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Syllabus for B.A. General
under revised new course structure
for Part-I, Part-II and Part-III

in

HISTORY



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SYLLABUS FOR B.A. (THREE-YEAR DEGREE COURSE) HISTORY (GENERAL COURSE)

History & Archaeology

PART-I



PAPER- I: HISTORY OF INDIA UP TO c. A.D. 1200

(50 marks)

Unit 1: Social and Cultural Patterns

- a. Survey of the sources.
- b. Concept of the Neolithic- advent of food production. Neolithic- Chalcolithic cultures.
- c. Harappan Civilization - origin, extent, urban planning. Urban decline and the late Harappan cultures.
- d. Society, polity, economy, culture and religion as reflected in Vedic literature.
- e. Social developments- *Varna, Jati* and occupational categories, marriage and property relations.
- f. Rise of new religious movements in north India. Doctrines and social dimensions of early Buddhism and Jainism.
- g. The Mauryan Empire - Ashoka's *Dhamma* - its nature and propagation, Mauryan art and architecture.
- h. Post-Mauryan social and cultural developments with special reference to the Kushanas and Satavahanas. Kushana (Mathura and Gandhara) art and architecture.
- i. Rise of Territorial states.
- j. The Mauryan State, administration and economy Mauryan arts and architecture.
- k. Post Mauryan period - Sungas, Western Kshatrapas, Satavahanas, Kushana, Chieftaincies, Chera, Chola and Pandyeas in the far south. Urban Growth - Craft production, Arude, Coinage.

PAPER - II: HISTORY OF INDIA (1200 A.D. to 1556 A.D.)

(50 Marks)

Unit 1: Survey of Sources of Medieval Indian History

Unit 2: Early Medieval Period (AD 1200-1556)

- 2.1 Foundation and consolidation of the Sultanate; causes of the success of the Turks; Iltutmish, Razia, Balban, the Mongols and the Sultanate.
- 2.2 Expansion:-
 - 2.2.1 Khaljis - conquests, administrative and economic reforms.
 - 2.2.2 Tughlaqs - Mohammad bin-Tughlaq, and Feroz Shah Tughlaq.

- 2.3 Fragmentation of the Sultanate and rise of provincial kingdoms:-
 - 2.3.1 Timur's invasion.
 - 2.3.2 Malwa, Gujarat, Bengal, Illius Sahi and Hussain Sahi dynasty. Their significance. Jaunpur and Mewar.
- 2.4 Advent of the Mughals and the Second Afghan Empire.
- 2.5 State and society: political and administrative institutions and ruling classes.
- 2.6 Economic and technological developments: agriculture, industry, trade, commerce; and urban centers.
- 2.7 Religion and culture: Bhakti and Sufi movements; art, architecture; and literature.

Unit 3: Peninsular India

Bahmani; Vijayanagar.

PAPER III: HISTORY OF INDIA FROM c. AD 1760-1950

(50 Marks)

Unit 1:

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

PART - II**Paper - I****Political and Economic Patterns**

- a. The Gupta empire and its contemporaries; administration; agrarian and revenue system; changing patterns of urban settlements and trade.
- b. Post-Gupta period upto 750 AD. Pallavas, Chalukyas and Vardhanas & Sasanka.
- c. Sangam Age: Literature, Society and Culture.
- d. Polity and economy : (c. A.D. 750-1200)
 - i. North India : Gurjara-Pratiharas, Palas; and Senas.
 - ii. Deccan : Rastrakutas and their contemporaries.
 - iii. South India : Cholas and their contemporaries; relation with South East Asia and Sri Lanka.
- e. Developments in the Gupta and Post Gupta times (upto 1200 A.D.)
 - i) North - Society, Art, Architecture, Literature, Philosophy, Science and Technology.
 - ii) South - Temples, Bhakti Movement, Art and Architecture.
- f. Status of women - Marriage, Property rights, Sati, Purdah and Devadasi systems.
- g. Shifts in Varna and Proliferation Jatis, slavery and forced labour.
- h. Invasions of the Arabs, Ghaznavids and Ghorids; and their impact.

Note: The above rubrics should be taught with reference to political institutions, economy; and land grants and agrarian expansion; inter-regional and maritime trade; and merchants guilds.

Paper - II**Later Medieval Period (AD 1556-1761)**

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

Peninsular India

(Marathas and Tamil Kingdoms)

- a. Society and economy.

- b. **Religion and culture:** Bhakti and Sufi movements in the Deccan; art; Architecture; literature; and education.
- c. Emergence of modern Indian languages and literature.

Paper - III

National Movement:

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

2.1 India; 1947-1950:

- 2.1.1 Integration of the Indian States.
- 2.1.2 Making of the Constitution.
- 2.1.3 Foreign Policy.

PART - III

PAPER IV: WESTERN WORLD - MID 15TH CENTURY TO WORLD WAR II

(100 Marks)

Unit 1:

- 1.1 Decline of Feudalism and the rise of the modern era- Renaissance and Reformation.
- 1.2 Economic origins of the modern western world - Mercantilism; and Commercial Revolution, Beginnings of Colonialism.
- 1.3 Rise of the absolutist state: France; Spain; and Britain.
- 1.4 Scientific Revolution; Agricultural Revolution; Industrial Revolution; and emergence of new social classes.
- 1.5 Glorious Revolution (1688) - Cause & effect.
- 1.6 American Revolution (1776) - Cause, effect and significance.
- 1.7 French Revolution (1789) -Crisis, Roots of war, effects & significance.
- 1.8 Age of Conservatism.

Unit 2:

- 2.1 Liberalism in England, American Civil War; Socialist and Marxist thought.

- 2.2 Nationalism in Europe :
 - 2.2.1 Germany and Italian unification.
- 2.3 Rise of new imperialism: beginnings of First World War; and peace settlements.
- 2.4 Russian Revolution (1917), Civil War and Dictatorship.
- 2.5 Economic and social crisis in the inter-war years and emergence of new ideologies : Nazism and Fascism.
- 2.6 Second World War, Decline of Imperialism and Decolonization.



SUGGESTED READINGS

Paper I: History of India up to c. A.D. 1200

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26. Ghosal, U. N. - Agrarian System of Ancient India (Calcutta University).
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| ২৮। | চট্টোপাধ্যায় সুনীল | - প্রাচীন ভারতের ইতিহাস ১ম ও ২য় খণ্ড (শেখ বাবু পুস্তকালয়)। |
| ২৯। | চট্টোপাধ্যায় সুমন | - প্রাচীন ভারত (শেখ বাবু পুস্তকালয়)। |
| | অনুবাদ R. S. SARMA | - ANCIENT INDIA, NCERT |
| ৩০। | চট্টোপাধ্যায় ভাস্কর | - ভারতের আর্থসামাজিক ও রাষ্ট্রীয় ব্যবস্থা। (প্রোগ্রামিক পাবলিশার্স) |
| ৩১। | শর্মা রামশরণ | - প্রাচীন ভারতের সামাজিক ও অর্থ ইতিহাস। (ওরিয়েন্ট লংম্যান) |

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| ১৬। | বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় শেখর - অষ্টাদশ শতকের সোফল সংস্কট ও আধুনিক ভিত্তি। (সুবর্ণরেখা) |
| ১৭। | রায় মিত্র - ভারতের ইতিহাস তুর্কো আফগান যুগ। (শেখ বাবু পুস্তকালয়) |
| ১৮। | চৌধুরী হেসলিম - সুলতানি যুগ। (প্রোগ্রামিক) |

- ১৯। চৌধুরী তেসলিম - মোঘল যুগ। (প্রোগ্রামিত)
 ২০। মুবোশাখায় সুবোধ - মধ্যযুগে ভারতের অর্থনৈতিক জীবন। (প্রোগ্রামিত পাবলিশার্স)
 ২১। মুবোশাখায় সুখময় - বাংলায় মুসলিম অধিকারের আনিপর্ষ। (সাহিত্যসংকে)



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- ১৮। মল্লিক সমর কুমার - আধুনিক ভারতের সেকুল বছর। (ওয়েস্ট বেঙ্গল পাবলিশার্স)
 ১৯। মল্লিক সমর কুমার - আধুনিক ভারতের রূপান্তর। (ওয়েস্ট বেঙ্গল পাবলিশার্স)
 ২০। মুখার্জী অনিল - আধুনিক ভারত। (এ মুখার্জী, কোলকাতা)
 ২১। চট্টোপাধ্যায় প্রশ্ন - আধুনিক ভারত ১ম ও ২য় খণ্ড। (পেং বাং রাং পুং পাই)
 ২২। সেনগুপ্ত কান্তি হোয়া - আধুনিক ভারত ৩য় খণ্ড। (ওয়েস্ট বেঙ্গল পাবলিশার্স)
 ২৩। গুপ্ত বিকাশ - ভারতের প্রথম স্বাধীনতা যুদ্ধ। (প্রোগ্রামিত পাবলিশার্স)
 ২৪। সান্যাল হিতেশ রঞ্জন - স্বরাজের পথে। (প্যাপিয়ার, কোলকাতা)
 ২৫। সেন সুবীল - ভারতের কৃষি সম্পর্ক। (পেং বাং রাং পুং পাই)
 অনুবাদ AGRARIAN RELATIONS IN INDIA
 ভাষান্তর ছায়া দলগুপ্ত।

PAPER IV: MODERN WORLD - MID15TH CENTURY TOWORLD WAR II

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২৬. সুবোধাশ্যাম প্রসাদ কুমার - পৃথিবীর ইতিহাস, মধ্য ও বর্তমান যুগ ।(কবীন্দ্র এ্যাকাডেমী, ১৯৮৬)
 ২৭. সমাজ বিকাশের রূপরেখা - মনীষা, কলকাতা ।
 ২৮. সোভিয়েত ইউনিয়নের কমিউনিস্ট বহুপলৈত্বিক পার্টির ইতিহাস । (ন্যাশনাল বুক এজেন্সি, কলকাতা)
 ২৯. স্ট্রাচবার্গ হরশংকর - শিল্পবিপ্লব ও তারপর । (প্রোগ্রেসিভ পাবলিশার্স)