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Syllabus of Post Graduate History

Paper - I

History of India, 1526 – 1757

Module - 1

Unit – 1: The formation of the Mughal Empire

Unit – 2: Process of Mughal expansion

Unit – 3: The nature of Mughal absolutism

Unit – 4: The emperor and the ruling class

Module - 2

Unit – 1: The Crisis of the Mughal Absolutism

Unit - 2: The Jagirdari Crisis

Unit - 3: The Mughal Society and Economy

Unit – 4: The Mughal Urbanization

Module - 3

Unit – 1: The Decline of the Mughal Empire

Unit – 2: The Rise of the Regional Powers

Unit – 3: The Foreign Invasion

Unit – 4: Historiography of the Mughal Decline

Module - 4

Unit – 1: The Expanding English Presence in 18th Century India and the Structure of the India's International Economy

Unit – 2: The Company and the Indian Traders

Unit – 3: The Background of the Battle of Plassey and the Anglo-French Conflict

References (Paper - I)

John F. Richards: The Mughal Empire

Irfan Habib: The Agrarian System of Mughal India

Irfan Habib: Essays in Indian History

Douglas E. Streusand: The Formation of the Mughal Empire

N.A. Siddigi: Land Revenue Administration under the Mughals, 1700 – 1750

I.H. Qureshi: The Administration of the Mughal Empire

M. Athar Ali: The Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb

M. Athar Ali: The Apparatus of Empire

Satish Chandra: Parties and Politics in Mughal Court, 1707 – 1740

Satish Chandra: Essaya on Medieval Indian History

Muzaffar Alam: The Crisis of the Empire in Mughal North India

Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib (eds.): The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol – I

Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subrahmanyam: The Mughal State, 1526 – 1750 Jadunath Sarkar: Fall of the Mughal Empire, 4 Vols.

Paper - II

History of India, 1757 – 1885

Module - 1

Unit – 1: Political System in the Second Half of the 18th Century

Unit – 2: Consolidation of the British Power in Bengal (1757 – 1772)

Unit – 3: Company's Territorial Expansion in Western and Southern India

Unit – 4: Early Resistance to the British Colonial Rule; the Revolt of 1857

Module – 2

Unit – 1: Land Revenue Settlements

Unit – 2: Peasant and Tribal Movements with reference to Indigo Uprising, Pabna Revolt, Deccan Riots, Santhal and Munda Revolts.

Unit – 3: Drain of Wealth; Deindustrialization and Deindustrialization Debate

Unit – 4: Railways and the Indian Economy; Development of Modern Industries

Module – 3

Unit – 1: Early Attitudes towards India – Utilitarianism, Evangelicalism, Orientalism

Unit – 2: Westernization and Indian Response

Unit – 3: Reorganization of Colonial State after 1857

Unit - 4: State and Social Reform

Module - 4

Unit – 1: Social Background of Modern Nationalism in India

Unit – 2: The Growth of Public Sphere – the Press, Art and Literature

Unit – 3: Liberalism and Nationalism – the Economic Critique of British Rule

Unit – 4: Provincial Politics and the Pre-Congress Era

Paper - III

History of India, 1885 - 1964

Module – I:

Unit – 1: The Indian Nationalism

Unit – 2: The Nature of the Early Congress

Unit – 3: The Rise and Spread of Communalism

Unit – 4: The Indian National Movement: the Changing Situation

Module - 2

Unit – 1: The Impact of the First World War on the Indian Economy, Society and Politics

Unit – 2: Gandhi and the Emergence of the Mass Politics

Unit – 3: The Congress – Non-cooperation Movement and the Civil Disobedience Movement

Unit – 4: The Indian National Congress and the Indian Capitalist Class

Module - 3

Unit – 1: The Development of Nationalist Politics

Unit – 2: The Rise of the Leftist Politics; The Struggle for Independence in the Princely States

Unit – 3: The Quite India Movement – 1942 in Indian History

Unit – 4: The Popular Movements during the 1940s; India towards Independence and Partition

Module - 4

Unit - 1: India in 1947

Unit - 2: India under Jawaharlal Nehru

Unit – 3: The Economy of Independent India and Movement for Social Justice

Unit – 4: India in the World Politics (1947 – 64)

References (Paper - II and Paper - III)

Sumit Sarkar: Modern India, 1885 – 1947

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: From Plassey to Partition

Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, K.N. Pannikar and

Suheta Mahajan: India's Struggle for Independence

Bipan Chandra: The Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India

Bipan Chandra: Communalism in Modern India

Judith M. Brown: Gandhi's Rise to Power

Judith M. Brown: Modern India: the Origins of an Asian Democracy

C.A. Bayly: Rulers, Townsmen and Bazars: North Indian Society in the Age of British Expansion, 1770 – 1870.

C.A. Bayly: Indian Society and the Making of the English Empire

Susan Bayly: Caste, Society and Politics in India from the Eighteenth Century to the Modern Age

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

Sucheta Mahajan: Independence and Partition

Paul R. Brass: The Politics of India since Independence

Francine R. Frankel: India's Political Economy, 1947 – 1977

Bipan Chandra, Aditya Mukherjee, Mridula Mukherjee: India after Independence

Paper - IV

Historiography

Module - 1

Unit – 1: What is History? Fact and Interpretation – the Nature of Historical Evidence – Historical Evidence and Historical Imagination – Approaches to History and the Emergence of Specializations – National History and Local History – Economic and Social History – History and Social Sciences

Unit – 2: History Writing in Pre-Modern Times – Features of Classical Historiography – History and Statecraft in Early Modern Europe – History in the Age of Enlightenment – Montesquieu, Voltaire, Vico and the Encyclopaedists – Harder and Gibbon

Unit – 3: Ranke and the Berlin Revolution in Historiography – Ranke and Objective History – History as it really was – History as a Past Politics – Ranke's Vision of Universal History

Unit – 4: History and the Idea of Progress in 19th Century Europe – Macaulay, Acton and the Age of Improvement – Jules Michelle and the French Revolution – Marx and Historical Materialism

Module – 2

Unit – 1: Marxism and Emergence of Economic and Social History – Trevelyan and the Writings of Social History of Politics – the New History Movement in United States of America

Unit – 2: Maurice Dobb and the Rise of Capitalism – R. H. Tawny and the English Revolution- Religion and Capitalism in England

Unit – 3: Social History as History of Structures and Mentalities – the Annales' School

Unit – 4: Social History as the History of Classes – British Marxist Historians – Christopher Hill, Eric J. Hobs Eric Hobsbawm and E. P. Thompson – New Social History – History from Below

Module - 3

Unit – 1: Emergence of Historical consciousness in 19th Century India – Orientalism and the Rediscovery of Indian History – James Mill's *History of India* and the Theory of Oriental Despotism

Unit – 2: The Indian Encounter with Past in the 19th Century

Unit – 3: Nationalism and the Writing of Indian History – the Indian Search for a Golden Past – the Economic Critique of British Colonial Rule and the Economic History of India – Marxist View of Indian History and the Problem of Periodisation

Unit – 4: Debates in Indian History: the Indian Feudalism – 18th Century in Indian History

References (Paper - IV)

E. H. Carr: What is History

Marc Bloch: The Historian's Craft Arnold Toynbee: A Study of History R. C. Collingwood: The Idea of History Eric Hobsbawm: The Age of Revolution

E.P. Thompson: The Making of the English Working Class

Harverd J. Kaye and Keith McClelland: E. P. Thompson – Critical Perspectives

Theda Skocpol (ed.): Vision and Method in Historical Sociology

Maurice Dobb: Studies in the Development of Capitalism

Podney Hilton: The Transition from Foundalism to Capitalism

Rodney Hilton: The Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism

T. H. Ashton and C. H. E. Philpin: The Brenner Debate – The Agrarian Class

Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe

David Kopf: British Orientalism and Bengal Renaissance

Tapan Raychaudhuri: Europe Reconsidered

R. S. Sharma: Indian Feudalism

B. D. Chattopadhyaya: The Making of Early Medieval India

Satish Chandra: Essaya on Medieval Indian History

Muzaffar Alam: The Crisis of the Empire in Mughal North India

Paper - V

History of Europe, 1789 - 1945

Module – 1: French Revolution and Napoleon

Unit – 1: Condition (Economic, Social and Political) of France before 1789. Contribution of the Philosophers in the Revolution of 1789 –

Factors leading to the Revolution

Unit – 2: The Process and Different Phases of the Revolution of 1789

Unit – 3: Impact of the French Revolution on the Contemporary Society, Politics and Culture

Unit –4: Rise of Napoleon – Internal and Foreign Policy of Napoleon. Fall of Napoleon

Module – 2: Bourgeois Democratic Revolution and Unification of Europe

Unit – 1: The European Experience of Bourgeois Democratic Revolution (Major Countries)

Unit – 2: The Impact of Bourgeois Democratic Revolution on the European Politics

Unit – 3: United Germany under the leadership of Bismarc

Unit – 4: The Industrial Revolution in Germany – The End of the Age of Bismarc – German Foreign Policy under the leadership of Kaiser William II

Module – 3: Industrial Revolution in Europe

Unit – 1: Industrial Revolution in Europe: Definition and Continuity

Unit – 2: The Causes of the Industrial Revolution. Why did it first take place in England?

Unit – 3: Agricultural, Transport and Demographic Revolution

Unit – 4: The Long-term Effects of the Industrial Revolution

Module – 4: Nationalism and Formation of Nationalist States in Europe

Unit – 1: Rise of Nationalism in Europe

Unit – 2: Unification Movement in Italy

Unit – 3: Unification Movement in Germany

Unit – 4: The decline of Empire through the Rise of Nationalism

Module – 5: Europe between 1914 and 1945

Unit – 1: Background of the World War I

Unit – 2: The Peace Efforts in Europe after the World War I

Unit – 3: The Socialist Movement in Europe

Unit – 4: Rise of Nazism and Fascism in Europe

Unit – 5: World War II, the Rise of Super Powers and the Beginning of the Cold War

References (Paper - V)

Theodore S. Hamerow: The Birth of a New Europe: State and Society in the Nineteenth Century

E.J. Hobsbawm: The Age of Revolution, 1789–1848

E.J. Hobsbawm: The Age of Capital, 1848–1875

E.J. Hobsbawm: The Age of Empire, 1875–1914

Phyllis Deane: The First Industrial Revolution,

David S. Landes: The Unbound Prometheus: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750 to the Present

Peter N. Stearns: European Society in Upheaval: Social History Since 1750

Eugen Weber: Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France 1870–1914

E.P. Thompson: The Making of the English Working Class

Owen Connelly: French Revolution, Napoleonic Era

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

Peter N. Stearns: 1848: The Revolutionary Tide in Europe

Gordon A. Craig: Germany, 1866-1945

Asa Briggs: The Making of Modern England, 1783-1867

Toni Smith: The Pattern of Imperialism: The United States, Great Britain, and the Late-Industrializing World Since 1815

A.J.P. Taylor: The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848–1918

Arno J. Mayer: The Persistence of the Old Regime: Europe to the Great War Laurence Lafore: The Long Fuse: An Interpretation of the Origins of World War I.

James Joll: The Origins of the First World War

Geoffrey Barraclough: An Introduction to Contemporary History

Michael D. Biddiss: The Age of the Masses: Ideas and Society in Europe Since 1870

H. Stuart Hughes and James Wilkinson: Contemporary Europe: A History

James Joll: Europe Since 1870: An International History

David Thomson: Europe since Napoleon

Peter Gay: Weimar Culture: The Outsider as Insider

A.J.P. Taylor: The Origins of the Second World War

Roger Morgan: West European Politics Since 1945: The Shaping of the European Community

Derek W. Urwin: Western Europe Since 1945: A Political History,.

Paper - VI

World Politics Since 1945

Module - 1: Aftermath of the War

Unit – 1: Background of Cold War

Unit – 2: Europe in transition - Formation of European Union.

Unit – 3: Cold War in the Third World (Korean Crisis, Vietnam

War, Arab-Israel Conflict)

Unit – 4: NAM and its impact on World Politics

Module – 2: Unit – 1: Birth of Communist China and Sino-Soviet Relation

Unit – 2: United States of America, Cuba and Chili.

Unit – 3: The Anti-Colonial Movement in Africa – Algeria and Congo Crisis.

Module – 3: Decolonization and Disarmament

Unit – 1: Debate on Concept and Application

Unit-2: Various Phases of Disarmament - Nuclear Rearmament, Anti-nuclear World

Unit – 3: UNO as a Peacekeeping Body. Evaluation of its Success and Failures

Unit – 4: Apartheid – Origin of the Concept, its impact on World Politics, America and South Africa

Module – 4: The New World Order

Unit – 1: Collapse of the Soviet Union, Gorbachev Years. The End of Cold War towards a Unipolar World

Unit – 2: Globalization and its Impact

Unit – 3: India and South Asia – Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Unit – 4: Indian Foreign Policy after the Cold War

- a) Economic Diplomacy
- b) Look East Policies
- c) Nuclear Policies Armament and its Impact

References (Paper - VI)

Roger Morgan: West European Politics Since 1945: The Shaping of the European Community

Derek W. Urwin: Western Europe Since 1945: A Political History

Henry L. Roberts: Eastern Europe: Politics, Revolution, & Diplomacy

W.W. Rostow: The Division of Europe after World War II

V.G. Kiernan: European Empires from Conquest to Collapse, 1815–1960

Sidney Pollard: European Economic Integration, 1815–1970

Paul Seabury: The Rise and Decline of the Cold War

Robert J. Maddox: The New Left and the Origins of the Cold War

John D. Hargreaves: The End of Colonial Rule in West Africa: Essays in Contemporary History

Curt Gasteyger: Searching for World Security: Understanding Global Armament and Disarmament

Robert Jackson: South Asian Crisis: India, Pakistan, Bangla Desh

Rupkumar Barman: Ethnicity, Cultural Nationalism and Democratization

SPECIAL PAPERS

(The University offers two Special Papers to the learners of post graduate history course. The learners will have to opt either for Group – A of Paper – VII and Paper – VIII or for Group – B of Paper – VII and Paper – VIII.)

Group - A PAPER VII A

Social History of India (19th and 20th Centuries)

Module - I: Gender

Unit – 1: Aspects of Gender Question in India

Unit – 2: Prostitute and Her Clientele in 19th Century Bengal

Unit - 3: Women Education in India

Unit – 4: Women's Suffrage Movement in India – a Survey

Module - II:

Unit – I: Environmental History Unit – II: Environmental History

Unit - III: Science

Unit - IV: Medicine and Public Health

Module - III:

Unit - I: Literature

Unit - II: Film and Theatre

Unit – III: Art Unit – IV: Sports

Module – IV:

Unit - I: Disorder and Violence in Rural Society

Unit - II: Law and Court

Unit – III: Police Unit – IV: Prison

Module - V:

Unit – I: Religious Reform Movements

Unit – II: Social Reform Movements

Unit – III: Caste Movements
Unit – IV: Educational Reforms

References (Paper - VIIA)

Sumit Sarkar: Modern India, 1885 – 1947

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: From Plassey to Partition

Geraldin Forbes: Women in Modern India

Aparna Basu: The Growth of Education and Political Development in India,

1898 – 1920

Aparna Basu and Bharati Ray: Women's Struggle: a history of the All-India

Women's Conference, 1927 – 1990

M. Borthwick: Keshub Chander Sen: a search for cultural sysnthesis

M. Borthwick: The Chnaging Role of Women in Bengal, 1849 – 1905

U. Chakrabarty: Rewriting History: the life and times of Pandiata Ramabai

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: Caste, Politics and the Raj

Ranjan Chakrabarty (ed.): Situating Environmental History

Richard Grove: Green Imperialism

David Arnold and Ramchandra Guha (eds.): Nature, Culture, Imperialism:

Essays on the Environmental History of South Asia

Ramchandra Guha: The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya

Chetan Singh: Natural Premises: Ecology and Peasant Life in the Western Himalaya, 1800 – 1950

Sumit Guha: Environment and Ethnicity in India, 1200 - 1991

Deepak Kumar: Science and the Raj

David Arnold: Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth Century India

Arun Kumar: Medicine and the Raj: British Medical Policy in India, 1835 -1911 Roy MacLeod and Deepak Kumar (eds), Technology and the Raj: Western Technology and Technical Transfers to India, 1770 – 1947

Mark Harrison: Public Health in British India

PAPER VIII A

Economic History of India (19th and 20th Centuries)

Module - I

Unit – I: Revenue Settlements

Unit – II: Commercial Agriculture in India

Unit - III: Rural Structure

Unit - IV: Peasant Movements

Module - II

Unit – I: Industrial Development

Unit – II: Imperialism and Industrial Development

Unit – III: Swadeshi Industrial Development

Unit - IV: Business and Politics

Module - III

Unit – I: Historiography of the Indian Working Class

Unit – II: Emergence and Formation of Indian Working Class

Unit – III: Changing Condition of the Indian Working Class

Unit - IV: The Working Class Movements

Module - IV:

Unit – I: Internal Trade of India with Special Reference to Bengal

Unit – II: Foreign Trade of India (1757 – 1858)

Unit – III: Foreign Trade of India (1858 – 1947)

Unit – IV: Population, Occupational Structure and Urbanization

References (Paper - VIIIA)

Sumit Sarkar: Modern India, 1885 – 1947

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: From Plassey to Partition

Tirthankar Roy: The Economic History of India, 1857 – 1947

Burton Stein (ed.): The Making of Agrarian Policy in British India, 1770 – 1900 Dharma Kumar (ed.): The Cambridge Economic History of India, Volume – II Sugata Bose: Peasant Labour and Colonial Capital: Rural Bengal since 1770 R.E. Frykenberg (ed.): Land Control and Social Structure in Indian History Ranajit Guha: Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India

D. N. Dhanagare: Peasant Movements in India, 1920 - 1950

R.S. Rungta: The Rise of Business Corporations in India, 1851 – 1900 Rajat K. Ray (ed.): Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800 – 1947 Bipan Chandra: The Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India Amiya Kumar Bagchi: De-industrialization in India in the Nineteenth Century: Some Theoretical Implications, Journal of Development Studies, 12(2), 1976 Marika Vicziany: The De-industrialization of India in the Nineteenth Century: A Methodological Critique of Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Indian Economic and Social History Review, 26(2), 1979

Daniel Thorner and Alice Thorner: Land and Labour in India, 1881 – 1931 Amiya Kumar Bagchi: Private Investment in India, 1900 – 1939

Rajat K. Ray: Industrialization in India: Growth and Conflict in the Private Corporate Sector, 1914 – 47

Dipesh Chakrabarty: Rethinking Working-Class History: Bengal 1890 – 1940 Omkar Goswami: Industry, Trade and Peasant Society: The Jute Economy of Eastern India, 1900 1947

Rajnarayan Chandavarkar: The Origins of Industrial Capitalism in India Sunil Kumar Sen: Working Class Movements in India, 1885 - 1975

Group - B PAPER VII B

Social History of India (5th to 13th Centuries)

Module - I:

Unit - I: Formation of Social-Political Structure

Unit – II: The Theory of Sultanate

Unit – III: Unitary/Centralized State Formation

Unit – IV: State and Society

Module – II:

Unit – I: Regional Patterns of State Formation

Unit – II: Societies in Rajputana – The Bhai-Bant System

Unit - III: Vijayanagara - Segmentary State

Unit - IV: Bengal

Module - III

Unit – I: Growth of Regional Literature

Unit – II: Liberal Arts, Technology and Science

Unit – III: Astronomy, Ayurveda, Rasayana.

Unit - IV: New Developments

Module - IV

Unit – I: Social, Economic and Religious Traits of Assimilation

Unit – II: Philosophy – Bhakti Cult and Sufism

Unit – III: Hindu – Muslim Synthesis

Unit - IV: Assimilation of Cultures

References (Paper - VIIB)

D. D. Kosambi: An Introduction to the Study of Indian History

R. S. Sharma: Perspectives in Social and Economic History Early India

R. S. Sharma: Indian Feudalism, 300 - 1200

R. G. Bhandarkar: Vaisnavism, Saivism and Minor Religious Systems

Mahammad Habib and K. A. Nizami: A Comprehensive History of India, vol. V, The Delhi Sultanate

K. A. Nizami: Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century

A. B. M. Habbibullah: The Foundation of Muslim Rule in India

I. H. Qureshi: The Administration of the Sultanate of Delhi

Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya: Science and Society in Ancient India

Hermann Kulke (ed.): The States in India, 1000 – 1700

J. S. Grewal (ed.): State and Society in Medieval India

Burton Stein: Peasant, State and Society in Early Medieval South India

Shankar Goel (ed.): Rajasthan: From Pre-history to the Independence

নীহাররঞ্জন রায় : বাঙালির ইতিহাস, আদিপর্ব

PAPER VIII B

Economic History of India (5th to 13th Centuries)

Module - I:

Unit – I: Early Medieval Period

Unit – II: Causative Factors

Unit – III: Debates and Historiography

Module - II:

Unit – I: The Agrarian Structure

Unit – II: The Feudal Economy

Unit – III: Growth and Diversities

Unit - IV: The Iqtadari System

Module - III:

Unit – I: Nature of Trade (Trade, Merchants and Market Centres)

Unit - II: Urban Development and Proliferation of Guilds and Crafts

Unit – III: Agriculture

Module - IV

Unit – I: Economy of Vijayanagara

Unit - II: Bengal and Bhamain Kingdom

Unit - III: Foreign Trade

Unit - IV: Feudalism From Above and Below

References (Paper - VIIIB)

Harbans Mukhia: The Feudalism Debate

B. D. Chaterjee: The Making of Early Medieval India

D. N. Jha (ed): The Indian Feudal Order: State, Society and Ideology, 500 - 1300

D. D. Kosambi: An Introduction to the Study of Indian History

Rushton Coulborn: Feudalism in History

R. S. Sharma: Social Changes in Early Medieval India

R. S. Sharma: Indian Feudalism, 300 - 1200

R. S. Sharma: Perspectives in Social and Economic History Early India

B. P. Majumdar: Socio-Economic History of Northern India, 1030 – 1194

Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib: The Cambridge Economic History of India, Volume – I

Burton Stein: Peasant State and Society in Early Medieval South India

B.N.S. Yadava: Society and Culture in Northern India in the Twelfth Century

Lallanji Gopal: Economic Life of Northern India, 700 – 1200

Burton Stein: Vijayanagara

K. A. Nilkanta Shastri: A History of South India

R. C. Majumdar (ed.): The History and Culture of the Indian People: The Classical Age

Karl Marx: Pre-Capitalist Economic Formations