Political associations and the Indian National Congress: Moderates; Extremists; and Revolutionaries
- 1.3 Emerging communal trends
- 1.4 Constitutional developments up to 1919
- 1.5 Impact of the First World War
- 1.6 Rise of Gandhi and the nature of Gandhian movements
- 1.7 Revolutionary Left Wing movements: peasants' and workers' movements; depressed class movements
- 1.8 Government of India Act. 1935; and Provisional Ministries
- 1.9 Indian Polity (1939-45) and the Quit India Movement
- 1.10 Subhash Chandra Bose. and the Indian National Army
- 1.11 Communal politics and Partition
- 1.12 Princely States
- 2.2 India; 1947-1950:
 - 2.1.1 Integration of the Indian States.
- 2 2. Making of the Constitution
- 2.3 Foreign Policy

PAPER V (GENERAL): HISTORY OF INDIA FROM c AD 1760-1857

(50 Marks)

Unit 1:

- 1.1. Understanding the mid-eighteenth century: political; economic; social; and cultured trends. (This portion should be taught without setting any questions from it)
- 1.2. Expansion and consolidation of British Empire:
 - 1.2.1. Ideologies of expansion: Mercantilism; Orientalism; Utilitarianism and Evangelicalism.
 - 1.2.2. Tools of expansion: war and diplomacy; Bengal, Mysore, Marathas, North East, Rohillas, Awadh, Central India, Sind and Punjab; Subsidiary Alliance; and Doctrine of Lapse.
- 1.3. Economic changes:
 - 1.3.1 Land revenue settlements: permanent settlement, Ryotwari and Mahalwari; condition of peasants; rural indebtedness; and recurrent famines.
 - 1.3.2 Commercialization of agriculture and its effects.
 - 1.3.3. Decline of cottage industries; and de-industrialization.
 - 1.3.4 Nature of colonial economy: rise of modern industry; volume and composition of trade; British fiscal policy; and India's poverty.
- 1.4. Social changes:
 - 1.4.1. Spread of western education,
 - 1.4.2. Rise of professional classes and the emerging intelligentsia.
 - 1.4.3. Growth of press: English; and in Indian languages.
 - 1.4.4 Indian Renaissance.
 - 1.4.5 Socio-Religious movements: Brahma Movement, Prarthana Samaj, Wahabi, Faraizi & New Hindu movements.
 - 1.4.6 Status of Women.
- 1.5 Popular Resistance to Company's Rule:
 - 1.5.1 Peasant and tribal movements.
 - 1.5.2 Revolt of 1857: causes; nature; and results.

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- 1.8 Age of Conservatism.

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Suggested Readings :

Paper I & Paper II

1. Adhya, G. L. · Early Indian Economics (Kolkata, Asia Publishing House, 1960).
2. Allchin, B and Allchin, F. R. · Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan (Delhi, Select Book Service Syndicate, 1983),
- 3..... · Origins of Civilization (Delh, Viking, 1997).
4. Basham, A. L., · The Wonder that was India. (Mumbai Rupa, 1971).
- 5 Brown, Percy. · Indian Architecture, Vol.1 (Mumbai, Taraporevala, 1984)
6. Chakrabarty, D. K. · India: An Archaeological History, Paleolithic Beginnings to Early Historical Foundation (Delhi, OUP, 1999). Now Available in paperback.
7. Chattopadhyaya, D. P., · Indian Philosophy (New Delhi, Popular Publishing House, 8.....Comprehensive History of India Vols 11, Orient Longman 1952, TV Delhi, PPH (1992)
9. Dani, A. H. - Longman, 1952), TV Delhi PPH, 1992).
10. Gopal, L. - Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Pakistan (Paris, UNESCO, 1988).
11. Gupta, P. L. & T. S. Hardekar - Economic History of Northern India, 750-1200 (Varanasi, Motilal Banarasidass, 1965).
12. Gupta, P. L. - Indian Silver Punch marked Coins (Nasik, Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, 1985).
13. Harte, J. C., - Coins: India, the Land and People (New Delhi, NBT, 1969).
14. Hiriyanna, M. - Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent (Harmondsworth, Penguin, 1986).
13. Jha, D. N. & Shrimali K. M. - Essentials of Indian Philosophy (Delhi, Motilal Banarasidas, 1995).
16. Krishna Deva - Prachin Bharat Ka Itihas (Delhi, Hindi Directorate, 1990).
17. Kulke, H. and D. Rothemund - Temples of North India (Delhi, NBT, 1969)
18. Majumdar, R. C. et al., - History of India (London, Rout ledge, 1998)
19. Munshi, V. K. M. & R. R. Diwakar, - History and Culture of the Indian People, Vols. 11, 111, IV and V (Mumbai, Bharatiya Vidya Bhaban Series, 1970, 1979, 1980).
20. Nilkanta Sastri, K. A. - Bharatiya Vidya Bhaban Series - Indian Inheritance, 3 Vols. (Mumbai Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, 1965, 1970).
21. Sharma, R. S., - A History of South India from Pre-historic times to the fall of Vijaynagar Chennai, OUP, 1983).
22. Srinivasan, K. R. - Aspects of Political Ideas and institutions in Ancient India (Delhi, Motilal Banarasidas, 1991).
23. Stein, Burton, - Temples of South India (Delhi, NBT, 1972)
24. Thapar, B. K. · - Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India (Delhi, OUP, 1980).
25. Thapar, Romila · - Recent Archaeological Discoveries in India (Paris, UNESCO, 1985).
26. Ghosal, U. N. · - A History of India, Vol. I (Pelican, 1966, Penguin, Harmondsworth
27. Bose, A. N. · - Agrarian System of Ancient India (Calcutta University).
- - Social and Rural Economy of Northern India in 600 BC - 200AD. (Firma KLM)

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1. Beach Milo Cleveland, Mughal and Rajput Paintings, New Cambridge History of India. I (Delhi, Foundation Books, 1992).
2. Desai, Z. A., Indo-Islamic Architecture (Delhi, Publication Division, 1972).
3. Gordon, Stewart, The Maratha, 1600-1818, The New Cambridge History of India 11.4 (Delhi Foundation Books, 1994).
4. Karashima, N., Towards A New Formation, South Indian Society under Vijayanagar Rule (DeN, OUP, 1992).
5. Kulkarni, A. R., Medieval Maharashtra (Delhi, Books & Books, 1996).

6. Pandey, A. B., Early Medieval India, ed. 2 (Allahabad, Central Book Depot, 1970).
7., Later Medieval India (Allahabad, Central Book Depot, 1967),
8. Richards, John F., Mughal Empire, New Cambridge History of India, 1.5 (Deg Cambridge, 1993)
9. Rizvi, S. A. A., The Wonder that was India, Vol.2, London 1987, 11. 4 (Delhi, Foundation Books, 1993). Reprint Paperback, 1993.
10. Sastri, K. A. N., History of South India (Delhi, OUP, 1975).
11. Satish Chandra, Medieval India, From Sultanate to the Mughals (Delhi, Har Ana Publications, 1997).
12. Stein, Burton, Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India (DeK OUP, 1980).
13. Tripathi, R. P., Rise and Fall of the Mughal Empire (Allahabad, Central Book Depot, 1963)
14. Verma, H. C., Madhya Kalin Bharat 1540-1701, Part 11 (Delhi, Hindi Directorate, 1993).
15., Madhya Kalin Bharat 750-1540, Part I (Delhi, Hindi Directorate, 1983).

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1. Bayly, C. A., Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, The New Cambridge History, of India, Vol, II (Cambridge, 1988).
2. Bhattacharji, Sabhyasachi (trans.) Adhunik Bharat Ka Arthik Itihas 1850-1947 (Delhi, 1990).
3. Bipan Chandra, et. al., India's Struggle for Independence, 1.857-1947, (Delhi, Penguin, 1996).
4. Brass, Paul. The P olitics of India since Independence (Delhi, Foundation Books, 1994).
5. Desai A.R., Social Background of Indian Nationalism (Mumbai, Popular Prakashan, 1986).
6. Dharma. Kumar & Tapan Ray Chowdhury, ed. Cambridge Economic History of India Vol. II (Cambridge, 1082).
7. Heimsatb, Charles, Hindu Nationalism and the Indian Social Reform Movement (Princeton, 1964).
8. IGNOU Course Material, EH 1.1 and EH 1.5 (English& Hindi) (1858-1964) (1757-1857).
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10. Mazumdar, Datta and RayChoWdhury (eds). Advanced History of India (London, Macmillan, 1961):
11. Panigrahi, D. N., ed., Economy, Society and Politics in Modem India (Delhi, Vikas, 1983).
12. Rao, M. S. A., Social Movements in India. Vol. I and Vol. 11 (Delhi, Manohar, 1978).
- 13, Sarkar Sumit, Modem India'1885-1047 (Delhi, Macmillan, 1985).
14. Shukla, R. L., ed., Adhunik Bharat Sea Itihas (Delhi, Hindi Directorate, reprint 1998).
15. Singh, Ayodhya, Bharat Ka Mukti Sangram (Delhi, Prakashan Sansthan, 1992).
16. Spear, T.G.P., History of India, Vol. 11 (London, Penguin, 1965).
17. Tara Chand, History of the Freedom Movement in India, Vols. I-IV (Delhi, Publication Division, Vol. I - 1965, Vol. 2 - 1967, Vol. 3 - 1971, Vol. 4 - 1973).

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2. Barrowlough, G., An Introduction to Contemporary History (Penguin, 1968). (Ayer Co. Publication,
3. Bronowski, J. and Bruce Mazlish, The Western Intellectual Tradition 1960).
4. Bury, J, I.T., France, 1840 (Rout ledge Chapman and Hall, 1985
5. Carr, E. H., I Bolshevik Revolution, 1917-23, 3 Vols. (Macmillan, 1950, 1951, & 1953).
6. Davies, H. A., Outline: History of the World. Ed. 5, 1968.
7. Fisher, H.A.L., A History of Europe (London, Fontana Library, 1969).
8. Henderson, O.P, The Industrial Revolution on the Continent. 0
9. Hill, Christopher, From Reformation to Industrial Revolution (Penguin, 1970).
10. Hill, Christopher, Lenin and the Russian Revolution (Penguin, 1978).
11. Hinsley, F. H. (ed.) Modem History: Material Progress and World Wide Problems.
12. joll, James., Europe since 1970: An International History (Har-Row, 1973).
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- 16.- Palmer, R.A., and: Cotton, Joel, A History of Modern World, 6th ed. (Mcgraw, 1982).
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