

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for B.A. General (1+1+1 Pattern) in History with effect from 2015-2016

History (General)

Paper I

History of India (Prehistoric Times to 1206)

Full Marks: 100

1. **Sources of Early and Early Medieval India:** Literary and archaeological. (3 lectures)
2. **Prehistoric India:** Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, and Chalcolithic ages; the Harappan civilization—origins, town planning, trade and craft, religion, decline, legacy of Harappa. (5 lectures)
3. **The Vedic Civilization:** debate on original homeland; Rig-Vedic and Later-Vedic periods—society, economy, culture, polity; transition from pastoral to agricultural society. (5 lectures)
4. **Transition from Chiefdom to Kingdom:** Sixteen Mahajanapadas—monarchical and non-monarchical polity; emergence of Magadha as an imperial power; Second Urbanization. (5 lectures)
5. **Religious Protest Movement:** Buddhism, Jainism, Ajivikas and others—their historical background; Buddha—his principles; social base and nature of Buddhism; comparison with Jainism. (4 lectures)
6. **The Mauryas:** from Chandragupta to Asoka—a political overview with special emphasis on Maurya administration; Asoka's *Dhamma*; decline of the Mauryan empire. (6 lectures)

7. **Post-Maurya Phase:** the Satavahanas; foreign intervention in north Indian politics—Greeks, Sakas, Pallavas. The Kushanas—polity, religion, culture, and economy. Indo-Roman trade. (6 lectures)
8. **The Guptas:** expansionist policy; administration, economy, society, religion, and culture; downfall of the Gupta empire. (6 lectures)
9. **Bengal under the Palas and the Senas:** the Palas—rise, relation with the Rashtrakutas and the Pratiharas; rise and fall of the Senas; an overview of other local rulers—Harshavardhana, Sasanka; political development in South India with special reference to the Cholas, Pallavas, and the Chalukyas. (8 lectures)
10. **Arab Conquest of Sind:** Ghaznavid and Ghurid invasions. (2 lectures)

Suggested Reading:

1. Allchin, Bridget and Raymond, *The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*.
2. Basham, A.L., *The Wonder that was India*.
3. Bhattacharjee, Sukumari, *Women and Society in Ancient India*.
4. Chakrabarty, Ranabir, *Exploring Early India upto A.D. 1300*.
5. Chakrabarty, Ranabir, *Trade in Early India*.
6. Chandra, S, *History of Medieval India*.
7. Habib, Irfan (General Editor), *A Peoples*.
 - (a) *Vol. I – Pre History*.
 - (b) *Vol. II – The Indus Civilization*.
 - (c) *Vol. III -- The Vedic Age*.
 - (d) *Vol. IV – The Mauryas*.
8. Jha, D.N., *Ancient India in Historical Outline*.
9. Jha, D.N., *Ancient India: An Introduction*.
10. Kochar, R., *The Vedic People*.
11. Kosambi, D.D., *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*.
12. Kulke, H., *The State in India (1000-1700)*.

13. Lahiri, Naianjyot, *The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization*.
14. Ratnagar, Shireen, *The End of the Great Harappan Tradition*.
15. Raychaudhuri, H.C., *Political History of Ancient India*.
16. Sastri, K.A., *A History of South India from Pre-historic Times to the fall of Vijaynagar*,
17. Sharma, R.S., *India's Ancient Past*.
18. Sharma, R.S., *Advent of the Aryans*.
19. Singh, Upinder, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*.
20. Thapar, Romila, *From Lineage to State*.
21. Thapar, Romila, *Early India: From the Origins to A.D. 1300*.
22. Thapar, Romila, *The Mauryas Revisited*.
23. Romila, Thapar, *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*.
24. Trautman, T.R. (ed.), *The Aryan Debate*.

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Paper II

History of India (1206—1757)

Full Marks: 100

1. **Sources of Medieval Indian History:** different sources; historians and histories. (3 lectures)
2. **Political History of the Delhi Sultanate:** establishment, growth and consolidation of the Sultanate; nature of the state; the Mongols; nobility and the Ulema; Afghan despotism—the Sayyids, Lodis, and the Surs. (6 lectures)
3. **Society and Economy:** rural and urban society; land revenue system; Iqta system; non-agrarian economy, urbanization; market regulations and trade. (5 lectures)
4. **Regional Political Formations:** Bengal under the Ilyas Shahis and the Hussain Shahis; Vijaynagar and Bahamani kingdoms. (5 lectures)
5. **Religion and Culture:** Sufism and Bhakti movement; literature, art and architecture. (4 lectures)

6. **Foundation and Expansion of the Mughal Empire:** struggle for empire in North India; Babur's invasion; Mughal-Afghan conflict; expansion of the empire from Akbar to Aurangzeb. (6 lectures)
7. **Consolidation of the Empire:** Akbar's imperialist agenda—administration, Mansabdari system, Zabt system; Religion and state—Akbar to Aurangzeb; evolution of the nobility under the Mughals. (6 lectures)
8. **Mughal Economy, Society and Culture:** rural society and agrarian relations; crafts and industries; monetary system; inland and oceanic trade; literature; technology; architecture and painting. (5 lectures)
9. **Disintegration of the Mughal Empire:** problems of succession and court politics in the reign of Aurangzeb; popular revolts within the Mughal empire—the Jats, Satnamis, Afghans, and the Sikhs; crisis in the Jagirdari system; peasant uprising and agrarian crisis; debates and interpretations. (8 lectures)
10. **Political Ascendancy of the English East India Company in India.** (2 lectures)

Suggested Reading:

1. Ahmed, Bashir, *Akbar, The Mughal Emperor*.
2. Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar, *From Plassey to Partition*.
3. Chandra, S., *History of Medieval India*.
4. Habib, Irfan and Nizami, K.A., *A Comprehensive History of India. vol. V*.
5. Habib, Irfan, *Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization*.
6. Habib, Irfan, *Economic History of Medieval India: A Survey*.
7. Habib, Irfan, *The Agrarian System of Mughal India*.
8. Habibullah, A.B.M., *The Foundation Of Muslim Rule in India*.
9. Halim, Abdul, *The Lodi Dynasty*.
10. Hasan A. Mahdi, *The Tughlaq Dynasty*.
11. Hasan, S. Nurul, *Thoughts on Agrarian Relations in Mughal India*.
12. Jackson, Peter, *The Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History*.
13. Kulke, H. (ed.), *The State in India(1000-1700)*.
14. Kumar, Sunil, *The Emergence of the Sultanate of Delhi*.

15. Marshal, P.J., *East Indian Fortunes, The British in Bengal in 18th Century*.
16. Majumdar, R.C. (ed.), *History and Culture of the Indian People*.
17. Rizvi, S.A.A., *A History of Sufism in India*.
18. Raychaudhuri, T.K and Habib, I. (ed.), *The Cambridge Economic History of India*.
19. Stein, Burton, *Vijayanagara*.
20. Alam, Muzaffar and Subramanyan, Sanjoy (eds.), *The Mughal State*.
21. Ali, M. Athar, *Mughal India, Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*.
22. Ali, M. Athar, *The Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb*.
23. Chandra, Satish, *A History of Medieval India*.
24. Richards, J.F., *The Mughal Empire*.
25. Tripathi, R.P., *The Rise and fall of Mughal India*.
26. Tripathi, R.P., *Some Aspects of Muslim Administration*.

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Paper III

History of Europe (1789—1945)

Full marks: 100

1. **The French Revolution:** socio-economic and political background; role of the philosophers; progress of the Revolution; the Constituent Assembly; Girondins and Jacobins; the Reign of Terror. (5 lectures)
2. **Napoleon Bonaparte:** rise to power; internal reforms; Napoleon and Europe; Napoleon and Revolution; fall of Bonaparte. (5 lectures)
3. **Political Developments in Europe between 1815 and 1848:** the Vienna Congress; Concert of Europe; Metternich System; the Revolutions of 1830 and 1848. (5 lectures)
4. **Europe between 1848 and 1871:** the unification of Italy and Germany; Russian modernization –emancipation of serfs and liberal reforms; France under the Second Empire. (6 lectures)
5. **Industrialization in Europe:** difference in the process of industrialization between England and the Continent; rise of the working class; Socialist thought—Utopian and Marxist. (4 lectures)

6. **Europe between 1871 and 1914:** Bismarckian diplomacy; the new balance of power; the Eastern Question and the Balkan problem; Kaiser William II and the new course in the German foreign policy; Triple Alliance and Triple Entente. (5 lectures)
7. **Europe between 1914 and 1919:** origins of the First World War; role of different European powers; Peace Settlement of 1919; the League of Nations; Russian Revolution (1917). (6 lectures)
8. **Europe in Inter-War Period:** internal developments in Soviet Russia; French quest for security; rise of Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany; Spanish Civil War. (5 lectures)
9. **Second World War:** origins—failure of disarmament and the League of Nations; the policy of Appeasement and the Munich Pact; responsibility of Hitler. (6 lectures)
10. **U.N.O.:** background; formation; function. (3 lectures)

Suggested Reading:

1. Fisher H.A.L., *History of Europe*.
2. Thomson David, *Europe since Napoleon*.
3. Lipson E., *Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries*.
4. Hazen C D., *Europe since 1815*.
5. Ketelby, *History of Modern Times*.
6. Cipolla (ed.), *Fontana Economic History of Europe*.
7. Taylor A.J.P., *Origins of the Second World War*.
8. Taylor AJP, *The struggle for Mastery in Europe*.
9. Carr E.H., *International Relations between the Two World Wars*.
10. Hobsbawm E.J., *Age of Revolution/ Age of Empire*.
11. Roberts J.M., *Europe 1880-1945*.
12. Lefebvre G., *Coming of the French Revolution*.
13. Rude G., *Revolutionary Europe*.
14. Chakraborty Prafulla, *Farasi Biplab*.
15. Mallik Samar, *Euoper Biplab Kal/ Nabo rupe Europe*.

16. Chattopadhyay Mrinal Kanti, *Europar Itihas*.

17. Chakraborty Subash, *Europar Itihas*.

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Paper IV

History of India (1757—1964)

Full Marks: 100

1. **British Ascendancy in Bengal:** Siraj-ud-daula and the battle of Plassey; battle of Buxar; grant of Diwani; Dual system of government. (5 lectures)
2. **Expansion of British Power:** Subsidiary Alliance; Doctrine of Lapse; British relations with Mysore, the Marathas, and the Sikhs. (5 lectures)
3. **Colonial Economy:** land revenue settlements; Drain of Wealth; de-industrialization. (5 lectures)
4. **Early Resistance to British Rule:** Wahabi movement; Santhal rebellion; the Revolt of 1857. (4 lectures)
5. **Social Reforms and National Consciousness:** Western education; Raja Rammohan Roy; Vidyasagar; Prarthana Samaj; Arya Samaj; Aligarh movement; political associations; the birth of Indian National Congress. (6 lectures)
6. **Pre-Gandhian Politics:** Moderate Congress; Extremism; Swadeshi movement; revolutionary movement in Bengal and in Punjab; peasant and working class movements. (6 lectures)
7. **Gandhian Movement:** rise of Gandhi; Khilafat movement; Non-Cooperation; Civil Disobedience; Quit India movement; women in Gandhian movement. (6 lectures)
8. **Second World War and Indian Politics:** Cripps Mission; Cabinet Mission; S.C. Bose and INA; RIN; Mountbatten Plan; communal politics and Partition. (5 lectures)
9. **Independent India:** Indian Constitution; economic planning; development of parliamentary democracy; movement for social justice. (4 lectures)
10. **Indian Foreign Policy:** Non-alignment; Indo-China relation; Indo-Pak relation. (4 lectures)

Suggested reading:

1. Bandyopadhyay Sekhar, *From Plassey to Partition*.
 2. Sarkar Sumit, *Modern India* .
 3. Chandra Bipan , *India's Struggle for Independence/ India after Independence*.
 4. Desai A.R., *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*.
 5. Datta K.K., *Social History of Modern India*.
 6. Mukherji H.N., *India's Struggle for Freedom*.
 7. Chatterji Jaya, *Bengal Divided: Hindu Communalism and partition*.
 8. Tripathy Amalesh, *Swadinata Sangrame Bharater Jatiyo Congress*.
 9. Wolpert Stanly, *A new History of India*.
 10. Chattopadhyay Pranab Kumar, *Adhunik Bharat*.
 11. Chattopadhyay Mrinal Kanti, *Jyatiyotabadi Jinnah : Chintar Kromobibartan*.
 12. Mallik Samar, *Adhunik Bharater Rupantar : Raj Theke Swaraj*.
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