History Class 12 Syllabus

Exam Structure

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| **Units** | **Topic** | **Marks** |
| Units 1 - 4 | Themes in Indian History Part - I | 25 |
| Units 5 - 9 | Themes in Indian History Part - II | 25 |
| Units 10 - 15 | Themes in Indian History Part - III | 25 |
| Unit 16 | Map Work | 05 |
|  | Project work | 20 |
|  | **Total** | **100** |

Themes in Indian History Part-I

**1. The Story of the First Cities: Harappan Archaeology**

Early urban centres.

**2. Political and Economic History: How Inscriptions tell a story**

Political and economic history from the Mauryan to the Gupta period.

**3. Social Histories: Using the Mahabharata**

Issues in social history, including caste, class, kinship and gender.

**4. A History of Buddhism: Sanchi Stupa**

1. A brief review of religious histories of Vedic religion, Jainism, Vaisnavism, Saivism.
2. Focus on Buddhism

Themes in Indian History Part-II

**5. Agrarian Relations: The Ain-i-Akbari**

1. Structure of agrarian relations in the 16th and 17th centuries.
2. Patterns of change over the period.

**6. The Mughal Court: Reconstructing Histories through Chronicles**

1. Outline of political history 15th-17th centuries.
2. Discussion of the Mughal court and politics.

**7. New Architecture: Hampi**

1. Outline of new buildings during Vijayanagar period-temples, forts, irrigation facilities.
2. Relationship between architecture and the political system.

**8. Religious Histories: The Bhakti-Sufi tradition**

1. Outline of religious developments during this period.
2. Ideas and practices of the Bhakti-Sufi saints.

**9. Medieval Society Through Travelers' Accounts**

Outline of social and cultural life as they appear in travelers' accounts.

Themes in Indian History Part-III

**10. Colonialism and-Rural Society: Evidence from Official Reports**

1. Life of zamindars, peasants and artisans in the late 18th century
2. East India Company, revenue settlements and surveys.
3. Changes over the nineteenth century.

**11. Representations of 1857**

1. The events of 1857-58.
2. How these events were recorded and narrated.

**12. Colonialism and Indian Towns: Town Plans and Municipal Reports**

The growth of Mumbai, Chennai, hill stations and cantonments in the 18th and 19th centuries.

**13. Mahatma Gandhi through Contemporary Eyes**

1. The Nationalist Movement 1918 - 48.
2. The nature of Gandhian politics and leadership.

**14. Partition through Oral Sources**

1. The history of the 1940s.
2. Nationalism, Communalism and Partition.

**15. The Making of the Constitution**

1. Independence and the new nation state.
2. The making of the Constitution.

Unit 16: Map Work

Map Work on Units 1-15