

# **UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA**

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## **THREE-YEAR HONOURS & GENERAL DEGREE COURSES OF STUDIES**



## **HISTORY**

**2010**

# **History General**

## **Paper I**

### **Ancient & Medieval Indian History upto 1556**

## **Unit – I**

### **Module – 1**

- 1.1 Literary and Archaeological sources of Ancient and Medieval Indian History.
- 1.2 Historical understanding of the rise and decline of the Indus Vally Civilization.

### **Module – 2**

- 2.1 Political Developments: Indian Polity in early and later vedic times.
- 2.2 The Mahajanapadas – The rise and fall of the Maurya Empire.
- 2.3 The Satavahana and Kushana rule.

### **Module – 3**

- 3.1 The Imperial Guptas – regional powers and the struggle for power in North India.
- 3.2 Political developments in South India

#### Module – 4

Society, religion and economy of Ancient and Early medieval India, (A broad overview) with special reference to the position of women, trade and commerce, crafts and guilds debate on feudalism.

#### Module – 5

5.1 Art, Architecture, Science, Literature and culture of Ancient and early medieval India.

### **Unit – II**

#### Module – 1

- 1.1 Impact of Islam and Political changes in India. A brief overview of the Delhi Sultanate, its administrative machinery
- 1.2 Theory of Kingship
- 1.3 Independent Sultans of Bengal.

#### Module – 2

Society, Religion, Culture and Economy of the Delhi Sultanate (A broad overview).

#### Module – 3

- 3.1 Disintegration of the Sultanate
- 3.2 Foundation of Mughal Empire.

#### Module – 4

- 4.1 Mughal-Afghan Conflict
- 4.2 Sher shah as an empire builder and an administrator.

#### Module – 5

Akbar and the consolidation of the Mughal Empire.

**Suggested Readings** (for History General Paper I)

- 1) H.C. Roychaudhury, K.K. Dutta, R.C. Majumdar, Advanced History of India
- 2) N.K. Sinha & N.R. Ray, History of India
- 3) Satish Chandra, Medieval India.
- 4) Ram Saran Sharma, Ancient India
- 5) S.N.Sen, Advanced History of Ancient and Medieval India

**Paper-II**

**Indian History from 1556 to 1947**

**Unit-1**

**Module -1**

- 1.1 Akbar and the Political expansion of Mughal Empire.
- 1.2 Akbar's relation with the Rajputs.
- 1.3 Evolution of Akbar's religious policy.

**Module -2**

- 2.1 The Manasabdari System and the emergence of a composite ruling class.
- 2.2 Expanding frontiers of Mughal Empire in post-Akbar India.

**Module -3**

- 3.1 Climax and crisis of the Mughal Empire under Aurangzeb: Aurangzeb's entanglements in the Deccan .
- 3.2 Rise of Shivaji and the Mughal –Maratha Contest for supremacy.
- 3.3 Changes in the Rajput policy and the religious policy of the Mughals in the reign of Aurangzeb.

**Module -4**

- 4.1 Mughal economy: land revenue - commercial expansion.

4.2 Mughal art and architecture.

4.3 Historiographical debate on the break up of the Mughal Empire .

## **Module -5**

5.1 Political ascendancy of the English East India Company in Bengal (1757-65)

5.2 English East India Company's relation with the Indian states – Marathas, Mysore , Sikhs .

5.3 British policies of colonial annexation – subsidiary alliance, Doctrine of Lapse.

## **Unit-2**

### **Module -1**

1.1 Colonial economy: Land revenue settlements - Bengal, North India, South and west India.

1.2 Drain of wealth.

1.3 De-industrialization.

### **Module -2**

2.1 English education in Bengal up to 1857.

2.2 Indian response to westernization: Raja Ram Mohan Roy – Young Bengal, Vidyasagar - Prarthana Samaj - Arya Samaj .

2.3 Aligarh movement and the modernization of Islam.

### **Module -3**

3.1 Early resistance to colonial rule: Wahabi and Faraizi movements – Santal rebellion.

3.2 The revolt of 1857.

3.3 Growth of National Consciousness: Politics of Association - The Birth of Indian National Congress.

### **Module -4**

4.1 The nature of early Congress under moderate leadership.

4.2 Ideology and programme of militant nationalists.

4.3 The Swadeshi movement.

4.4 The birth of All India Muslim League.

4.5 Revolutionary terrorism in Bengal and Punjab.

4.6 Impact of the First World War on Indian economy, society and polity.

### **Module -5**

- 5.1 Gandhi and Indian National Movement: Rise of Gandhi - Rowlatt Satyagraha - Khilafat - Non-Cooperation - Civil Disobedience and Quit India Movement.
- 5.2 Nationalist Revolutionary Movements.
- 5.3 Subhas Chandra Bose, the Indian National Army and the Indian Freedom Movement.
- 5.4 Post war upsurge and the different strands of protest politics.
- 5.5 Communal Politics culminating in the partition and transfer of power.

### **Suggested Reading**

1. Irfan Habib, Medieval India: The study of a civilization.
2. Satish Chandra, Medieval India Part Two Mughal Empire.
3. Sekhar Bandopadhyaya, From Plassey to Partition.
4. Sumit Sarkar, Modern India 1885 – 1947.
5. Bipan Chandra, India's Struggle for Independence

## **Paper III**

### **Modern Europe from 1789 to 1939 A.D.**

#### **Unit – I**

##### **Module – 1**

- 1.1 Background –
- 1.2 Renaissance and Reformation
- 1.3 Geographical Discoveries
- 1.4 Scientific Revolution, Advent of Capitalism (A brief overview)

##### **Module – 2**

- 2.1 The French Revolution – socioeconomic background: Role of the philosophers.
- 2.2 Progress of the Revolution: Popular Movements: Jacobins and Girondins.

##### **Module – 3**

- 3.1 Rise of Napoleon: Internal Reconstruction
- 3.2 Napoleon and Europe. Napoleon and revolution.

##### **Module – 4**

- 4.1 Political Developments in Europe from (1815 – 1870)

4.2 Triumph of conservatism – The Matternich System Stages of Italian Unification

4.3 Unification and Consolidation of Germany

4.4 Russia: Attempts at Reforms by Alexander II.

## Module – 5

5.1 Society and Economy in Nineteenth Century Europe

5.2 Industrial Advances in England and the Continent

5.3 Utopian Socialism and Marxism

5.4 Art, Culture, Literature and Science.

## **Unit – II**

### Module – 1

Europe between 1871-1914: New Balance of Power, scramble for colonies in asia and Africa.

### Module – 2

The Eastern Question: Main Issues – Crimean War, Balkan Nationalism (A brief overview)

### Module – 3

3.1 Triple Alliance, Triple Entente and the emergence of two armed camps;

3.2 Origins of the First World War – Issues and Stakes;

3.3 Russian Revolution of 1917.

### Module – 4

4.1 Peace settlement of 1919: Its long term consequences

4.2 Birth of the German Republic.

### Module – 5

5.1 Europe in the Inter War period (1919-1939).

5.2 Consolidation of economic and political power of the Soviet State;

- 5.3 Rise of Fascism in Italy;
- 5.4 Rise of Nazism in Germany; Aggressive foreign politics;
- 5.5 Outbreak of the second World War.

### **Suggested Readings**

- 1) Ketelbey, History of Modern Times.
- 2) David Thomson, Europe Since Napoleon.
- 3) Norman Lowe, Mastering the Modern World.

## **Paper IV**

### **India and the World**

#### **UNIT-I: INDIA 1947 – 1964**

##### **Module-1**

- 1.1 Understanding the causes of the partition of India .
- 1.2 Impact of Partition on Indian polity, economy , society and culture .

##### **Module-2**

- 2.1 Adoption of a republican constitution in 1950 : Salient features of the Indian Constitution.
- 2.2 Nehru and the development of Parliamentary democracy in India .

##### **Module-3**

Economic Planning : First three five year plans .

##### **Module-4**

Social movements in contemporary India .

##### **Module-5**

- 5.1 Indo-Pakistan relations .
- 5.2 India and the Non-Aligned Movement .

#### **UNIT-II: WORLD 1945 – 1991**

##### **Module-1**



Debate on the origins of the cold war.

### **Module-2**

- 2.1 Cold war and the emergence of the U.S and Soviet military and economic alliances – NATO , IMF , WARSAW , WTO .
- 2.2 U.S. Foreign policy in the post-war period; Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan .

### **Module-3**

- 3.1 Bipolarism and regional conflicts :
- 3.2 War in Korea
- 3.3 Conflict in the Middle East: Arab-Israel War of 1948-49 , 1967 , 1973 .

### **Module-4**

- 4.1 Impact of the emergence of China on the Worlds Politics.
- 4.2 Sino-Indian relations.

### **Module-5**

- 5.1 India and the liberation war of Bangladesh.
- 5.2 The liberation struggle of Vietnam (1954-75).

### **Module-6**

End of the socialist regime and the disintegration of U.S.S.R.

#### **Suggested Reading**

- 1. Bipin Chandra and the others ed, India After Independence 1947- 2000 .
- 2. Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, Modern South Asia History , Culture , Political Economy .
- 3. Mushirul Hasan ed, India's Partition Process , Strategy and Mobilization .
- 4. Mushirul Hasan ed, India's Partitined .The Other Face of Freedom 2 Volumes .
- 5. Jaya Chatterjee, Spoils of Partition , The Bengal and India 1947-67 .
- 6. P.Calvocoressi, World since 1945 .
- 7. W.R.Keylor, The 20<sup>th</sup> century World : An International History .

### **Question Pattern in General:**

2 x 10 from 10 Questions

5 x 4 from 8 Questions

20 x3 from 8 Questions