

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN**



**Burdwan-713104, West Bengal**

**SYLLABUS FOR B.A. HONOURS**

**IN**

**HISTORY**

**UNDER SEMESTER WITH CBCS**

**(Effective from 2017- 18)**

### UG Syllabus BA (Hons.) CBCS Pattern – 2017

Semester	Courses Offered	Name of the Course/Paper	Credit	Full Marks
	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>			
Semester-I	CC Paper - I	History of India I (From Earliest Times to 600 AD)	6	75
	CC Paper - II	Social Formations & the Cultural Pattern of the Ancient World	6	75
	<b>Generic Elective (GE) (Students of History Hons. should take Generic Elective Paper-I from other disciplines) However Hons. students belonging to other disciplines have to take the following GE Paper if they choose History as Generic Elective)</b>			
	GE Paper - I	History of India From Earliest Times to 300 AD)	6	75
	<b>Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)</b>			
	AEC Paper - I	Environmental Studies	4	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>325</b>

Semester	Courses Offered	Name of the Course/Paper	Credit	Full Marks
	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>			
Semester - II	CC Paper - III	History of India II (600 - 1206 AD)	6	75
	CC Paper - IV	Social Formation and Cultural Pattern of the Medieval World	6	75
	<b>Generic Elective (GE) Generic Elective (GE) (Students of History Hons. should take Generic Elective Paper – II from other discipline) However Hons. students belonging to other disciplines have to take the following GE Paper if they choose History as Generic Elective )</b>			
	GE Paper - II	History of India From 300 to 1206 AD)	6	75
	<b>Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)</b>			
	AECC Paper - II	Communicative English	2	50
Total	4		20	275

Semester	Courses Offered	Name of the Course/Paper	Credit	Full Marks
	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>			
Semester - III	CC Paper - V	History of India III (1206 - 1525 AD)	6	75
	CC Paper - VI	Rise of Modern	6	75

		West – I (15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Centuries)		
	CC Paper - VII	History of India III (1526 - 1757 AD)	6	75
<b>Generic Elective (GE) Generic Elective (GE) (Students of History Hons. should take Generic Elective Paper – III from other discipline) However Hons. students belonging to other disciplines have to take the following GE Paper if they choose History as Generic Elective )</b>				
	GE Paper - III	History of India From 1206-1707 AD)	6	75
<b>Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)</b>				
	SEC Paper - I	Archives & Museums in India <b>Or</b> Understanding Heritage	2	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>350</b>

Semester	Courses Offered	Name of the Course/Paper	Credit	Full Marks
<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>				
Semester - IV	CC Paper - VIII	Rise of Modern West – II (17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Centuries)	6	75
	CC Paper - IX	History of India (1758 -1857)	6	75
	CC Paper - X	History of India III (1858 - 1964)	6	75
	<b>Generic Elective (GE) Generic Elective (GE) (Students of History Hons. should take Generic Elective Paper –IV from other discipline) However Hons. students belonging to other disciplines have to take the following GE Paper if</b>			

	<b>they choose History as Generic Elective )</b>			
	GE Paper - IV	History of India From 1707- 1950 AD)	6	75
	<b>Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)</b>			
	SEC Paper - II	Understanding Popular Culture <b>Or</b> Art Appreciation: An introduction to Indian Art	2	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>350</b>

Semester	Courses Offered	Name of the Course/Paper	Credit	Full Marks
	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>			
Semester - V	CC Paper - XI	History of Modern Europe I (1789 - 1870)	6	75
	CC Paper - XII	Studying History Writing: Indian & Western	6	75
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)</b>			
	DSE Paper - I	Life & Culture in Pre-Colonial Bengal <b>OR</b> History of the United States of America (1776-1864)	6	75
	DSE Paper - II	Life & Culture	6	75

		in Colonial Bengal <b>OR</b> History of the United States of America (1865 - 1945)		
Total	4		24	300

Semester	Courses Offered	Name of the Course/Paper	Credit	Full Marks
	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>			
Semester - VI	CC Paper - XIII	History of Modern Europe II(1871-1945)	6	75
	CC Paper - XIV	Making of the Contemporary World (1946 – 2000)	6	75
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)</b>			
	DSE Paper - III	History of Modern East Asia (1840-1919) <b>OR</b> History of the USSR (1917 - 1945)	6	75
	DSE Paper - IV	History of China & Japan(1919-1949) <b>OR</b>	6	75

		History of the USSR ( 1945-1964		
Total	4		24	300

**Semester - I**  
**Hons. Core Course**  
**Paper – I**  
**6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)**

**HISTORY OF INDIA- I (From Earliest timesto 600 AD)**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History**

Early Indian notions of History – Sources and tools of historical reconstruction – Historical interpretations with special reference to gender, environment, technology, and regions.

**II. Phases of Pre-historic Cultures**

Paleolithic, Mesolithic & Neolithic cultures- regional and chronological distribution; new developments in technology and economy; subsistence, and patterns of exchange; Mehargarh - The advent of food production

**III. The Harappan civilization**

Origins; Antiquity and Extent settlement patterns and town planning; agrarian base; craft productions and trade; social and political

organization; religious beliefs and practices; art; the problem of urban decline and the late/post-Harappan traditions. Development of Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures in post Harappan period.

#### **IV. Cultures in transition**

Coming of the Aryans and Aryan Debate, Vedic Literature, expansion of Brahnavarta to Aryavarta, Vedic religion and philosophy; Vedic economy and society.

Religious protest movements; Second Urbanisation, Sixteen Mahajanpadas to the rise of Magadha.

#### **V. Changing political formations (circa 300 BCE to circa CE 300):**

The Mauryan Empire & politics- Asoka and the Fall of the Mauryas

Post-Mauryan Polities with special reference to the Kushanas and the Satavahanas; Gana-Sanghas. Rise of the Guptas, development of Gupta Empire, Gupta Art, Architecture and Literature

#### **VI. Society Economy and Culture in Early India**

Agrarian expansion: land grants, changing production relations; graded Land rights and peasantry.

Urban growth: north India, central India and the Deccan; craft production: trade and trade routes; coinage

Social stratification: class, varna, jati, untouchability; gender; marriage and property relations the problem of urban decline: patterns of trade, currency, and urban Settlements.

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2. Romila Thapar, *Readings in Early Indian History*, New Delhi, OUP, 2013
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4. Rajan Gurukkal, *Social Formations of Early South India*, OUP 2010.
5. Ram Sharan Sharma *Prachin Bharater Samajik O Arthanik Itihas* New Delhi, Orient Longman
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8. Ranabir Chakraborty, *Bharat Itihaser Adiparba*, New Delhi, Orient



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11. Thomas R. Trautman ed., *The Aryan Debate*, New Delhi, OUP, 2005
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23. K. A. N. Sastri, ed., *History of South India*, OUP, 1966.
24. Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, 2008.

চক্রবর্তী রনবীর, ভারতইতিহাসরআদিপর্ব (প্রথমখন্ড), ওরিয়েন্ট লংম্যান, ২০০৭

চক্রবর্তী রনবীর, প্রাচীনভারতরঅর্থনৈতিরইতিহাসরসন্ধান, আনন্দ পাবলিশার্স, ২০০২ (দ্বিতীয়সংস্করণ)

- চক্রবর্তী রনবীরপ্রমুখসম্পাদিত, সমাজসংস্কৃতি ইতিহাস, আনন্দ, ২০০০
- চক্রবর্তী দিলীপকুমার, ভারতবর্ষরপ্রাগিতিহাস, আনন্দ, ১৯৯৯
- ভট্টাচার্য নরেন্দ্রনাথ, ধর্ম ও সংস্কৃতি (প্রাচীনভারতীয়প্রক্ষাপট), আনন্দ, ১৯৯৬
- ভট্টাচার্য নরেন্দ্রনাথ, প্রাচীনভারত রষ্ট্রচিন্তা ও রষ্ট্রব্যবস্থা, জনারল, ১৯৯৫
- চট্টোপাধ্যায়ভাস্কর, ভারতরসংস্কৃতি, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০০
- চট্টোপাধ্যায়ভাস্কর, ভারতরআর্থ-সামাজিক ও রষ্ট্রীয়ব্যবস্থা, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০১
- চট্টোপাধ্যায়ভাস্কর, গাঁড়-বঙ্গরইতিহাস ও সংস্কৃতি (প্রথমভাগ), প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০৩
- ভট্টাচার্য সুকুমারী, প্রাচীনভারত, সমাজ ও সাহিত্য, আনন্দ, ২০০১
- মজুমদার রমশচন্দ্র, বাংলা দশরইতিহাস, প্রাচীনযুগ, জনারল, ১৯৮৮
- শর্মা রামশরণ, ভারতরপ্রাচীনঅতীত, (অনুবাদ: গীতম নিয়োগী ও সত্যসীরভজানা), ওরিয়ন্ট ব্ল্যাকসায়ান, ২০১১
- শর্মা রামশরণ, প্রাচীনভারতরসামাজিক ও অর্থনৈঅিরইতিহাস (অনুবাদ: অঞ্জনগাঙ্গামী), ওরিয়ন্ট লংম্যান, ১৯৯৬
- মুখাপাধ্যায় ব্রতীন্দ্রনাথ - বঙ্গ, বাঙ্গালা ও ভারত, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০০
- রায়, নীহাররঞ্জন, বাঙালির ইতিহাস, দ'জপাবলিশার্স
- সিনহা গৌরব, প্রাগৈতিহাসিক ও বৈদিক যুগে ভারত, ইউনাইটেডে বুক এজেন্সি

## Semester - I

### Hons. Core Paper

#### PAPER II

6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)

Total – 60 Lectures

## SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

- I. Evolution of human Society & Food production : Beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry
- II. Bronze Age Civilizations in general with reference to Mesopotamia (upto the Akkadian Empire)- economy, social stratification, state

## structure and religion

- III. **Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia: Debate on the advent of iron and its implications**
- IV. **Polis in ancient Greece: origin, features, nature and class composition; Sparta and Athens; decline of the Polis**
- V. **Peloponnesian War: Origin; Resources of belligerents; Course of war; Melos, Mytilene, Periclean strategy; Sicilian expedition**
- VI **Greek Culture and Religion: Sophists, Socrates, Games, Drama, Art and Architecture, Greek Gods**

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- 2) Cambridge *History of Africa, Vol. I*.
- 3) Gordon Childe, *What Happened in History*.
- 4) Clark, *World Prehistory: A New Perspective*.
- 5) Fagan, *People of the Earth*.
- 6) Amar Farooqui, *Early Social Formations*.
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- 8) Jacquetta Hawkes, *First Civilizations*.
- 9) Roux, *Ancient Iraq*.
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- 16) Gordon Childe, *Social Evolution*.
- 17) Glyn Daniel, *First Civilizations*.
- 18) Hauser, *A Social History of Art*, Vol. I.

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লাহিড়ী, রবতী মাহন, প্রাচীনগ্রীসইতিহাস,

মুখোপাধ্যায়, হীরেন্দ্রনাথ, গ্রীসরপুরাকাহিনী,

ঘাষ, জীতেন্দ্রকুমার, গ্রীক ট্রাজডির তিনকবি,

ভদ্র, সুজাত, ও চট্টোপাধ্যায়, কুনাল, প্রাচীনগ্রীসরসমাজ ও সংস্কৃতি,

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**Semester – II**  
**Hons. Core Paper**  
**PAPER III**  
**6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA III (600 –1206 AD)**  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

## **I. Studying Early Medieval India**

Historical Geography – Sources: texts, epigraphic and numismatic data Debates on Indian feudalism, rise of the Rajputs and the nature of the state

## **II. Political Structures**

Evolution of political structures: North India- Harsha, Sasanka, Pala, Sena and Pratiharas, Rise of Rajputs

Evolution of political structures: South India –Chalukyas of Badami, Rashtrakutas, Cholas.

Legitimization of kingship; brahmanas and temples; royal genealogies and rituals

## **III. Arrival of Islam in India**

Arab conquest of Sindh: nature and impact of the new set-up; Causes and consequences of early Turkish invasions: Mahmud of Ghazni; Shahab-ud-Din of Ghur

## **IV. Agrarian Structure and Social Change**

Land grants; Agricultural expansion; the feudal debate  
Proliferation of castes; status of untouchables

## **V. Trade and Commerce**

Inter-regional trade

Maritime trade

Forms of exchange

Process of urbanization and de urbanization

Merchant guilds of South India

## **VI. Religious and Cultural Developments**

Bhakti, Tantricism, Puranic traditions; Buddhism and Jainism; Popular religious cults

Islamic intellectual traditions: Al-Biruni; Al-Hujwiri

Regional languages and literature

Art and architecture: Evolution of regional styles

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- 2) R.S. Sharma, *Indian Feudalism* (circa 300 - 1200). New Delhi, OUP, 2013
- 3) B.D. Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of Early Medieval India*. New Delhi, OUP, 2013
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- 7) Satish Chandra, *Essays on Medieval Indian History*, New Delhi, OUP, 2005
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- 10) Hermann Kulke, ed., *The State in India (AD 1000 - AD 1700)*.
- 11) N. Karashima, *South Indian History and Society (Studies from Inscriptions, AD 850 -1800)*
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- 20) R. Champakalakshmi, *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India, 300 BC to 1300 AD*.

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 চক্রবর্তী রনবীরপ্রমুখসম্পাদিত, সমাজসংস্কৃতি ইতিহাস, আনন্দ, ২০০০  
 চক্রবর্তী দিলীপকুমার, ভারতবর্ষরপ্রাগৈতিহাস, আনন্দ, ১৯৯৯  
 ভট্টাচার্য নরেন্দ্রনাথ, প্রাচীনভারতীয়সমাজ, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ২০০১

ভট্টাচার্য নরেন্দ্রনাথ, ধর্ম ও সংস্কৃতি (প্রাচীনভারতীয়প্রক্ষাপট), আনন্দ, ১৯৯৬  
ভট্টাচার্য নরেন্দ্রনাথ, ভারতীয়ধর্মইতিহাস, জনারল, ২০০০  
ভট্টাচার্য নরেন্দ্রনাথ, প্রাচীনভারত রষ্টিচিন্তা ও রষ্টিব্যবস্থা, জনারল, ১৯৯৫  
চট্টাপাধ্যায়ভাস্কর, ভারতরসংস্কৃতি, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০০  
চট্টাপাধ্যায়ভাস্কর, ভারতরার্থ-সামাজিক ও রষ্টিব্যবস্থা, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০১  
চট্টাপাধ্যায়ভাস্কর, গীড়-বঙ্গরইতিহাস ও সংস্কৃতি (প্রথমভাগ), প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০৩  
ভট্টাচার্য সুকুমারী, প্রাচীনভারত, সমাজ ও সাহিত্য, আনন্দ, ২০০১  
মজুমদার রমশচন্দ্র, বাংলা দশরইতিহাস, প্রাচীনযুগ, জনারল, ১৯৮৮  
শর্মা রামশরণ, ভারতরপ্রাচীনঅতীত, (অনুবাদ: গীতম নিয়োগী ও সত্যসীরভজানা), ওরিয়ন্ট ব্ল্যাকসায়ান, ২০১১  
শর্মা রামশরণ, প্রাচীনভারতরসামাজিক ও অর্থনৈতিকইতিহাস (অনুবাদ: অঞ্জনগাঙ্গামী), ওরিয়ন্ট লংম্যান, ১৯৯৬  
মুখাপাধ্যায় ব্রতীন্দ্রনাথ - বঙ্গ, বাঙ্গালা ও ভারত, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ২০০০  
রায়, নীহাররঞ্জন, বাঙালির ইতিহাস, দ'জপাবলিশার্স

**Semester – II**  
**Hons. Core Paper**  
**PAPER IV**

**6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)**

**Social Formation and Cultural Pattern of the Medieval World**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Roman Republic**

Its Significance, Constitution, Law, & Society,  
Agrarian economy, urbanization & trade Economy  
Growth of Slavery & slave society in ancient Rome

**II. Religion, culture, literature and Philosophy  
in ancient Rome**

**III. Crises of the Roman Empire & transition  
to Principate**

**IV. Economic developments in Europe (7th to 14th  
centuries)** Feudalism, Organization of production, towns and  
trade, technological developments. Crisis of feudalism.

**V. Religion and culture in medieval Europe**

**VI. Societies in Central Islamic Lands**

The tribal background, ummah, Caliphate state; rise of Sultanates  
Religious developments: the origins of shariah, Mihna, Sufism

Urbanization and trade

### ESSENTIAL READINGS

- 1) Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*.
- 2) Marc Bloch, *Feudal Society*, 2 Vols.
- 3) Cambridge *History of Islam*, 2 Vols.
- 4) Georges Duby, *The Early Growth of the European Economy*.
- 5) Fontana, *Economic History of Europe*, Vol. I (relevant chapters).
- 6) P. K. Hitti, *History of the Arabs*.
- 7) P. Garnsey and Saller, *The Roman Empire*.
- 8)

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- 9) S. Ameer Ali, *The Spirit of Islam*.
- 10) J. Barrowclough, *The Medieval Papacy*.
- 11) Encyclopedia of Islam, 1st ed., 4 vols.
- 12) M. G. S. Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam*.

বন্দাপাধ্যায় গৌরীশংকর, প্রাচীনরামরইতিহাস, প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশাঙ্ক

দত্ত, নির্মলচন্দ্র, মধ্যযুগরইউরাপ (দুইখন্ড), কলকাতা : পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ১৯৮৪

রায়, পুলকশ, মধ্যযুগরইউরাপ :রাষ্ট্রসমাজসংস্কৃতি, কলকাতা : প্রগ্রসিভপাবলিশার্স, ১৯৯৫

## Semester - III

### Hons. Core Paper PAPER V

6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)

**HISTORY OF INDIA IV (circa 1206 CE–circa 1525 CE)**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

### **I. Sources for studying/Interpreting the Delhi Sultanate**

Survey of sources: Persian tarikh tradition; vernacular histories; epigraphy

### **II. Sultanate Political Structures**

Foundation, expansion and consolidation of the Sultanate of Delhi; The Khaljis and the Tughluqs; Mongol threat and Timur's invasion; The Lodis: Conquest of Bahlul and Sikandar; Ibrahim Lodi and the battle of Panipat

Theories of kingship;

Ruling elites; Sufis, ulama and the political authority; imperial monuments and coinage

### **III. Regional Political structures**



Emergence of provincial dynasties: Bahamanis, Vijayanagar and Bengal  
Consolidation of regional identities; regional art, architecture and literature

#### **IV. Sultanate Society and Economy-1**

Iqta and the revenue-free grants  
Agricultural production;

#### **V. Sultanate Society and Economy-2**

Changes in rural society; revenue systems  
Monetization; market regulations; growth of urban centers; trade and commerce; Indian Ocean trade

#### **IV. Religion and Culture**

Sufi silsilas: Chishtis and Suhrawardis; doctrines and practices; social roles  
Bhakti movements and monotheistic traditions in South and North India;  
Women Bhaktas;  
Nathpanthis; Kabir, Nanak and the Sant tradition

#### **ESSENTIAL READINGS**

- 1) Mohammad Habib and K.A. Nizami, eds, *Comprehensive History of India, Vol. V, The Delhi Sultanate.*
- 2) Satish Chandra, *Medieval India I.*
- 3) Peter Jackson, *The Delhi Sultanate.*
- 4) Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, *India Before Europe.*
- 5) Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib, eds, *Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. I.*
- 6) K.A. Nizami, *Religion and Politics in the Thirteenth Century.*
- 7) W.H. McLeod, Karine Schomer, et al, Eds, *The Saints.*
- 8) S.A.A. Rizvi, *A History of Sufism in India, Vol. I.*
- 9) Mohibul Hasan, *Historians of Medieval India.*

রায়, অনিরুদ্ধ, মধ্যযুগের ভারতের ইতিহাস : সুলতানী আমল, কলকাতা : গুরিয়ন্ট লংম্যান, ২০০৫

**Hons. Core Paper**  
**PAPER VI**  
**6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)**

**RISE OF THE MODERN WEST – I (15<sup>th</sup>& 16<sup>th</sup> centuries)**  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

- I. Transition from feudalism to capitalism: problems and theories.**
- II. Early colonial expansion: motives, voyages and explorations; the conquests of the Americas: beginning of the era of colonization; mining and plantation; the African slaves.**
- III. Renaissance: its social roots, city-states of Italy; spread of humanism in Europe; Art.**
- IV. Origins, course and results of the European Reformation in the 16th century.**
- V. Economic developments of the sixteenth century: Shift of economic balance from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic; Commercial Revolution; Influx of American silver and the Price Revolution.**
- VI. Emergence of European state system: Spain; France; England;**

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

- T.S. Aston and C. H. E. Philpin (eds.), *The Brenner Debate* H. Butterfield, *The Origins of Modern Science*.  
Carlo M. Cipolla, *Fontana Economic History of Europe*, Vols. II and III.  
Carlo M. Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution, European Society and Economy. 1000 -1700*. 3rd ed. (1993)  
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Ralph Davis, *The Rise of the Atlantic Economics*. Maurice Dobb, *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*. J. R. Hale, *Renaissance Europe*.  
R. Hall, *From Galileo to Newton*. Christopher Hill, *A Century of Revolutions*.  
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J. H. Parry, The Age of Reconnaissance.  
MeenaxiPhukan, Rise of the Modern West: Social and Economic History of Early Modern Europe.  
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Peter Mathias, First Industrial revolution.  
Harry Miskimin, The Economy of Later Renaissance Europe: 1460 û 1600.  
Charles A. Nauert, Humanism and the Culture of the Renaissance (1996).  
The New Cambridge Modern History of Europe, Vols. I -VII. L. W. Owie, Seventeenth Century Europe.  
D. H. Pennington, Seventeenth Century Europe.  
F. Rice, The Foundations of Early Modern Europe.

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রায়, পুলকশ, মধ্যযুগের ইউরোপ : রাষ্ট্রসমাজসংস্কৃতি, কলকাতা : প্রগতিশীলপাবলিশার্স, ১৯৯৫  
চক্রবর্তী, ভাস্কর, সুভাষরঞ্জন চক্রবর্তী, কিংশুক চট্টোপাধ্যায়, ইউরোপের যুগান্তর, কলকাতা : নবভারতী  
প্রকাশনী, ২০০৫  
মুখোপাধ্যায়, সুবোধকুমার, আধুনিক ইউরোপের আদিপর্বরূপান্তর (১৪০০-১৭০০), কলকাতা : ক পি  
বাগচী এন্ড কোম্পানী, ২০০৪  
রায়, উজ্জ্বল, বিবর্তনরপথ ইউরোপ ১৫-১৭ শতাব্দী, কলকাতা : সত্য প্রকাশনী, ২০১১  
রায়, পুলকশ, সায়ন্তন দাস, উত্তরণরপথ ইউরোপ, কলকাতা : প্রগতিশীলপাবলিশার্স, ২০০৪  
দত্ত, নির্মলচন্দ্র, মধ্যযুগের ইউরোপের আধুনিকতায় উত্তরণ, কলকাতা : মিত্রম, ২০০৭  
মল্লিক, সুবোধকুমার, যুগসন্ধিক্ষণ ইউরোপ (১৪০০-১৭০০) কলকাতা : শান্তা, ২০১২  
মুখার্জী, রীলা, রূপান্তরিত ইউরোপ (৯০০-১৮০০), কলকাতা : প্রগতিশীল, ২০০৪  
ত্রিপাঠী, অমলশ, ইতালীর রেনেসাঁস ও বাঙালির সংস্কৃতি, কলকাতা : আনন্দ

**Semester - III**  
**Hons. Core Paper**  
**PAPER VII**  
**6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA (1526 – 1757 CE)**  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Sources and Historiography**

Persian literary culture; translations  
Literature in regional languages.

**II. Establishment of Mughal rule**

Babur's invasion of India - Struggle for Empire in North India –significance of Babar and Humayun's reign - Significance of Afghan despotism and rise of Sher Shah to power, His administrative and revenue reforms`

**III. Akbar &Consolodation of Mughal Empire**

Akbar's Conquests - his Rajput Policy & administrative and religious reforms, Reign of Jahangir, Nurjahan- her role in imperial politics; The Mughals and the North Western frontier and central Asia.Making of a new imperial system and administration, the Mughal nobility, Mansab and Jagir.

**IV. Mughal Empire Under Aurangazeb**

State and religion under Aurangzeb; issues in the war of success ion; policies regarding Religious groups and Institutions -Conquests and limits of expansion - Beginning of the crisis: contemporary perceptions; agrarian and Jagir crises; revolts. Inland and ocean trade network.

**V. Mughal Art, Architecture & Painting**

**VI. Patterns of Regional Politics**

Rajput political culture and state formation -Rise of Maratha power under Shivaji, &expansion under the Peshwas - emergence of regional powers – case studies of Maharashtra, Awadh and Bengal; Bengal Nawabs and

the rise of the English East India Company in Bengal. Debate of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century on the decline of the Mughal Empire;

**Essential Readings:**

- J.N. Sarkar, History of Aurangzeb, New Delhi, Orient Longman,  
Shekhar Byandyopadhyay, Plassey to Partition, New Delhi, Orient Longman,  
Chandra, Satish : History of Medieval India (800-1700) , Orient Longman, 2007  
-----: Essays on Medieval Indian History, OUP, 2003  
-----: State, Society and Culture in Indian History, OUP, 2012  
Alam, Muzaffar and Subrahmanyam, Sanjoy: The Mughal State, OUP 2000  
Alam, Muzaffar, The Crisis of India in Mughal North India, New Delhi, OUP 2013  
Mukhia, H: Perspectives on Medieval India, Delhi 1994  
Ali, M, Athar: Mughal India Studies in Polity, Ideas, society and culture, New Delhi,  
OUP, 2013  
Roy Chudhury T K and HabibIrfan (ed): The Cambridge Economic History of India Vol.  
I  
Seema Alavi, ed., The Eighteenth Century in India, New Delhi, OUP, 2002  
Hasan S N: Religion, State and Society in Medieval India  
Chudhuri KN: Trade and Civilization in Indian Ocean  
HabibIrfan: Technology in Medieval India 650-1750  
-----: The Agrarian System of Mughal India 1556-1707, OUP, 2014 (third  
edition)  
C.A. Bayly, Rulers, Townsmen & Bazaars, New Delhi, OUP, 2012  
P.J. Marshall, The Eighteenth Century in Indian History, New Delhi, OUP, 2003  
Richards J F: The Mughul Empire  
Tripathi R P: The Rise and Fall of the Mughul Empire  
Some Aspects of Muslim administration  
BhadraGoutam: MughulJugeKrishiArthaniti O KrishokBidroha  
ChudhuryBinoyBhusan: BanglarKrishiSamajerGathan  
MukhopadhyayHirendranath: BharatbarsherIthihas  
Sarkar J N: MughulArthanithi: SangathanEbongKarjakram  
Roy Anirudha: Mughal JugerArthanaitikIthihas  
Mukhopadhyay S K: MadhyajugerBharaterAdhunikJiban.

**Suggested Readings:**

Kulkarni, A.R :Maharastrain the Age of Shivaji, Pune 2002

Meheta, J.L: Advanced History of Medieval India 3 Vols Delhi Sterling Publication

Mishra, Satish: Rise of Muslim Power in Gujrat

Khan I A: Gunpowder and Fire Arms: warfare in medieval India

**Semester - IV**  
**Hons. Core Paper**  
**PAPER VIII**  
**6 credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)**

**RISE OF THE MODERN WEST II (17<sup>th</sup>& 18<sup>th</sup> centuries)**  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

- I. 17th century European crisis: economic, social and political dimensions**
- II. The English Revolution: major issues; political and intellectual currents**
- III. Rise of modern science in relation to European society from the Renaissance to the 17th century**
- IV. Mercantilism and European economics; 17th and 18thcenturies**
- V. European politics in the 18th century: parliamentarymonarchy; patterns of Absolutism in Europe**
- VI. Prelude to the Industrial Revolution**

T.S. Aston and C.H.E. Philpin (eds.), The Brenner Debate. H.

Butterfield, The Origins of Modern Science.

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রায়, পুলকশ, মধ্যযুগের ইউরোপ : রাষ্ট্র সমাজ সংস্কৃতি, কলকাতা : প্রগতিশীল পাবলিশার্স, ১৯৯৫  
চক্রবর্তী, ভাস্কর, সুভাষরঞ্জন চক্রবর্তী, কিংশুক চট্টোপাধ্যায়, ইউরোপের যুগান্তর, কলকাতা : নবভারতী  
প্রকাশনী, ২০০৫  
মুখোপাধ্যায়, সুবাধকুমার, আধুনিক ইউরোপের আদি পর্বের রূপান্তর (১৪০০-১৭০০), কলকাতা : ক পি  
বাগচী এন্ড কাম্পানী, ২০০৪

রায়, উজ্জ্বল, বিবর্তনের পথ ইউরোপ ১৫-১৭ শতাব্দী, কলকাতা :সতু প্রকাশনী, ২০১১  
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মল্লিক, সুবোধকুমার, যুগসন্ধিক্ষণ ইউরোপ (১৪০০-১৭০০) কলকাতা : শান্তা, ২০১২  
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**Semester - IV**  
**Hons. Core Course**  
**PAPER IX**

**6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA VI (c. 1757- 1857)**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Foundations of Company's Rule**

Early contestations between the Dutch, French and the British East India Company Bengal Nawabs and the battle of Plassey, Buxar and the grant of Dewani,  
Anglo Mysore; Anglo Maratha and Anglo Sikh relations. The Subsidiary alliance and the Doctrine of Lapse.

**II. Legitimization of Company's rule in India**

Regulating Act; Pitt's India Act; Charter Acts of 1813, 1833 and 1853  
Administrative , Military, Police and Educational Reforms

**III. Rural Economy and Society**

Land revenue systems. Permanent settlement, Rayatwari and Mahalwari  
Commercialization of agriculture and indebtedness.  
Rural society: change and continuity, Famines.

**IV. Trade and Industry**

De industrialization  
Trade and fiscal policy  
Drain of Wealth  
Growth of modern industry



**V. Renaissance and Reforms**

Bengal Renaissance and Socio-religious Reforms: Rammohan Roy (Brahma Samaj), Young Bengal, Vidyasagar and Others  
Educational Reforms initiated by the Company

**VI. Popular Resistance**

Santhal uprising (1856-7); Sanyasi Uprising, Kol Bhumij uprising, Wahabi Faraizi and Santhal Uprising  
Revolt of 1857: causes and nature

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

- Laxmi Subramaniam, History of India, 1707 – 1857, New Delhi, Orient Longman,  
Bipan Chandra, History of Modern India, New Delhi, Orient Longman  
Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Nationalist Movement in India, New Delhi OUP 2009  
C. A. Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire,  
New Cambridge History of India.  
Bipan Chandra, Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India.  
Suhash Chakravarty, The Raj Syndrome: A Study in Imperial  
Perceptions, 1989.  
J.S. Grewal, The Sikhs of the Punjab, New Cambridge History of  
India  
Ranajit Guha, ed., Subaltern Studies A Reader.  
Dharma Kumar and Tapan Raychaudhuri, eds., The Cambridge  
Economic History of India, Vol. II, New Delhi: Orient Longman Ltd, 1991 (reprint).  
P.J. Marshall, Bengal: The British Bridgehead, New Cambridge  
History of India.  
R.C. Majumdar, ed., History and Culture of Indian People, Vols. IX  
and X. British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance.  
Rajat K Roy, Palashir Sarayantra  
Sushil Chaudhury, Palashir Ajana Kahini, Calcutta: Ananda Publisher, 2004  
Rajat K. Ray, ed., Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800-

1947, Oxford India Readings.

Eric Stokes, English Utilitarians and India.

Sushil Chaudhury, From Prosperity to Decline Eighteenth Century Bengal, New Delhi: Manohar, 1995.

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, From Plassey to Partition A History of Modern India, Orient Longman, 2004.

Ratnalekha Roy, Change in Bengal Agrarian Society C 1769-1850, Delhi, 1979.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

David Arnold and Ramchandra Guha, eds, Nature, Culture and Imperialism.

Amiya Bagchi, Private Investment in India.

Bipan Chandra et al., India's Struggles for Independence.

A.R. Desai, Peasant Struggles in India.

R.P. Dutt, India today.

M.J. Fisher, ed., Politics of Annexation (Oxford India Readings).

Ranjit Guha, Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India (1983).

P.C. Joshi, Rebellion 1857: A Symposium.

Dadabhai Naroji, Poverty and Un-British Rule in India.

**Semester - IV**  
**Hons. Core Course**  
**Paper - X**

**HISTORY OF INDIA (1858-1964)**

**6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**G. The aftermath of 1857**

Queen's Proclamation; The Indigo rebellion, The Deccan Riots, The growth of the new middle class; the age of associations, The Aligarh movement, The Arya and the Prarthana Samaj

## **II. The early phase of Indian Freedom Movement**

Historiography of Indian Nationalism; Birth of Indian National Congress, The Moderates and the Extremists, Partition of Bengal, the Swadeshi movement, Muslim League, Morle Minto Reforms; Revolutionaries in India and abroad, the Lucknow pact

## **III The Gandhian era**

Gandhi's rise to power, Rowlatt Satyagraha, Montagu Chelmsford reforms; Khilafat and Non-co-operation movement, The Swarajya party, Poona Pact, Civil Disobedience Movement, Quit India Movement;

## **IV Towards freedom**

Government of India Act 1935, The rise of the leftist movements, The Peasant and Working class movements, Cripps Mission, Subhas Bose and INA, RIN mutiny; Wavell Plan, Cabinet Mission; Tebhaga and Telengana movements;

## **V Communal Politics**

Demand for Pakistan; Lahore session of the Muslim League, rise of Hindu Mahasabha and the RSS; Akali Dal, Partition and its consequences.

## **VI The Nehru era**

Internal policy between 1947 to 1964- movements for social justice, the new constitution, integration of the princely states, growth of parliamentary democracy, five years plan; India's foreign policy – Non alignment, India's relation with her neighbours.

## **ESSENTIAL READINGS**

1. Bipan Chandra, History of Modern India, New Delhi, Orient Longman
2. Sumit Sarkar, Writing Social History, New Delhi, OUP, 1997
3. Bipan Chandra, Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India, 1979.
4. Bipan Chandra, Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India
5. D.A. Low, ed., Congress and the Raj.
6. Eleanor Zelliot, From Untouchable to Dalit: Essays on the Ambedkar Movement.
7. Gyanendra Pandey, The Construction of Communalism in colonial north India.
8. Jawaharlal Nehru, An Autobiography.
9. John R. McLane, Indian Nationalism and the Early Congress.

10. Judith Brown, Gandhi's rise to Power, 1915-22.
11. Mohandas K. Gandhi, An Autobiography or The Story of My Experiments with Truth.
12. Mushirul Hasan, ed., India's Partition, Oxford India Readings.
13. Paul Brass, The Politics of India Since Independence, OUP, 1990.
14. Peter Hardy, Muslims of British India.
15. Ram Lakhan Shukla (ed.), Adhunik Bharat ka Itihas.
16. Ranajit Guha, ed., A Subaltern Studies Reader
17. Sumit Sarkar, Modern India, 1885-1947

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. A. Jalal, The Sole Spokesman. Jinnah, the Muslim League, and the Demand for Pakistan.
2. A. Seal, Emergence of Indian Nationalism.
3. A.R. Desai, Peasant Struggles in India.
4. A.R. Desai, Social Background of Indian Nationalism.
5. A. Tripathi, Swadhinata Sangrame Bharater Jatiya Congress.
6. A. Tripathi, The Extremist Challenge (trans: Bharater Mukti Sangrame Charampanthi Parba).
7. B. Chandra et. al., India after Independence .
8. B. Chandra et. al., India's Struggle for Independence (trans: Bharater Swadhinata Sangram).
9. B. D. & T. R. Metcalf, A Concise History of India.
10. B. Stein (ed.), The Making of Agrarian Policy in British India.
11. B.R. Nanda (ed.), Indian foreign Policy: The Nehru Years.
12. B. Shiva Rao, The Arming of India's Constitution, - A Study.
13. Bipan Chandra, Communalism in Modern India, 2nd ed., 1987.
14. D. Chakrabarty, Rethinking Working Class History.
15. D. Hardiman, Peasant Resistance in India.
16. D. Kopf, Brahma Samaj and the Shaping of the Modern Indian Mind.
17. F. Hutchins, Spontaneous Revolution.
18. Francine Frankel, India's Political Economy, 1947-77.
19. G. Forbes, Women in Modern India.

20. G. Prakash (ed.), The World of the Rural Labourer in Colonial India.
21. H. Karlekar, India. The First Fifty Years.
22. J. Brown, Gandhi's Rise to Power.
23. J. R. McLane, Indian Nationalism and the Early Congress.
24. J. Krishnamurti, Women in Colonial India.
25. J.M.Kaul, Problems of National integration.
26. Judith Brown, Gandhi: (et al) A Prisoner of Hope.
27. K. Roy (ed.), Partition of India.
28. K. W. Jones, Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India .
29. M. Fisher (ed.), India's Partition.
30. N. K. Sinha (ed.), History of Bengal.
31. R. K. Ray, Social Conflict and social Unrest in Bengal.
32. R. Kshirasagara, Dalit Movements in India and its Leaders.
33. Ramchandra Guha, India after Gandhi.
34. S. & T. Sarkar (eds.), Women and Social Reform in Modern India.
35. S. Bandopadhyay (ed.), Bengal: Rethinking Historiography.
36. S. Bandopadhyay, Plassey to Partition (trans: Palashi Theke Partition).
37. S. Bhattacharya (ed.), Approaches to History.
38. S. Bhattacharya, Oupanibeshik Bharater Arthaneeti.
39. S. Bose & A. Jalal, Modern South Asia.
40. S. Sarkar, Adhunik Bharat.
41. S. Sarkar, The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal.
42. S. Sen and A. Ghosh, Adhunik Bharat (1885-1964).
43. S. Sen, The Working Class in India
44. Srikumar Deb, Problems and Policies of Bengal Government: 1874-1882.
45. V.C.Joshi(ed.), Rammohan Roy and the process of Modernization in India.
46. V.P.Menon, Integration of the Indian States.

**Semester - V**  
**Hons. Core Course**

**Paper XI**  
**HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE II (1789-1870)**  
**6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)**  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. The French Revolution and its European repercussions**

Crisis of Ancien regime ----- Political, social, economic and intellectual background (role of Philosophers) of the French Revolution

The revolution in the making – the Aristocratic Revolt and the consolidation of the Third Estate.

The Constituent Assembly; Radicalization of the Revolution; the reign of Terror and the Thermidorian reaction; social base of the Revolution- Sans culottes, peasants and women; the directory and its achievements and failures.

**II. Napoleon Bonaparte and the French Revolution**

Rise of Napoleon; Napoleonic reforms, Napoleonic Empire and Europe

Fall of Napoleon: The Continental System; The Spanish Ulcer; The Moscow campaign.

Assessment of Napoleon: Character of the French Revolution; Impact of French Revolution on Europe and abroad.

**III. Restoration and Revolution (1815-1848)**

Vienna Congress; Concert of Europe; Metternich system

Greek War of Independence, Revolution of 1830 & 1848, & their Impact

**IV. Industrialization and socio economic transformation**

Industrial Revolution; Definition and characteristics ; Pre Industrial society; Industrial Revolution in Britain; Impact on society, economy and politics .

Industrialization in the continents, case study of France, Germany and Russia.

Emergence of working class and its movements; early Utopian socialist thoughts.

**V. Age of Nationalism**

Unification of Italy and Germany

Specificities of economic development, political and administrative re organization – Italy and Germany

The second Empire in France and Louis Napoleon

## **VI. The Eastern Question**

The Crimean War; Treaty of Paris, Balkan Nationalism

### **ESSENTIAL READINGS:**

Vandana Joshi, *Social Movements and Cultural Currents 1789-1945: Themes in Modern European History*, New Delhi, Orient Longman

Mason, *Concise History of Modern Europe*, New Delhi, Orient Longman

Gerald Brennan: *The Spanish Labyrinth: An Account of the Social and Political Background of the Civil War*.

C.M. Cipolla: *Fontana Economic History of Europe, Volume III: The Industrial Revolution*.  
Norman Davies, *Europe*.

J. Evans: *The Foundations of a Modern State in 19th Century Europe*.

T.S. Hamerow: *Restoration, Revolution and Reaction: Economics and Politics in Germany [1815 - 1871]*.

E.J. Hobsbawn: *The Age of Revolution*.

Lynn Hunt: *Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution*.

James Joll, *Europe Since 1870*.

David Landes: *Prometheus Unbound*.

George Lefebvre, *Coming of the French Revolution*.

George Lichtheim : *A Short History of Socialism*.

Peter Mathias, *First Industrial Revolution*.

Alec Nove: *An Economic History of the USSR*.

Andrew Porter: *European Imperialism, 18760 û 1914 (1994)*.

Anthony Wood: *History of Europe, 1815 û 1960 (1983)*.

Stuart Woolf: *History of Italy, 1700 û 1860*.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS:**

G. Barrowclough: *An Introduction to Contemporary History*.

Fernand Braudel: *History and the Social Science in M. Aymard and*

H. Mukhia Ed.: *French Studies in History, Vol. I (1989)*.

Maurice Dobb: Soviet Economic Development Since 1917.  
M. Perrot and G. Duby [eds.]: A History of Women in the West, Volumes 4 and 5.  
H.J. Hanham; Nineteenth Century Constitution, 1815 - 1914.  
E.J. Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism.  
Charles and Barbara Jelavich: Establishment of the Balkan National States, 1840 û 1920.  
James Joll, Origins of the First World war (1989).  
Jaon B. Landes: Women and the Public Sphere in the Age of the French Revolution.  
David lowenthal, The Past is a Foreign Country.  
Colin Licas: The French Revolution and the Making of Modern Political Culture, Volume  
Nicholas Mansergh: The Irish Question, 1840 û 1921.  
K.O. Morgan: Oxford Illustrated History of Britain, Volume 3 [1789 - 1983].  
R.P. Morgan: German Social Democracy and the First International.  
N.V. Riasanovsky: A History of Russia.  
J.M. Robert, Europe 1880 û 1985.  
J.J. Roth (ed.), World War I : A Turning Point in Modern History.  
Albert Soboul: History of the French Revolution (in two volumes).  
Lawrence Stone, History and the Social Sciences in the Twentieth Century The Past and the Present (1981).  
Dorothy Thompson: Chartists: Popular Politics in the Industrial Revolution.  
E.P. Thompson: Making of the English Working Class.  
Michel Vovelle, Fall of the French Monarchy (1984).  
H. Seton Watson: The Russian Empire.  
Raymond Williams: Culture and Society.

**Semester - V**  
**Hons. Core Course**  
**Paper XII**  
**STUDYING HISTORY WRITING: INDIAN & WESTERN**  
**6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)**  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Time, Space & Human Agency**  
Notion of Time and Space in History



## **II. Importance of sources in History**

Written, Oral, Visual and Archaeological Sources -  
Classification of Primary and Secondary sources – Source criticism and authentication

## **III. Philosophy and Theory of History**

Facts and Interpretation - Philosophy of History –  
Hypothesis, argumentation and Problematique -  
Objectivity/Subjectivity in History – Historical Narrative  
and Generalization

## **IV. Indian & Western Historiography**

Pre-colonial forms of writing Indian History - Different schools of Indian historiography (Cambridge, Nationalists, Marxists, Subaltern) - Different schools of Western historiography (Rationalist, Romantist, Positivist, Marxist and Annales

## **V. History and other disciplines**

Relationship between History and Science - History and Anthropology - History and Literature etc.,

## **VI. Research Process in History**

Different stages and steps involved in the process of doing research in History

### **Selected Readings**

1. E. H. Carr, What is History, Penguin, 2008 (also in Hindi)\_
2. Marc Bloch, The Historian's Craft (Introduction and Chapter I: History, men and Time), Manchester University Press, 1992.(also in Hindi)
3. E. Sreedharan, A Text-book of Historiography 500 BC to AD 2000,

- Orient Longman, 2004 (also in Hindi) Suggested Readings:
4. Irfan Habib, *Interpreting Indian History*. Northeastern Hill University Publications, Shillong, 1988
  5. Arthur Marwick, *The Nature of History* (Chapter IV: History, Science and Social Science), London: Macmillan, 1989
  6. S.P. Sen & Dilip Coomer Ghosh, *Historians and Historiography in modern India*, Institute of Historical Studies, 1973
  7. B. Sheik Ali, *History, Its Theory and Method*, Macmillan India Limited, 1978

**Semester - VI**  
**Hons. Core Course**  
**PAPER XIII**

HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE II (1871 – 1945)

6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I Imperial Expansion: Bismarck's diplomacy and the new balance of power; Kaiser William II and Welt Politik; new course in German foreign policy; the eastern question of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Balkan wars**

**II. First World War and its aftermath: Outbreak of the first world war, emergence of the two armed camps; impact of the first world; the Russian revolution, the peace settlements of 1919, the League of nations.**

**III Challenges to the new European order: Consolidation and Development of power of the Soviet State, French search for security, Rise of Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany, World Economic depression of 1929, the Crisis of the Inter War European Order**

**IV The Road to 2<sup>nd</sup> World War; Germany's aggressive foreign policy; the role of the war economy, Spanish civil war, Mussolini's**

**foreign policy and Abyssinian crisis, formation of the Rome Berlin Tokyo Axis;**

**V Second World War: Outbreak of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and its impact**

**VI United Nations Organization: its origin and functions**

**ESSENTIAL READINGS:**

Gerald Brennan: The Spanish Labyrinth: An Account of the Social and Political Background of the Civil War.

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Raymond Williams: Culture and Society.

**Semester - VI**  
**Hons. Core Course**  
**PAPER – XIV**

6 Credits, Total marks, 75 (60 + 15)

**MAKING OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD (1946-2000)**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Post War Development**

- a. An overview of post-war developments Social, Political and Economic
- b. Cold war Politics- ideological clash & power rivalry between super powers
- c. Military and Defense Alliances and Peace Pacts -  
Containment of Communism- Marshal Plan- Truman

Doctrine- Warsaw Pact- Military Alliances-NATO; SEATO- Bagdad Pact- Cominform, Berlin after 1945- Fall of the Berlin Wall & German Re-Unification

**II. Decolonization and the emergence of the Third world**

- a. National Movements in Asia & Africa
- b. Emergence of the Third World; Non –alignment
- c. Third World Organizations-OPEC, ASEAN, SAARC

**III. Cold War Escalates**

- a. War in Korea, Cuban missile crisis, Vietnam problem
- b. Palestine Problem; Suez Crisis, Iran- Iraq conflicts, Gulf War
- c. Arab- Israel wars- activities of the PLO, Afghan Problem

**IV. Perspectives on Development and under development**

- a. Globalization & its impact on the Third World
- b. Liberalization&its impact on Indian economy; Multinational Companies, World Bank, IMF
- c. Information Revolution

**V. Modernity and cultural transformation**

Emerging trends in culture, Media and consumption; Information Revolution

**VI. Changing World**

- a. Collapse of Soviet Bloc; Process of disintegrations, Glasnost and Perestroika,
- b. American Uni-polarism; USA as a global policeman
- c. Current threats confronting the World - Ethnic Clashses& Cross border Terrorism

**Suggested readings**

Taylor ,A.J.P –Origins of the Second World War

Emmanuel wallerstain- The Modern World System

Carr EH-International relations between the two world Wars,

They Twenty years crisis 1919-39: An Introduction to the study of the Internal relations.

Hobsbawm E- Age of Extremes: the short Twentieth century 1914-91

Bhagwati J- In Defense of Globalization

Calvocoressi P- world since 1945

Bandyopadhyaya J- General theory of International relations

Smith J – The cold War

Fleming DF- The Cold War and its origins

Barracough G- Introduction to contemporary History

Horowitz D-From Yalta to Vietnam

Barstn RP- International Relations since 1945

Keylor WR- The twentieth Century world –an International politics since 1945

Bhattacharyay DC- International relations in the Twentieth Century

Burton W- International Relations

Bandyopadhyay J- General theory of International Relations

Nayyar D- governing globalization, issues and Institutions

Walker M- The Cold War : and the making of the Modern world.

Aylett JF- The Cold war and after

Wolfers A – Alliance Policy in the Cold war

Brecher M- The subordinate State system of southern Asia

Parsona A-From Cold war to Hot Peace

Nixon RM- Real Peace

Perkins SJ- The Arab- Israel Conflicts

Sayer j- Superpower Rivalry

Roy JK- GanotantraebangJatiyatar Agni parikha Bangladesh 1947-1071

ChattopadhyayPranab Kumar- AntrojatikSamparkerlthihas

Bagchi AK (ed)-Biswayan :Bhbna – durbhabna

Chkraborty R, Chakraborty S –CsamsamyikAntrajatikSamparka

Bandyopadhyay Gourisankar – Ithihaser Aloysamokalin Viswa

Chattopadhyay Mrinal Kanti \_ Samosamaik Biswer Ithihas

Ghosh AK- Antrajatik Samparko o Bartoman Visa

Das P – Antrajatik Samparko

Ghosh A- Thanda Judhouttar Antrojatik Samprako, Sankot o prabanata.

### **(Discipline Specific Elective)**

#### **Semester V**

#### **Paper –I (Option offered)**

### **LIFE AND CULTURE IN PRE-COLONIAL BENGAL: Prehistoric times to mid 18<sup>th</sup> century.**

6 Credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)

**Total Lectures - 60**

#### **I. The land environs and places**

Historical Geography- ancient and medieval divisions

#### **II People and Society**

Demography and ethnology – earliest inhabitants; Aryanization of Bengal; Rise of different castes and communities of Bengal; Life of the people- position of women, dress, foods, games and leisure, conveyance

#### **III. Political development of Bengal-an overview**

Bengal up to Gupta period; Rise of sovereign Bengal; The Muslim invasion and rise of Islam in Bengal up to the rule of the Nawabs

#### **IV. Economic life in Bengal**

Agriculture, crafts and industries; Trade and commerce; Rise of Calcutta and Murshidabad; Emergence of Zamindari system.

#### **V. Religions and art in Bengal**

Spread of Brahmanism and Brahmanic culture; Vaisnavism; Spread of Buddhism and Jainism; Islam and Bengal; Srichaitanya and Bhakti movement, Sufism;

Architecture, sculpture and other forms of art; monastic and temple architecture with reference to Paharpur, Bishnupur; terracotta art

## **VI. Literature and traits of regional culture**

- a) Pre Bengali Sanskrit literature- kavyas, Jaydeb, UmapatiDhar, Dhoyi
- b) The rise and development of Bengali language and literature- Charyapada; Kirtivasa and Kasiram Das, the Mangalkavyas,
- c) Origin of Folk traditions of Bengal

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Majumdar, R C, The History of Bengal (Vol-1 and 2), N V Publications  
SarkarJadunath, The History of Bengal (Muslim Period), JanakiPrakashan

মজুমদার, রমশচন্দ্র, বাংলা দশরইতিহাস - প্রাচীনযুগ, জনারল  
মজুমদার, রমশচন্দ্র, বাংলা দশরইতিহাস - মধ্যযুগ, জনারল  
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সাঁতরা তারাপদ, পশ্চিমবাংলার ধর্মীয় স্থাপত্য, মন্দির ও মসজিদ, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ বাংলা আকাদেমি, ১৯৯৮  
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## **Paper –I (OR)**

### **(Discipline Specific Elective)**

### **Semester V**

## **HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1776-1864)**

**Total Lectures - 60**

### **I The Background:**

- [a] The land and the aborigines.
- [b] European settlement and colonization.
- [c] Early colonial society and politics; indentured labour: White and Black.

### **II Independence and making of the Republic:**

- [a] Sources of conflict: Revolutionary groups, Ideology: The War of Independence and its historical interpretations.
- [b] Constitution making: Historical debates and interpretations.

### **III Evolution of American Democracy:**

- [a] Federalists: Jeffersonianism to Jacksonianism, Rise of political parties; judiciary and the Supreme Court.



[b] Expansion of Frontier: Turner's Thesis; Marginalization, displacement and decimation of native Americans; Case histories of Tecumseh; Shawnee Prophet.

[c] Limits of democracy: Blacks and women.

#### **IV Early Capitalism:**

[a] Beginnings of Industrialization.

[b] Immigrants and changing composition of Labour; Early Labour movements and associations

#### **V Foreign Policy:**

Isolationism and involvement; War of 1812: Monroe Doctrine: Manifest Destiny.

#### **VI Slavery to Civil War:**

[a] Plantation economy and slave society.

[b] Abolitionism and Sectionalism: Issues and interpretations.

[c] Republicanism, Emancipation and Lincoln.

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**Semester V**  
**Paper –II (Option offered)**  
**LIFE AND CULTURE IN COLONIAL BENGAL (1757-1947)**  
6 Credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)  
**Total Lectures - 60**

- 1. Establishment of East India Company's rule in Bengal**
  - a) Relation between the East India Company and Bengal Nawabs- especially Sirajudaullah.
  - b) Battle of Plassy to grant of Diwani, Dual Government, Famine of 1770
  - c) Experiment s in Revenue Administration and Establishment Permanent Settlement-Social and Economic impact of the Permanent Settlement.
  
- 2. Changes in Social and Economic life up to 19<sup>th</sup> Century**
  - a) The Village community, so called self sufficient Village breaking the said society;  
Introduction of money index in place of cast system in social status.
  - b) Rise and growth of Calcutta and decline of the old urban centers.
  - c) Popular protests in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century- Sannyasi, Wababi, Faraiji, Indigo Revolts & Pabna uprising.
  
- 3. Impact of company's Rule**
  - a) Western Education- Role of Missionaries; Women's Education- Medical Education –Emergence of educated middle class.
  - b) The Bengal Renaissance –Religious and social Reforms Movements- Rammohan Roy, Vidyasagar, Young Bengal, Brahma Samaj, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Vivekananda;  
The Muslim and Non- Bengalis in Bengal.
  - c) De -industrialization and emergence of Labour Force; Impact of Railways.
  
- 4. Cultural Scenario in 19<sup>th</sup> Century**
  - a) Bengali Language and Literature; Printing and Press
  - b) Visual & performing arts , painting , Music , Theatre
  - c) Popular religions –( Sahebhdhani, Kartabhaja, Lalansahi , ), Culture- (Yatra, Kabigan)
  - d) Science , Technology and Medicine

## 5. Emergence of Nationalism

- a) Swadeshi Movement and impact,
- b) Rise of Extremism; Foundation of Muslim League;
- c) Gandhian ideology in Bengal,
- d) Non- co operation, Civil Disobediences and Quit India Movement in Bengal.

## 6. Changes in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- a) Influence of Nationalism on Literature;  
Introduction of popular Utsab and Melas
- b) Evolution Theatres in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- c) Visions of integration and humanity – Rabindranath, KaziNazrul and Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
- d) Social and cultural impact of the Partition; changing role of Women in Society.

## Reading List

Dirks Nicholas : Colonialism and Culture  
AhmedSalauddin : Social Ideas and social change in Bengal  
Mukherjee Amitava : Reforms and Regeneration in Bengal  
Bose NemaiSdahan : Indian Awakening and Bengal  
SarkarSumit :Swadeshi Movement in Bengal  
Writing social History A Critique of colonial India  
SarkarTanika : Hindu Wife , Hindu Nation  
Women and social Reform in India  
Banerjee Hasi : Political activity of the liberal Party in India  
ChatterjeeJaya : Bengal divided  
Arnold David : The new Cambridge History of India : science , Technology and Medicine in Colonial India  
Banerjee Sumanta : The Parlour and the streets : Elite and Popular culture in 19<sup>th</sup> century Calcutta  
Mukherjee S N : Calcutta , Myth and Reality  
Kopf David :British orientalism and Bengal Renaissance  
The BrahmoSamaj and shaping of the Modern Indian mind  
Palitchitrabrata : New view points of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Bengal  
Roy Rajat Kumar (ed) ; Mind, Body and society : Life and Mentality in Colonial Bengal  
SenAsok :iswarchandraVidyasagar and his Elusive Milestone  
Tripathyamalesh :Vidyasagar , a traditional Modernizer

SinhaNK : History of Bengal  
SinhaPradip : Calcutta in Urban History  
DattaAchintya : Economy and Ecology in a Bengal District : Burdwan 1880-1947  
MitraAshok :Paschim banger Puja parban o mela  
GhoshBenoy :PashimbangerSanskriti  
Vidyasagar o Bangalesamaj  
SammayikpatreBanglarSamajchitra  
BasuSwapan :UnishshatkerBanglarSamaj o sanskriti  
BasuSwapan&DuttaHarsha :BishsatakerBangaleejiban o sanskriti  
ChakrabortyRamakanta :Bangaleer Dharma , Samaj o sanskriti  
SanyalHiteshranjan : Social Mobility in Bengal  
SwarajerPathe  
KamillyaMihirChudhury : Rarer Gramdevata  
Rarer Purbapurushpuja :Lokdhama o Loksanskriti.  
Ahamadsalahauddin :Bangaleersadhana o BangladesherMukthijudha

**Paper –II (OR)**  
**(Discipline Specific Elective)**  
**Semester V**

**HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1865-1945)**

**Total Lectures - 60**

**I Reconstruction:**

[a] Conservative and Radical phases.

[b] The New South: Participants and Reactions, Carpetbaggers; Scalawags, Blacks, Ku Klux Klan.

**II Industrial America:**

[a] Growth of Capitalism and Big Business.

[b] Business cycles; Depression.

**III Resistance and Reform:**

[a] Labour movements and Unionization.

[b] Agrarian crises and populism; Urban corruption and progressivism.

[c] New Deal.

**IV The U.S.A. becomes a world power:**

[a] Spanish-American War

[b] Expansion in the Far East and Latin America

[c] World War I, Fourteen Points and Isolationism

[d] USA and World War II

**V Afro-American and Women's Movements:**

[a] Black Movements: Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Dubois; NAACP and Marcus Garvey.

[b] Abolitionists and Women's rights

[c] Suffrage

[d] Afro-American Women

**VI Religious, Cultural and Intellectual Trends:**

[a] Religious movements; Early Revivalism; Puritans, Quakers; Mormons; Temperance.

[b] Mass culture (circa 1900 - 1945)

[c] Major literary trends (circa 1900 - 1945).

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**Semester VI**  
**Paper –III (Option offered)**

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**History of Modern East Asia-1 (1840-1919)**  
**Total Lectures - 60**

**I Pre-colonial China**

- [a] Nature and structure of the traditional Chinese society.
- [b] The peasantry and gentry; Government bureaucracy and central control.
- [c] The Confucian value system.
- [d] China's pre-modern economy.

**II Anglo Chinese relations till the Opium War**

- [a] The Tribute system; the Canton trade and its collapse.
- [b] First & Second Opium Wars—the unequal treaties.
- [c] Financial Imperialism: Open Door policy.

**III Rebellion, Restoration and Nationalism**

- [a] The Taiping Rebellion: causes, nature and failure.
- [b] Tung- Chih Restoration; the Hundred Days' Reform and the Self –Strengthening Movement.
- [c] Boxer Uprising : causes, nature and failure.
- [d] The Revolution of 1911: background and causes, nature and significance; role of Dr Sun Yat- Sen; principles and politics, formation of the Republic; Yuan Shih-kai and warlordism; the rise of the Kuomintang.

**IV Pre-Meiji Japan**

- [a] Tokugawa Shogunate: the feudal society and the government; Shintoism.
- [b] Economic condition.
- c) Encounter with the West: the Perry Mission; the opening of the Japan to the west.
- [d] The crisis and fall of the Shogunate.



### **V Meiji Restoration**

[a] Causes and nature of Restoration.

[b] Transformation of Japan: process of modernization.

[c] Meiji Constitution.

### **VI Expansion of Japan up to the First World War**

[a] Sino-Japanese war (1894-95).

[b] The Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902).

[c] Contest for Korea and the Russo-Japanese war (1904-05).

[d] Japan and the First World War.

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**(Discipline Specific Elective)**  
**Semester VI**  
6 Credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)  
**History of the USSR-I (1917-1945)**  
**Total Lectures - 60**

**I The Russian Revolutions of February and October 1917**

[a] Crisis and fall of the Tsarist government

[b] The Russian revolutions of 1917: The February Revolution; the Provisional government and the Soviets; the October Revolution: nature of the October Revolution.

[c] Establishment of Soviet power; the question of nationalities.

## **II Lenin, Civil War and War Communism (1918-1921)**

[a] Lenin's leadership in Soviet Russia: the first eight months.

[b] Red and white economic policies; Civil War.

## **III Soviet Economy**

[a] From War Communism to New Economic Policy.

[b] Collectivization of agriculture and the Five Year Plans.

## **IV Post-Lenin Period**

[a] Challenges to the Bolshevik regime after Lenin; fall of Trotsky.

[b] Consolidation of political dictatorship: Stalin's rise to power; Stalin and the question of nationalities; the Great Purges.

## **V Soviet industrialization:**

Planned industrialization (1928-1941)

## **VI Soviet foreign policy till 1945**

[a] Lenin's foreign policy: formation of the Comintern; Soviet Russia and its neighbours; Rapallo Treaty (1922) and Lausanne Conference (1923).

[b] Stalin's foreign policy: United Front policy; Soviet-Nazi Non-Aggression Pact; Yalta Conference; formation of the Grand Alliance; Russia and the Second World War.

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**Semester VI**  
**Paper –IV (Option offered)**  
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**History of China and Japan (1919-1939)**  
**Total Lectures - 60**

**II Nationalism in China**

[a] Emergence of the Republic and Yuan Shih Kai: Warlordism.

[b] May 4<sup>th</sup> Movement: origin, nature and significance.

**2. The Kuomintang and the Nationalist government**

[a] The rise of the Kuomintang Party: Political crisis in the 1920s; The First United Front

[b] Chiang Kai-shek: the KMT-CCP conflict.

[c] Ten Years of Nanking Government.

### **3. The Communist Victory in China**

[a] Background of the foundation of the Communist Party.

[b] CCP under Mao Tse-tung: the making of the Red Army; the Second United Front; Long March.

[c] The Yen-an experiment;

[d] The Chinese Revolution (1949): Ideology, causes and significance; the establishment of the Peoples' Republic of China.

### **IV Rise of modern Japan**

[a] Process of modernization: social, military, political and educational; popular and democratic movement;

[b] Rise of Political Parties, abolition of feudalism and economic growth.

[c] Industrialization and the role of the state; the Zaibatsu.

### **V Imperial Japan**

[a] Japan and World war I: Twenty-one Demands.

[b] Washington Conference.

[c] Manchurian crisis: role of the League of Nations.

[d] Failure of the Democratic system and the rise of militarism in the 1930s and the 1940s.

### **VI Japan and World War II**

[a] Japan's bid for supremacy and defeat.

[b] Post war Japan under General Douglas MacArthur.

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**(Discipline Specific Elective)**  
**Semester VI**  
6 Credits, Total 75 marks (60 + 15)  
**History of the USSR-II (1945-1964)**  
**Total Lectures - 60**

**I political, social and cultural changes (1945-1964)**

[a] Demographic changes.

[b] Working class and gender relations.

## **II Domestic economy (1945-1954)**

[a] Industrial and agricultural reconstruction.

[b] Moves towards market socialism.

## **III Soviet Russia and Eastern Europe after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War**

[a] Confidence and coercion; imposition of Soviet hegemony on Eastern Europe; challenges to that hegemony in Yugoslavia and Hungary.

[b] The Warsaw Pact.

## **IV Sino-Soviet Relations (1949-1964)**

[a] Relations between USSR and China up till 1953.

[b] Changes in the relations between USSR and China between 1953 and 1964: a Sino-Soviet rift?

## **V The Khrushchev Era**

[a] De-Stalinization.

[b] Agricultural and industrial policies in post-Stalin era.

## **VI Nikita Khrushchev and the Cold War**

[a] Armaments and nuclear race.

[b] Cold War escalates: Vietnam, Korea, Cuba.

[c] Nature of the Cold War: ideological conflict or power struggle?

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## **Semester - I**

### **Hons. Generic Elective Papers [For other discipline(s)]**

#### **Paper – I**

6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)

#### **History of India (From Earliest Times up to 300 CE)**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

#### **I. Sources; Prehistory and Proto-historic cultures**

Sources & Interpretation - A broad survey of Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures, Bronze age civilization - Harappan Civilization - Origin, Extent, dominant features & decline.

#### **II. The Vedic Period**

Polity, Society, Economy and Religion, Iron age with reference to PGW & Megaliths.



### **III. Jainism and Buddhism**

Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Decline and Contributions

### **IV. Rise of Magadha**

Emergence and growth of the Magadhan Empire

Conditions for the rise of Mahajanpadas and the Causes of Magadha's success; The Iranian and Macedonian Invasion

### **V. The Mauryan Empire**

State and Administration of the Mauryas, Economy, Ashoka's Dhamma, Art & Architecture.

### **VI. Post Mauryan Period**

**The Satvahana Phase:** Aspects of Political History, Material Culture, and Administration & Religion

**The Sangam Age:** Sangam Literature, The three Early Kingdoms, Society & the Tamil language

**The age of Sakas and Kushanas:** Parthians & Kushanas, Aspects of Polity, Society, Religion, Arts & Crafts, Coins, Commerce and Towns.

### **References:**

Agrawal, D.P. The Archaeology of India

Basham, A.L. The Wonder That was India

Chakrabarti, D.K. Archaeology of Ancient Indian Cities Jaiswal, Suvira Caste: Origin, Function and Dimensions Subramanian, N. Sangam Polity

Thapar, Romila History of Early India

Allchin, F.R. and B Origins of a Civilization: The Prehistory and Early Archaeology of South Asia

Basham, A.L. The Wonder That was India

Jha, D.N. Ancient India in Historical Outline (1998 edn.)

Kosambi, D.D. Culture and Civilization of Ancient India Ray,

H.P. Monastery and Guild India in Historical Outline

Sastri, K.A.N. A History of South India

R.S Sharma, India's Ancient Past

Ray, Niharranjan Maurya and Post Maurya Art

Sharma, R.S. Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India (1991 edn.)

Thapar, Romila Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas (1997)

Yazdani, G. Early History of Deccan Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India (1991 edn.)

Thapar, Romila Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas (1997)

Yazdani, G. Early History of Deccan

**Semester – II**  
**Hons.Generic Elective Paper**  
**History of India (300 to 1206 CE)**  
6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)  
**Total – 60 Lectures**

- I. The Rise & Growth of the Guptas**  
Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Literature, and Science & Technology.
  
- II. Harsha & His Times**  
Harsha's Kingdom, Sasanka, Administration, Buddhism & Nalanda
  
- III. Towards Early Medieval: North India - Palas, Senas, Pratiharas and the rise of Rajputs**
  
- IV. Towards Early Medieval: South India**  
Chalukyas, Pallavas, Rashtrakutas, and the Cholas
  
- V. Society, Economy and Culture in Early Medieval:**  
The Feudalism debate  
Changes in Society, Economy and Culture
  
- VI. Arrival of Islam in India**  
Arab conquest of Sindh  
Struggle for power in Northern India & establishment of Sultanate.

**References:**

- R. S. Sharma: Indian Feudalism - India's Ancient Past
- B. D. Chattopadhyaya: Making of Early Medieval India Derryl N. Maclean: Religion and Society in Arab Sindh
- K. M. Ashraf: Life and Conditions of the People of Hindustan
- M. Habib and K.A. Nizami: A Comprehensive History of India Vol.VTapan Ray Chaudhary and Irfan Habib (ed.)  
: The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.I
- Peter Jackson: Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History Tara Chand: Influence of Islam on Indian Culture
- Satish Chandra: A History of Medieval India, 2 Volumes Percy Brown, : Islamic Architecture

**Semester - III**  
**Hons. Generic Elective Papers [For other discipline(s)]**  
**Paper – III**

6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)

**HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1206-1707**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

- I. Political History of the Delhi Sultanate**  
Foundation, Expansion and Consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate—Ilbari Turks, Khaljis and the Tughlaqs  
Nature of the State, nobility and the Ulema, Economic reforms
- II. Regional Political Formations**  
Bengal Vijaynagar and the Bahamani Kingdoms
- III. Mughal ascendancy till the time of Akbar (1605 CE)**  
Babar; Mughal- Afgan conflict, Akbar
- IV. Mughal Power in the post Akbar Era (1606-1707 CE)**  
Mughal empire from Jahangir to Aurangzeb
- V. Economy and Society**  
revenue administration from iqta, jagi and mansabdari.  
inland and oceanic trade
- VI. Religion, Art and Architecture**  
Religion;-Sufism, and Bhakti movement  
Art---painting, sculpture and architecture  
literature—Persian and regional

**Essential Readings :**

IrfanHabib: The Agrarian System of Mughal India 1556-1707,

IrfanHabib (ed.) : Madhya Kaleen Bharat, (in Hindi), 8 Volumes,

M. Athar Ali: Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb,

ShireenMoosvi: The Economy of the Mughal Empire

S.A.A.Rizvi: Muslim Revivalist Movements in Northern India during  
16th and 17th Centuries

R.P. Tripathi: The Rise and Fall of the Mughal Empire, 2 vol.

I. H. Siddiqui: Some Aspects of Afghan Despotism

KesvanVeluthat: Political Structure of Early Medieval South India

P.J. Marshall: The Eighteenth Century in Indian History.

Stewart Gordon, : The Marathas 1600-1818

Percy Brown, : Islamic Architecture

**Semester - IV**

**Hons. Generic Elective Papers [For other discipline(s)]**

**Paper – IV**

6 Credits, Total marks 75 (60 + 15)

**HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1707 - 1950**

**Total – 60 Lectures**

**I. Regional States and rise of the Company's rule**

Bengal – Battle of Plassey, Buxar and Dewani  
Marathas and Anglo Maratha relation  
Mysore and Anglo Mysore relation  
Anglo Sikh relations

**II. Land Settlements, peasant and Tribal revolts upto 1857**

Permanent settlement and Rayatwari  
Tribal and Peasant revolts- Wahabi, Fairazi and Santal

**III. Socio- Religious Reform Movements in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

Rammohan Roy, Young Bengal, Vidyasagar, AryaSamaj,  
Growth of a new middle class

**IV. 1857 and its aftermath**

Causes and nature of the 1857  
Age of associations and the birth of INC

**V. Indian National Movement**

Moderates and Extremists  
Partition of Bengal and the Swadeshi movement  
Rise of Gandhi in Indian politics and Gandhian movements.  
Leftist movements  
Subhash Chandra Bose and the INA

**VI. Partition Of India and the establishment of Indian Republic**

Government Of India Act 1935  
Cripps Mission, Wavell Plan, Cabinet Mission  
Communal Politics  
Partition of India  
Constituent Assembly and the birth of the Republic

**Essential Readings :**

Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal: Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy, New Delhi, 1998

SekharBandyopadhyayFromPlassey to Partition

Barbara D Metcalf andT.R. Metcalf A Concise History of India, Cambridge, 2002

C.A.Bayly: An Illustrated History of Modern India 1600 – 1947, London 1990

SumitSarkar Modern India 1885 ñ 1947, Mamillan, 1983

MushirulHasan John Company to the Republic: A story of Modern India

R.P. Dutt, India Today.

Thomas Metcalf Ideologies of the Raj.

R. Jeffery, J Masseloss, From Rebellion to the Republic.

Bipan Chandra: Nationalism and Colonialism.

### **Skill Enhancement Courses**

#### **Semester - III**

#### **Paper – I (Option offered)**

2 Credits, Total marks - 50

#### **Archives and museumsin India**

Total – 40 Lectures

This course introduces students to the institutions that house and maintain documentary, visual and material remains of the past. Museums and archives

are among the most important such repositories and this course explains their significance and how they work. Students will be encouraged to undertake collection, documentation and exhibition of such materials in their localities and colleges. Visit to National Archives and National Museum are an integral part of the course.

- I. Definition and history of development (with special reference to India)**
- II. Types of archives and museums:** Understanding the traditions of preservation in India  
Collection policies, ethics and procedures  
Collection: field exploration, excavation, purchase, gift and bequests, loans and deposits, exchanges, treasure trove confiscation and others  
Documentation: accessioning, indexing, cataloguing, digital documentation and de-accessioning  
Preservation: curatorial care, preventive conservation, chemical preservation and restoration
- III. Museum Presentation and Exhibition**
- IV. Museums, Archives and Society:** (Education and communication Outreach activities)

#### **Essential Readings**

1. Saloni Mathur, *India By Design: Colonial History and Cultural Display*, University of California, 2007
2. S. Sengupta, *Experiencing History Through Archives*. Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal. 2004.
3. Tapati, Guha Thakurta, *Monuments, Objects, Histories: Institution of Art in Colonial India*, New York, 2004
4. Y. P. Kathpalia, *Conservation and Restoration of Archive Materials*. UNESCO, 1973
5. R.D. Choudhary, *Museums of India and their maladies*. Calcutta: Agam Kala. 1988
6. Nair, S.M. *Bio-Deterioration of Museum Materials*. 2011  
Agrawal, O.P., *Essentials of Conservation and Museology*, Delhi, 2011  
Paper-IV: Understanding Popular Culture The paper examines some popular cultures expressed in

#### **Paper – I (OR)**

#### **Skill Enhancement Courses**

#### **Semester - III**

2 Credits, Total marks -50

## Understanding Heritage

Total – 40 Lectures

### **Paper-I Understanding Heritage**

This course will enable students to understand the different facets of heritage and their significance. It highlights the legal and institutional frameworks for heritage protection in India as also the challenges facing it. The implications of the rapidly changing interface between heritage and history will also be examined. The course will be strongly project-based and will require visits to sites and monuments. At least two Projects will be based on visits to Museums/Heritage Sites.

#### **I. Defining Heritage**

Meaning of 'antiquity', 'archaeological site', 'tangible heritage', 'intangible heritage' and 'art treasure'

#### **II. Evolution of Heritage Legislation and the Institutional Framework:**

Conventions and Acts— national and international\_Heritage-related government departments, museums, regulatory bodies etc.

Conservation Initiatives

#### **III. Challenges facing Tangible and Intangible Heritage**

Development, antiquity smuggling, conflict (to be examined through specific case studies)

#### **IV. Evolution of Heritage Legislation and the Institutional Framework:**

Conventions and Acts— national and international\_Heritage-related government departments, museums, regulatory bodies etc.

Conservation Initiatives

#### **V. Challenges facing Tangible and Intangible Heritage:**

Development, antiquity smuggling, conflict (to be examined through specific case studies)

#### **VI. Heritage and Travel:**

Viewing Heritage Sites\_The relationship between cultural heritage, 55

landscape and travel recent trends

### **Essential Readings**

David Lowenthal, *Possessed By The Past: The Heritage Crusade and The Spoils of History*, Cambridge, 2010

Layton, R. P. Stone and J. Thomas. *Destruction and Conservation of Cultural Property*. London: Rutledge, 2001

Lahiri, N. *Marshaling the Past - Ancient India and its Modern Histories*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black. 2012, Chapters 4 and 5.

S.S. Biswas, *Protecting the Cultural Heritage (National Legislations and International Conventions)*. New Delhi: INTACH, 1999.



### **Suggested Readings**

Acts, Charters and Conventions are available on the UNESCO and ASI websites ([www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org); [www.asi.nic.in](http://www.asi.nic.in))

Agrawal, O.P., Essentials of Conservation and Museology, Delhi, 2006  
Chainani, S. 2007. Heritage and Environment. Mumbai: Urban Design Research Institute, 2007

### **Skill Enhancement Courses**

#### **Semester - IV**

#### **Paper – II (Option offered)**

2 Credits, Total marks - 50

#### **Understanding Popular Culture**

Total – 40 Lectures

#### **I. Introduction**

- a. Defining elite and popular culture
- b. Differences in their forms, contents and patterns of presentations
- c. Changing traditions of Folk songs, music, literature and dances

#### **II. Visual Expressions**

- a. Folk Art, Calendar Art, Photography
- b. Audio-visual mode of presentation cinema & television
- c. Expressions of popular culture in dance , drama, films and painting.

#### **III. Performance and Participations**

- a. Theatre, music, folk songs and jatra:
- b. Identifying themes, functionality, anxieties.
- c. Fairs, Festivals and Rituals, Disentangling mythological stories, patronage, regional variations.

#### **IV. Popular Culture in a globalized world**

The impact of the internet and audio-visual media on popular culture

### **Essential Readings**

1. W.Dissanayake, and K. M. Gokul Singh, Indian Popular Cinema, Trentham Book, London, 2004

2. John Storey, Cultural Theory and Popular Culture, London, 2001
3. Patricia Oberoi, Freedom and Destiny: Gender, Family and Popular Culture in India, Delhi, 2009
4. Camera Indica: The Social Life of Indian Photographs, Chicago, 1998
5. Pankaj Rag, Dhunoke Yatri, Rajkamal, New Delhi, 2006
6. A.K. Ramanujan, (Hindi) Folktales from India: A Selection of Oral Tales from Twenty-two Languages (Only Introduction).
7. V. Ramaswamy, 'Women and the 'Domestic' in Tamil Folk Songs' in Kumkum Sangari and Uma Chakravarti, eds., From Myths to Markets: Essays on Gender, Shimla, 1999
8. Lata Singh, (ed.), Theatre in Colonial India: Playhouse of Power, New Delhi, 2009
9. Mihir Kamilya Chowdhury, (Bengali) Rarher Janajati O lokosanskriti, Burdwan University, Burdwan, 2006
10. Probodh Kumar Bhowmick, Socio-Cultural Profile of Frontier Bengal, Kolkata, 1976
11. D.D. Kosambi, Myth and Reality, 1961
12. Debiprasad Chattopadhyay, Lokayata
13. Amalendu Mitra, (Bengali) Rarher Sanskriti O Dharma Rajthakur
14. Amiyo Kumar Bandyopadhyay (Bengali), Bankura Mandir
15. Binoy Ghosh, (Bengali) Paschim Banglar Sanskriti
16. Niharajan Roy, (Bengali) Bangalir Itihas
17. Sudhir Kumar Karan, (Bengali) Simanta Banglar Lokojan
18. Tarapada Santra, (Bengali) Paschim Banger Lokoshilpa O Shilpi Samaj
19. Debiprasad Chattopadhyay, (Bengali) Lokayata Darshan
20. Asutosh Bhattacharya, (Bengali) Banglar Lokosrutu, 1960

## **Paper – II (OR)**

### **Skill Enhancement Courses**

#### **Semester - IV**

2 Credits, Total marks - 50

#### **Art Appreciation: An Understanding to Indian Art**

Total – 40 Lectures

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to Indian art,

from ancient to contemporary times, in order to understand and appreciate its diversity and its aesthetic richness. The course will equip students with the abilities to understand art as a medium of cultural expression. It will give students direct exposure to Indian art through visuals, and visits to sites and museums.

**I. Prehistoric and protohistoric art:** \_Rock art; Harappan arts and crafts

**I. Indian art (c. 600 BCE – 600 CE):**

World Heritage Site Managers, UNESCO World Heritage Manuals [can be downloaded/ accessed at [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)]  
Notions of art and craft\_Canons of Indian paintings\_Major developments in stupa, cave, and temple art and architecture Early Indian sculpture: style and iconography\_Numismatic art

**III. Indian Art (c. 600 CE – 1200 CE) :**\_Temple forms and their architectural features\_Early illustrated manuscripts and mural painting traditions Early medieval sculpture: style and iconography\_Indian bronzes or metal icons

**IV. Indian art and architecture (c. 1200 CE – 1800 CE) :**  
\_Sultanate and Mughal architecture\_Miniature painting traditions: Mughal, Rajasthani,Pahari Introduction to fort, palace and haveli Architecture

**V. Modern and Contemporary Indian art and Architecture:**  
The Colonial Period\_Art movements: Bengal School of Art, Progressive Artists Group, etc. Major artists and their artworks\_Popular art forms (folk art traditions)

**Essential Readings**

Neumayer, Erwin, Lines of Stone: The pre-historic rock-art of India, South Asia Books, 1993

Goswamy, B.N., Essence of Indian Art, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, 1986

Huntington, Susan, The Art of Ancient India: Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Weatherhill, 1985

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Guha-Thakurta, Tapati, The making of a new modern Indian art: Aesthetics and nationalism in Bengal, 1850-1920, Cambridge University Press, 1992

**Suggested Readings:**

Mitter, Partha, Indian Art, Oxford History of Art series, Oxford University Press, 2001 Dhar, Parul Pandya, ed., 2011, Indian Art

History Changing Perspectives, New Delhi: D.K.  
Printworld and National Museum Institute (Introduction).  
Beach, M.C., The New Cambridge History of India I: 3, Mughal and  
Rajput Painting, Cambridge University Press, 1992.  
Ray, Niharranjan, An Approach to Indian Art, Calcutta, 1970