



BENGALURU CITY UNIVERSITY

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

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Syllabus for I & II Semester History

2024-25

Programme Name	B. A in History	Semester	1
Course Title	History of Ancient India		
Course Code		No. of Credits	5
Contact Hours	60 Hours	Duration of Exam	3 Hours
Formative Assessment Marks	20	Summative Assessment Marks	80

Course Objectives:

- Familiarize students with the first civilization of India
- Give an insight into Vedic Culture and Heterodox Religions of Ancient India
- Enhance the knowledge of students in Political history of Ancient India
- Explore the South Indian political and cultural history.

	Contents	60Hrs
UNIT -I	Introduction: Survey of Sources- Harappan Civilization-Urban planning- Society – Religious beliefs- Trade contacts- Script- Decline- Recent Excavations.	9Hrs
UNIT – II	Vedic period: a) Early Vedic period- Vedic Literature- Society – Religious Practices. B) Eastward Movement- Proliferation of Agriculture- Second Urbanization- Stratified society – Varna system- Status of Women.	10Hrs
UNIT - III	Dissent and Protest: The context of Heterodox Religions- Jainism and Buddhism - Greek Invasion – The Mauryas - Chandra Gupta Maurya– Arthashastra- Ashoka and his Dhamma- Mauryan Administration-Decline of Mauryan Empire – Art and Architecture – Kushanas – Kanishka- Gandhara Art.	14Hrs
UNIT- IV	Gupta period: Foundation- Samudra Gupta- Chandra Gupta II - Literature, Science, Art and Architecture- Debate over Golden Age.	8Hrs
UNIT – V	Post Gupta period: Maukharis and Pushyabhuthis - Vardhanas- Harshavardhana- Cultural Contributions- Nalanda University.	5Hrs
UNIT-VI	The South: The Sangam Age- Pallavas-Mahendra Varma - I –Narasimha Varma I - Art and Architecture-Cholas-Rajaraja Chola- Rajendra Chola –Administration-Local Self Government-Art and Architecture.	6Hrs
UNIT -VII	Bhakti Movement: Alwars and Nayanars - Philosophies of Advaita, Vishistaadvaita, Dvaita.	5Hrs
	MAP WORK: 1) Sites related to Harappan Civilization, Mauryan Empire under Ashoka, Gupta Empire Under Samudra Gupta, Chola Empire Under Rajaraja Chola. 2) PLACES OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE: 1) Harappa 2) Mohenjodaro 3) Lothal 4) Saranath 5) Pataliputra 6) Maski 7) Taxila 8) Sanchi 9) Purushapura 10) Ajantha 11) Thaneshwara 12) Kannauj 13) Prayag 14) Nalanda 15) Kaladi 16) Melkote 17) Udupi 18) Kanchi 19) Mahabalipuram 20) Thanjavur.	3Hrs

Books for Reference

1. D.D Kosambi- An Introduction to the study of Indian History.
2. Romila Thapar- Ancient Indian History.
3. R.S. Sharma – Ancient India.
4. A.L Bhashyam- The Wonder that was India.
5. D.N. Jha- Early India: A Concise History.
6. Huntington- The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hidhu, Jain.
7. A.S. Altekar- State and Government in Ancient India.
8. U.N Ghoshal- A History of Indian Political ideas: the ancient period and the period of transition to the middle ages.
9. R.G Bhandarkar- Early History of Deccan (Two Volumes)
10. K.A. Nilakanta Shastri-A History of South India.
11. ಡಾ. ಶಾರದಾ ಪ್ರಸಾದ್ - (ಕನ್ನಡ ಅನುವಾದ) ಭಾರತದ ಪ್ರೌಢ ಇತಿಹಾಸ
12. ಆರ್. ಸಿ ಮಜುಂದಾರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು- ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನತೆಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, (೧ ರಿಂದ ೧೦ ಸಂಪುಟಗಳು, ಭಾರತೀಯ ವಿಧ್ಯಾಭವನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ)
13. ಆರ್.ಎಸ್. ಶರ್ಮ- (ಕನ್ನಡ ಅನುವಾದ) ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಭಾರತ
14. ಎ.ಎಲ್ ಭಾಷ್ಯಂ (ಕನ್ನಡ ಅನುವಾದ) - ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಭಾರತವೆಂಬ ಅದ್ಭುತ.
15. ವಿಜಯ್ ಪೂಣಚ್ಚಿ, (ಸಂಪಾದಕರು),ಆಧುನಿಕ ಪೂರ್ವ ಭಾರತ
16. ಡಾ. ಕೆ. ಸದಾಶಿವ- ಮಧ್ಯ ಯುಗೀನ ಭಾರತದ ಇತಿಹಾಸ.

Question Paper Pattern

Time:3hours

Max Marks: 80

Section -A

Answer any one of the following questions.

10x1=

10

1) On the outline map provided, mark the extent of the empire and write a short note on

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2) On line map provided mark the following Places write their Historical importance.

Section -B

Answer any Three of the following questions.

3x15=45

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Section- C

Answer any Three of the following Questions.

3x5=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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Section -D

Answer all questions.

5x2=10

- 1.
- 2.
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Programme Name	B. A in History	Semester	2
Course Title	History of Medieval India		
Course Code		No. of Credits	5
Contact Hours	60 Hours	Duration of Exam	3 Hours
Formative Assessment Marks	20	Summative Assessment Marks	80

Course Objectives:

The objective of the course is to:

- To make the students understand the establishment of Muslim rule in India.
- To give insight in to the contributions of medieval rulers to India.
- To understand the impact of Islamic Culture on Indian Society.
- To estimate the socio religious developments during the period.

	Contents	60Hrs
UNIT I	Introduction: Sources – Advent of Islam- Arab Invasion of Sindh - Mohammad Ghazni and Mohamad Ghor - Founding of the Delhi Sultanate - Iltumish, Razia Sultana – Balban - Theory of Kingship - Administrative system.	12Hrs
UNIT:II	Medieval Dynasties: The Khilji Revolution- Alla-ud-din-Khilji- Military Conquests- Fiscal Measures - Market Reforms - The Thugalaqs- Mohammad - Bin-Thugalaq's Administration and Economic Reforms - Deccan Policy - Firoz-Sha - Thugalaq.	12 Hrs
UNIT:III	Mughal Empire: Babur - Sher - Sha - Sur's Reforms - Akbar's Military Conquests - Rajput and Religious Policy- Mansabdari System- Jagirdari system.	10Hrs
UNIT:IV	Aurangzeb: Religious policy- Deccan policy - Decline of Mughal Empire.	6 Hrs
UNIT:V	Mughal Society, Economy and Administration- Art and Architecture.	6 Hrs
UNIT:VI	Bhakthi Movement: Guru Nanak, Kabir, Meera Bai, Sufism.	6 Hrs
UNIT:VII	Rise of Marathas: Shivaji- Conquest- Administration.	5 Hrs
	MAP WORK 1. EXTENT OF THE EMPIRE : Allaudin Khilji, Akbar, Shivaji 2.PLACES OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE: 1. Delhi 2. Devagiri 3. Ajmer 4. Dwarasamudra 5. Agra 6.Surat 7. Panipat 8.Rameshwaram 9. Ahmednagar 10.Fatehpur Sikri 11. Chittor 12.Sasaram 13. Amritsar 14. Madurai 15. Mathura 16. Ranathambore 17. Bijapur 18.Shivaner 19. Jinji 20.Warangal.	3 Hrs

Books for Refrence:

1. Ishwari Prasad – Medieval India
2. Mohammed Habib & K A Nizami – Comprehensive History of India Vol. V & VI
3. A L Srivastava – Sultanate of Delhi
4. Tapan Ray Chaudhri & Irfan Habib – Cambridge Economic History of India Vol. I
5. R C Majumdar – The Mughal Age
6. R S Tripathi – Decline and Fall of Mughal Empire.
7. Jadunath Sarkar – The Maratha Polity
8. Irfan Habib – Agrarian System of Mughal India
9. Burton Stein – A History of India
10. Richard Eaton – Essays on Islam and Indian History
11. C A Bayly – Rulers, Townsmen and Bazar
12. Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subramanyam (Ed) – The Mughal State (1526- 1750)
13. Rekha Pande – Religious Movement in Medieval India
14. I H Qureshi – The Administration of the Mughal Empire.
15. I H Qureshi – The Sultanate of Delhi.
16. J L Mehta – Advanced History of Medieval India Vol I & II
17. S S A Rizvi – Wonder that was India Vol II
18. Dr. Ishwari Prasad – Medieval India.
19. John F Richards – The Mughal Empire.
20. ಆರ್. ಸಿ ಮಜುಂದಾರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು- ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನತೆಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ, (೧೦ ರಿಂದ ೧೬ ಸಂಪುಟಗಳು, ಭಾರತೀಯ ವಿಧ್ಯಾಭವನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ)
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