

PAPER IV: SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

Unit-I Roman Republic-I

Ancient Rome: Agrarian economy, urbanization, trade.

Unit II Roman Republic-II

- (a) Religion and culture in ancient Rome.
(b) Crises of the Roman Empire.

Unit- III Societies in Central Islamic Lands-I

- (a) The tribal background, Ummah, Caliphal state;
(b) Rise of Sultanates

Unit- IV Societies in Central Islamic Lands-II

- (a) Religious Developments: the origins of Shariah, Mihna, Sufism

Unit-V (Tutorial-I)

- (a) A review of Edward Gibbon's work Decline and Fall of Roman Empire.

Unit-VI (Tutorial-II)

- (b) A review of Philip K. Hitti's work History of the Arabs.

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism.*

Marc Bloch, *Feudal Society*, 2 Vols.

Cambridge History of Islam, 2 Vols.

Georges Duby, *The Early Growth of the European Economy*.

Fontana, *Economic History of Europe*, Vol. I (relevant chapters).

P. K. Hitti, History of the Arabs.

P. Garnsey and Saller, *The Roman Empire*.

S. Ameer Ali, The Spirit of Islam.

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J. Barrowclough, The Medieval Papacy. Encyclopedia of Islam, 1st ed., 4 vols.

M. G. S. Hodgson, The Venture of Islam.

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