

SYLLABUS

SEMESTER -2

HISTORY

GE-2

B.A(GRADUATION)

UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

**CC-4 : Social Formations and Cultural patterns of the Medieval World
other than India**

**• CANDIDATES CAN CHOOSE EITHER GROUP- A OR B, GROUP –C IS
COMPULSORY**

GROUP- A

I. ~~ARABIA~~: BEDOUIN SOCIETY:

- a) Tribal Organization (families and clans)
- b) System of Alliances
- c) Economic Structure
- d) Language and poetry

II. THE STEPPE:

- a) A brief outline of Central Asia (Geography and History)
- b) Mongols :
 - (i) The strategic location of Mongolia;
 - (ii) Mongol Society: Tribal organization, different tribal formations, unification of the tribes under Chinghiz Khan
 - (iii) Brief outlines of the Mongol Empire: Case Study: The Golden Horde, Tatar rule in Russia
- c) The Turks:
 - (i) Conversion of the Turks to Islam from Buddhism

- (ii) Brief history of the Seljuks and the Ottomans
- (iii) The rise of the Ottoman Empire
- (iv) Ottoman Society and Administration.

GROUP- B

III. Crisis of the Roman Empire and its principal causes: Historiography

IV. Religion and Culture in Medieval Europe: Society, Religious organizations (Church and Monastery), Carolingian renaissance 12th century renaissance, Position of Women in Medieval Europe, Witchcraft and Magic, Urbanization, Rise of University, Medieval art and architecture.

V. The feudal society its origins and its crisis: Historiography

GROUP- C

VI. Judaism and Christianity under Islam