

SYLLABUS

for

HISTORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (B.A.)

under

Choice-Based Credit System

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NOTE

- Of the Core Courses (or CCs), all 14 (fourteen) of them will be compulsory (p. 3).
- Of the Discipline Specific Electives (or DSEs), students will have to choose 04 (four) out of the 10 (ten) courses listed below (p. 18).
- The 04 (four) Generic Electives Courses (or GECs) will be offered to students of other departments in fulfilment of the CBCS requirements (p. 29).
- The 02 (two) Skill-Enhancement Courses (or SECs) will be compulsory for the students of the Department of History (p. 35).

CORE COURSES, or CCs (compulsory)

SL. NO.	Course Titles
PAPER-I	History of India-I
PAPER-II	Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World
PAPER-III	History of India-II
PAPER-IV	Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Medieval World
PAPER-V	History of India-III (c. 750-1206)
PAPER-VI	Rise of Modern West-I (1453-1600)
PAPER-VII	History of India-IV (1206-1526)
PAPER-VIII	Rise of Modern West-II (1600-1800)
PAPER-IX	History of India-V (1526-1707)
PAPER-X	History of India-VI (1707-1857)
PAPER-XI	History of Modern Europe-I (1789-1871)
PAPER-XII	History of India-VII (1857-1947)
PAPER-XIII	History of India-VIII (1948-2001)
PAPER-XIV	History of Modern Europe-II (1871-1945)

CC-I

History of India-I

To be taught by the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology

CC-II

Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World

- I. **Evolution of humankind:** Palaeolithic and Mesolithic cultures
- II. **Food production:** Beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry.
- III. **Bronze Age Civilizations-I,** with reference to any *one* of the following: i) Egypt (Old Kingdom); ii) Mesopotamia (up to the Akkadian Empire); iii) China (Shang dynasty)
- IV. **Bronze Age Civilizations-II:** Eastern Mediterranean (Minoan & Mycenaean) economy, social stratification, state structure, & religion
- V. **Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia;** Debate on the advent of iron and its implications
- VI. **Polis in ancient Greece:** Athens and Sparta, democracy,
- VII. **Society & Economy in Ancient Greece:** agrarian economy, slavery, trade
- VIII. **Greek Culture:** Religion, Education, Athletics, Drama
- IX. **Warfare and Weaponry in Ancient Greece:** Hoplites, the Greco-Persian Wars, the Peloponnesian Wars
- X. **Art & Architecture in Ancient Greece**

Readings

- Beston, Paul, and Susan Deacy, *War and Violence in Ancient Greece*
- Bury, J.B., and Russell Meiggs, *A History of Greece*
- Callender, Gae, *The Minoans and the Mycenaeans: Aegean Society in the Bronze Age*
- Castleden, Rodney, *Minoans: Life in Bronze Age Crete*
- Castleden, Rodney, *The Mycenaeans*
- Chang, Kwang-Chih, *Shang Civilization*
- Foulds, Frederick W.F., et al (eds.), *Wild Things: Recent Advances in Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Research*
- Hornblower, Simon, *The Greek World, 479-323 BC*
- Kramer-Hajos, Margaretha, *Mycenaean Greece and the Aegean World: Palace and Province in the Late Bronze Age*
- Kuhr, Amélie, *The Ancient Near East, c. 3000-330 BC, Volumes I & II*
- Malek, Jaromir, *In the Shadow of the Pyramids: Egypt during the Old Kingdom*
- Martin, Thomas R., *Ancient Greece: From Prehistoric to Hellenistic Times*
- Milles, A., D. Williams, & N. Gardner (eds.), *The Beginnings of Agriculture*
- Osborne, Robin, *Classical Greece, 500-323 BC*
- Price, T. Douglas, *Europe's first farmers*
- Rodgers, Nigel, *The Art and Architecture of Ancient Greece*
- Snodgrass, Anthony, *Archaic Greece: The Age of Experiment*
- Waldsbaum, Jane C., *From Bronze to Iron*
- Wertimé, Theodore, and J.D. Muhly (eds.), *The Coming of the Age of Iron*

CC-III

History of India-II

To be taught by the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology

CC-IV

Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Medieval World

- I. Evolution of the Roman Republic – The Punic Wars and Supremacy of the Roman Republic – the Roman Conquest of the Mediterranean World
- II. Transition to Empire – From the Republican Civil Wars to Augustus – The Principate, with special emphasis on the Five Great Emperors; the Dominate
- III. Society from Republic to Empire – Class Structure, Family, Education, Government, Law, Slavery
- IV. Economic Development – Agriculture, Urbanization, Trade & Commerce, Finance and Currency
- V. Roman Military, Technology, Games
- VI. Roman Religion – Jewish Revolts – Rise of Christianity – Constantine and Christianity, Decline of the Western Roman Empire
- VII. Early Medieval Europe: from the Conversion of Constantine to the First Crusade – Economic developments in Europe from the 7th to the 14th centuries – Organization of production, towns and trade, technological developments
- VIII. Rise of Islam, Transition from Tribalism to Ummah (Community), State under the Early Caliphates, Umayyads and Abbasids, Rise of Sultanate, Character of civil and military administration.
- IX. Religious Beliefs and Practices, Concept of Human Rights and Animal Rights, Sharia and fiqahs (Islamic law and jurisprudence) origin and growth of Sufism.
- X. Economy, Trade, Tax systems and Urbanizations.

Readings:

- A.S.Q. Hussaini, *The Arab Administration*, Delhi, 1976
Ali, K., *A Study of Islamic History*, Delhi
Bauer, Susan Wise, *The History of the Medieval World: From the Conversion of Constantine to the First Crusade*
Cary, M., *A History of Rome Down to the Reign of Constantine*
Collins, Roger, *Early Medieval Europe: 300–1000*
Cornell, T.J., *The Beginning of Rome*
Fakhry, M., *A Short Introduction to Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism*
Hitti, P. K., *History of the Arabs*, London, 1964
Holmes, George (ed.), *The Oxford History of Medieval Europe*
Husain, Shaikh Showkat, *Human Rights in Islam*
Khan, Hamidullah, *The Schools of Islamic Jurisprudence: A Comparative Study*
Mackay, Christopher S., *Ancient Rome: A Military and Political History*
Maududi, Sayyid Abu Ala, *Towards Understanding Islam*
Power, Daniel, *The Central Middle Ages: Europe 950–1320*
Rahman, F., *Islam*
Rippin, A., *Muslims, their Religious Beliefs and Practices*
Rizvi, S.A.A., *A History of Sufism in India*, Vols. I and II
Smith, Julia, *Europe after Rome: A New Cultural History, 500–1000*
Watt, W. M., *Islamic Political Thought*
Wells, J., *A Short History of Rome*

CC-V

History of India-III (c. 750-1206)

To be taught by the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology

CC-VI

Rise of Modern West-I (1453-1600)

- I. **Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism**
- II. **Early Colonial Expansion:** motives, voyages and explorations of the Portuguese and Spanish in Africa and America; beginning of the era of colonization; mining and plantation; the Columbian Exchange; the African slaves
- III. **Renaissance:** Its social roots; the city-states of Italy
- IV. **Humanism and its spread in Europe:** growth of Art
- V. **Reformation in Europe:** origin, course and results
- VI. **Lutheranism, Calvinism, Zwinglism, Reformation in England**
- VII. **The Thirty Years War:** Causes, Course and Results; The Peace of Westphalia and reconfiguration of Europe.
- VIII. **Economic Development:** Shift of economic balance from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic; Commercial Revolution; Price Revolution
- IX. **Emergence of European state system-I:** England & France
- X. **Emergence of European state system-II:** Spain & Russia

Readings

Aston, T.S., and C.H.E. Philipin (ed.), *The Brenner Debate*
Cipolla, Carlo M., *Fontana Economic History of Europe*
Coulborn, R., (ed.), *Feudalism in History*
Davis, Ralph, *The Rise of the Atlantic Economies*
Herlihy, D. (ed.), *The History of Feudalism*
Hill, Christopher, *A Century of Revolution*
Parker, G., *Europe in Crisis, 1598-1648*
Parry, J.H., *The Age of Renaissance*
Strayer, J.R., *Feudalism*

CC-VII

History of India-IV (1206-1526)

- I. Sources, Historiography and Recent Debates
- II. Foundation of the Delhi Sultanate: The Slave Dynasty
- III. The Khaljis
- IV. The Tughlaqs, the Lodis and the Sayyids
- V. Vijayanagara Empire and the Bahmanis: Political History
- VI. Economy: Land System, Trade and Urbanization
- VII. Society, Religion and Culture: Bhakti, Sufism and Vaishnavism
- VIII. Art and Architecture
- IX. Education and Learning
- X. Decline of the Delhi Sultanate and the Rise of the Provincial Sultanates

Readings:

- Asraf, K.M., *Life and Condition of the People of Hindustan*
Banerjee, A.C., *The State and Society in Northern India, 1206-1526*
Delhi Sultanate (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavana Series, Vol. V)
Habib, M., and K.A. Nizami, *Comprehensive History of India, Vol. II*
Habibullah, A.B.M., *Foundation of Muslim Rule in India*
Hussain, A.M., *The Tughluqs*
Lal, K.S., *History of the Khaljis*
Nizami, K.A., *Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century*
Nizami, K.A., *Studies in Medieval Indian History and Culture*
Noboru, Karashima, *Towards a New Formation: South Indian Society under Vijayanagar*
Pandey, A.B., *Early Medieval India*
Prasad, Ishwari, *A Short History of Muslim Rule in India*
Rashid, A., *Society and Culture in Medieval India*
Ray, H.P., *The Winds of Change*
Raychaudhury, T. and I. Habib (ed.), *The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. I*
Sahu, K.P., *Some Aspects of North Indian Social Life*
Sharma, R.S., *Indian Feudalism*
Srivastava, A.L., *The Delhi Sultanate*
Stein, Burton, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*
Yadava, B.N.S., *Society and Culture in Northern India in the 12th Century*

CC-VIII

Rise of Modern West-II (1600-1800)

- I. **Seventeenth Century Crisis:** economic, social and political dimensions
- II. **Holland and England in the Seventeenth Century**
- III. **The English Revolution:** major issues; political and intellectual currents; character and results
- IV. **The Scientific Revolution:** its origins; role of Renaissance; role of scientists
- V. **The Scientific Methodology:** institutionalization of science; approaches to the Scientific Revolution
- VI. **Mercantilism and European Economies of the 17th and 18th centuries- I:** Portugal & Spain
- VII. **Mercantilism and European Economies of the 17th and 18th centuries- II:** Holland, France & England
- VIII. **European Politics in the 18th century:** Absolutism and its evolution; Patterns of Absolutism; the French absolutist state
- IX. **The American Revolution:** political and economic issues; role of George Washington; its results
- X. **Preludes to the Industrial Revolution**

Readings

- Anderson, Perry, *The Lineages of the Absolutist State*
Andrews, Stuart, *Eighteenth Century Europe*
Bala, Arun, *The Dialogue of Civilizations in the Birth of Modern Science*
Butterfield, H., *The Origins of Modern Science*
Carter, E.H., R.A.F. Mears & David Evans, *A History of Britain* (Book III: *The Tudors, 1485-1603*; and Book IV: *The Stuarts, 1603-1714*)
De Vries, Jan, *Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis 1600 to 1750*
Doyle, William, *The Old European Order, 1660-1800*
Hall, R., *From Galileo to Newton*
Harry, William T., *A History of the United States*
Morison, Samuel Eliot, *The Oxford History of the American People*
O’Gorman, Frank, *The Long Eighteenth Century, British Political and Social History 1688-1832*
Owie, L.W., *Seventeenth Century Europe*
Parker, G., and Lesley M. Smith (eds.), *The Seventeenth Century Crisis*
Pennington, D.H., *Seventeenth Century Europe*
Phukan, Meenaxi, *Rise of the Modern West: Social and Economic History of Early Modern Europe*
Rice, F., *The Foundations of Early Modern Europe*
Ridley, Jasper, *History of the Modern West*
Sinha, Arvind, *Europe in Transition from Feudalism to Industrialization*
The Cambridge Economic History of Europe, Vols. I-VI
The New Cambridge Modern History of Europe, Vols. I-VII

CC-IX

History of India-V (1526-1707)

- I. **Sources:** Historical approaches, Abul Fazl, Abdul Qadir Badayuni, Abdul Hamid Lahori, Numismatics, Epigraphy
- II. **Recent Debates on Mughal Historiography**
- III. **Foundation of the Mughal Rule:** Babur; Humayun; Challenge from the Afghans: Sher Shah and the Sur Empire
- IV. **Consolidation of the Mughal Rule:** Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan
- V. **Evolution of Administrative System:** Mansab, Jagir.
- VI. **Economy and Society:** Agrarian structure, revenue resources, crafts and industries, trade and commerce
- VII. **Growth of Urban Centres:** Craftsmen and Artisans, Business Communities and Merchants
- VIII. **Art and Architecture**
- IX. **Language and Literature**
- X. **Debate on the Decline of the Mughal Empire**

Readings:

Moreland, W.H., *Agrarian System of Moslem India*
Habib, Irfan, *Agrarian System of Mughal India*
Stein, Burton, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*
Ashraf, K.M., *Life and Conditions of the People of Hindustan*
Moosvi, Shireen, *The Economy of the Mughal Empire*
Alam, Muzaffar, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India*
Chandra, Satish, *Medieval India*

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History of India-VI (1707-1857)

- I. Theories of Mughal Decline and the Eighteenth Century Transition
- II. Emergence of the Regional States: the Successor States, the Marathas and Mysore
- III. The Establishment of the Company Raj: Anglo-Bengal, Anglo-French, Anglo-Mysore, Anglo-Maratha, Anglo-Sikh and the Case of Awadh, the Subsidiary Alliance system
- IV. The Burgeoning Apparatus of Empire: the Parliament and Company Raj, the Company and its Charter, Ideologies of Empire
- V. Extraction of Revenue and Resources: the Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari, Mahalwari
- VI. Administering the Land: From Discretionary Justice to the Rule of Law, Policing Crime and Criminal Law
- VII. Making of the Colonial Economy: Trade after Plassey, the Western Indian Experience, Agency Houses and Indian Trade
- VIII. Social Change: Orientalist Phase; New Education and the Anglicist Turn; the beginnings of the Bengal Renaissance; Developments in Bombay and Madras; Muslim Response
- IX. The Bengal Renaissance: Raja Rammohun Roy; H.L.V. Derozio and the Young Bengal Movement; Debates about the nature and scope of the 'Renaissance'
- X. Resistance: peasants in history, the moplabs and santals, the Great Rebellion of 1857

Readings:

- Banyopadhyay, Sekhar, *From Plassey to Partition and Beyond*
- Bayly, C.A., *Rulers, Townsmen, and Bazaars: North Indian Society in the Age of British Expansion 1770-1870*
- Charlesworth, Neil, *British Rule and the Indian Economy, 1800-1914*
- Chaudhuri, K.N. (ed.), *The Economic Development of India under the East India Company: A Selection of Contemporary Writings*
- Dasgupta, Sabyasachi, *In Defence of Honour and Justice: Sepoy Rebellions in the Nineteenth Century*
- Dasgupta, Subrata, *The Bengal Renaissance: Identity and Creativity from Rammohun Roy to Rabindranath Tagore*
- David, Saul, *The Indian Mutiny: 1857*
- Fisher, Michael, *The Politics of British Annexation of India, 1757-1857*
- Guha, Ranajit, *A Rule of Property for Bengal: An essay on the Idea of Permanent Settlement*
- Kopf, David, *British Orientalism and the Bengal Renaissance: The Dynamics of Indian Modernization, 1773-1835*
- Kumar, Dharma (ed.), *The Cambridge Economic History of India, 1757-1970, vol. II*
- Metcalf, Thomas R., *Ideologies of the Raj*
- Siddiqi, Asiya (ed.), *Trade and Finance in Colonial India: 1750-1850*
- Singha, Radhika, *A Despotism of Law: Crime and Justice in Early Colonial India*
- Stokes, Eric, *The English Utilitarians and India*
- Stokes, Eric, *The Peasant and the Raj: Studies in Agrarian Society and Peasant Rebellion in Colonial India*
- The *Subaltern Studies* series (relevant articles)

CC-XI

History of Modern Europe-I (1789-1871)

- I. **French Revolution and its European Repercussions:** Crisis of the *Ancien Régime*, Intellectual Currents, Social Classes and Emerging Gender Relations
- II. **Phases of the French Revolution**
- III. **Napoleon Bonaparte:** Consolidation, Reform and Empire, Downfall
- IV. **Restoration and Conservatism of Old Hierarchies:** The Congress of Vienna, Concert of Europe, the Age of Metternich
- V. **Revolutionary and Radical Movements of 1830 and 1848**
- VI. **Louis Napoleon and the Second Empire in France:** the Paris Commune
- VII. **Formation of National Identities:** Unifications of Germany and Italy
- VIII. **The Eastern Question and the Crimean War**
- IX. **Tsar Alexander II and the Emancipation of Serfs in Russia**

Readings:

Eyck, E., *Bismarck and the German Empire*
Furet, François, and Richard Denis, *The French Revolution*
Gershoy, Leo, *The Era of the French Revolution, 1789-1799*
Gershoy, Leo, *The French Revolution and Napoleon*
Goodwin, A., *The French Revolution*
Hobsbawm, Eric J., *The Age of Revolution: Europe, 1789-1848*
Kochan, Lionel, *The Making of Modern Russia*
Lefebvre, Georges, *The Coming of the French Revolution*
Rudé, George, *Revolutionary Europe, 1780-1815*
Salvemini, G., *Mazzini*
Seton-Watson, R.W., *The Rise of Nationality in the Balkans*
Soboul, Albert, *Understanding the French Revolution*
Taylor, A.J.P., *The Course of German History*
The New Cambridge Modern History, Vols. VIII-X
Thomson, David, *Europe since Napoleon*

CC-XII

History of India-VII (1857-1947)

- I. Transformation from Company to Crown
- II. Historiography of Indian Movement
- III. Foundation of Indian National Congress- the Moderate Phase- Economic Critique of Colonialism
- IV. Rise of Muslim Political Identity – Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and Aligarh Movement- Foundation of Muslim League
- V. Rise of Extremism – Swadeshi Movement
- VI. Revolutionary Activities – India and Abroad
- VII. Rise of Gandhi – Era of Mass Movement
- VIII. Gandhian Movements
- IX. Parallel Trends to Gandhian Movements- Women, Dalit, Peasant, Working Class, Muslim, Business Class
- X. Turbulent Forties- RIN Mutiny- Subhas Chandra Bose and INA- Transfer of Power.

Readings:

- Bagchi, A.K., *Private Investment in India, 1900-1939*
- Bandopadhyay, S., *Caste, Politics and the Raj: Bengal, 1872-1937*
- Basu, Nirban, *The Working Class Movement: A Study of the Jute Mills of Bengal, 1937-47*
- Bayly, C.A., *Origins of Nationality in South Asia*
- Bhattacharya, S., *Ouponibeshik Bharater Arthaniti, 1850-1947*
- Bose, Sugata, *Agrarian Bengal: Economy, Social Structure and Politics, 1919-1947*
- Bose, Sugata, and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*
- Brown, Judith, *Gandhi's Rise to Power: Indian Politics, 1915-1922*
- Brown, Judith, *The Origins of an Asian Democracy*
- Butalia, Urvashi, *The Other Side of Silence: Violence from the Partition of India*
- Chakrabarty, D., *Rethinking Working Class History: Bengal, 1890-1940*
- Chakrabarty, D., *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*
- Chandra, Bipan; et al, *India's Struggle for Independence*
- Datta, Pradip Kumar, *Carving Blocs: Communal Ideology in Early Twentieth-Century Bengal*
- Dhanagare, D.N., *Peasant Movements in India, 1920-50*
- Guha, Ranajit, *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*
- Hasan, Mushirul, ed., *India's Partition: Process, Strategy and Mobilization*
- Heehs, Peter, *Bomb in Bengal: The Rise of Revolutionary Terrorism in India, 1900-1910*
- Jalal, Ayesha, *The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan*
- Jalal, Ayesha, *Self and Sovereignty: Individual and Community in South Asian Islam since 1850*
- Ray, R.K., *Industrialization in India: 1914-47*
- Sarkar, Sumit, *Swadeshi Movement in Bengal, 1903-08 (New Edition)*
- Sarkar, Sumit, *Modern India, 1885-1947*
- Sarkar, Sumit, *Writing Social History*
- Singh, K. S., *Birsa Munda and His Movement, 1784-1901*
- Tripathi, Amales, *The Extremist Challenge*

CC-XIII

History of India-VIII (1948-2001)

- I. **Partition:** History and Memory, Violence, Refugee Resettlement
- II. **Framing of the Constitution:** Preamble
- III. **Integration of Princely States:** Junagarh, Hyderabad, Jammu and Kashmir
- IV. **Linguistic Reorganization of States**
- V. **Nehruvian Era:** Vision of a New India, Foreign Policy, Brief Succession by LalBahadurShastri
- VI. **Indira Gandhi Era I:** Rise to Power and the Bangladesh Liberation War (1971)
- VII. **Indira Gandhi Era II:** The Gujarat and Bihar Movements, Emergency (1975-77)
- VIII. **The Janata Government, Return of Indira and Assassination, Rajiv Gandhi Era**
- IX. **Era of Reform, 1990-2001:** Reservation, Economic Reforms
- X. **Era of Concern, 1990-2001:** the Ayodhya Issue, Security in the Face of Terrorism on a Global Scale

Readings:

- Austin, Granville, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*
- Austin, Granville, *Working a Democratic Constitution: A History of the Indian Experience*
- Bhambri, Chandra Prakash, *The Janata Party: A Profile*
- Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, and Aditya Mukherjee, *India Since Independence*
- Brass, Paul R., *The New Cambridge History of India, IV.1: The Politics of India Since Independence*
- Chatterjee, Partha (ed.), *Wages of Freedom: Fifty Years of Indian Nation State*
- Drèze, Jean, and Amartya Sen, *India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity*
- Frankel, Francine, *India's Political Economy: The Gradual Revolution, 1947-2004*
- Guha, Ramchandra, *India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*
- Hardgrave, Robert L., Jr., & Stanley A. Kochanek, *India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation*
- Hasan, Mushirul, *India's Partition: Process, Strategy and Mobilization*
- Jaffrelot, Christophe, *India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Lower Castes in North India*
- Jaffrelot, Christophe, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925 to the 1990s: Strategies of Identity-Building, Implantation and Mobilization*
- Kaul, Jolly Mohan, *Problems of National Integration*
- Kohli, Atul(ed.), *India's Democracy: An Analysis of Changing State-Society Relations*
- Menon, Ritu, & Kamla Bhasin, *Borders and Boundaries: Women in India's Partition*
- Rudolph, Llyod I., & Susanne Hoeber Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State*
- Shiva Rao, B., (ed.), *The Framing of India's Constitution: A Study*
- Vanaik, Achin, *The Painful Transition: Bourgeois Democracy in India*

CC-XIV

History of Modern Europe-II (1871-1945)

- I. **The Patterns of Parliamentary Democracy:** The struggle for Parliamentary democracy and civil liberties in Britain; Forms of protest during early capitalism: food riots in France and England; The New Electorates; Public opinion and Politics
- II. **Working Class Movements and Socialism in the 19th and 20th Centuries:** Economic and Social Organizations in Britain and France; Organized Labour and Social Democracy; Early Socialist Thought; German Social Democracy
- III. **The German Empire under Bismarck, 1871-1890**
- IV. **Imperialism:** The urge to Imperialism; Theories and mechanisms of imperialism; Colonial expansion and rivalry; Scramble for colonies in Africa and Asia
- V. **The Eastern Question, Balkan Nationalism and the Balkan Wars**
- VI. **The Russian Revolution, 1917:** Revolution of 1905; February Revolution and the formation of Provisional government; Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 under the leadership of Lenin
- VII. **The First World War and its Aftermath(1914-1919):** Historiography of the First World War; Germany's responsibility in the outbreak of the First World War; Impact of the world war
- VIII. **Post-war Europe(1920-1933):** Treaty of Versailles- League of Nations- Geneva Protocol; Weimar Republic in Germany- Gustav Stresemann- Locarno Honeymoon; The Great Depression of 1929-33 and Recovery; Impact of the Great Depression on the world economy
- IX. **The Eclipse of Democracy and Second World War:** Mussolini and the Rise of Fascism in Italy; Rise of the Nazi Party under Hitler, Hitler's foreign policy; Origin of the Second World War- Historical Debates
- X. **Cultural and Intellectual Development:** Notions of culture- creation of a new public sphere and mass media; Major Intellectual trends; Constructions of Race, Class, and Gender, Ideologies of Empire

Readings:

- Anderson, B., *Imagined Communities*
Bullock, Alan, *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny*
Carr, E.H., *International Relations between the Two World Wars*
Gooch, G.P., *History of Europe*
Griffin, Roger, *The Nature of Fascism*
Hayes, C.J.H., *Contemporary Europe Since 1870*
Henig, Ruth, *The Origins of the First World War*
Hobsbawn, E.J., *The Age of Revolution*
Hobson, E., *Imperialism: A Study*
Joll, James, *Europe since 1870*
Joll, James, *Origins of the First World War*
Ketelbey, C.D.M., *A History of Modern Times from 1789*
Taylor, A.J.P., *Origins of the Second World War*
Taylor, A.J.P., *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe*
Thomson, David, *Europe since Napoleon*

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVES, or the DSEs (optional, any *four*)

SL. NO.	Course Titles
PAPER-I	History of Medieval Bengal (c. 1200-1707)
PAPER-II	History of Colonial Bengal (1707-1947)
PAPER-III	History of Russia I (1861-1924)
PAPER-IV	History of Russia II (1924-1953)
PAPER-V	England under the Tudors (1485-1603)
PAPER-VI	England under the Stuarts (1603-1702)
PAPER-VII	History of South-East Asia I: the Nineteenth Century
PAPER-VIII	History of South-East Asia II: the Twentieth Century
PAPER-IX	History of Modern East Asia I (China, 1839-1949)
PAPER-X	History of Modern East Asia II (Japan, 1868-1945)

DSE-I

History of Medieval Bengal (c. 1200-1707)

- I. **Foundation of the Sultanate Rule in Bengal: Zenith and Decline**
- II. **Agrarian Economy and the State/ *Subah***: Control over land and relations of production, resource base and patterns of resource use in agrarian production, nature and magnitude of taxation; agrarian relations
- III. **Trade, Commerce and Monetary System**: inland and maritime trade, role of Arab and European traders, Indian merchants and their commercial practices
- IV. **Medium of exchange, currency, coinage and banking**
- V. **Growth of Cities and Towns**: Nature and Classification, demographic changes, morphology of cities
- VI. **Industrial Crafts and Technology**
- VII. **Sufism and Vaishnavism**
- VIII. **Architecture of Bengal**
- IX. **Language and Literature**

Readings

- Ali, M. Mohar, *History of the Muslims of Bengal*, Vols. 1A & B
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- Majumdar, R. C., *History of Medieval Bengal*
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- Ray, Aniruddha, *Adventurers, Landowners and Rebels: Bengal c. 1575-c.1715*
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- Roychaudhuri, Tapan, & Irfan Habib (ed.), *The Cambridge Economic History of India*, Vol. 1, (c. 1200-1750)
- Roychaudhuri, Tapan, *Bengal under Akbar and Jahangir*
- Sarkar, Jadunath, (ed.), *The History of Bengal: Muslim Period*, Vol. II
- Sarkar, Jagdish Narayan, *Hindu-Muslim Relations in Medieval Bengal*
- Tarafdar, M. R., *Husain Shahi Bengal*

DSE-II

History of Colonial Bengal (1707-1947)

- I. **Transformation of Traditional Order, 1707-1793**
- II. **Emergence of Calcutta:** Urbanization; The Middle Class; Social Mobility; Emergence of the *bhadrolok*
- III. **Socio-Cultural Encounter with the West:** Christian Missionaries; Western Education; Social Roots of the Intelligentsia; Socio-Religious Reforms
- IV. **Muslim Society:** Role of Education; Political Consciousness
- V. **Women & Society:** Changing Perception of Women; Education and the Emergence of the *bhadramahila*; Domestic Life, Conjugal Relationship, Motherhood; Women in Public Life
- VI. **Agriculture and Industry:** Peasantry; Artisans; Working Class
- VII. **Culture & Creativity:** Elite & Popular dimensions
- VIII. **Changing Perception of Health:** Domestic Health: Perceptions of Diet and Well-being; Public Health and Hygiene; Diseases and Medical Practices
- IX. **The Political Arena:** Emergence of Nationalism; Nationalist Movement: Early Years; The Gandhian period
- X. **Independence and Partition:** Communalism; Freedom with a price; Aftermath of Partition

Readings:

- Ahmed, R., *The Bengal Muslims, 1871-1906: A Quest for Identity*
- Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar, *From Plassey to Partition, A History of Modern India*
- Broomfield, J.H., *Elite Conflict in a Plural Society: Twentieth Century Bengal*
- Chatterjee, Joya, *Bengal Divided: Hindu Communalism and Partition, 1932-1947*
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- Datta, Pradip Kumar, *Carving Blocs: Communal Ideology in Early Twentieth Century Bengal*
- Forbes, Geraldine, *Women in Modern India*
- Guha-Thakurta, Tapati, *The Making of a New 'Indian' Art: Artists, Aesthetics and Nationalism in Bengal, c. 1850-1920*
- Kaviraj, Sudipta, *The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay and the Formation of Nationalist Discourse in India*
- Kling, Blair B., *Partner in Empire: Dwarkanath Tagore and the Age of Enterprise in Eastern India*
- Murshid, Ghulam, *Reluctant Debutante: Response of Bengali Women to Modernization, 1849-1905*
- Raha, Bipasha, *The Plough and the Pen: Peasantry, Agriculture and the Literati in Colonial Bengal*
- Ray, Rajat Kanta, *Social Conflict and Political Unrest in Bengal, 1875-1927*
- Sarkar, Sumit, *Modern India, 1885-1947*
- Sarkar, Sumit, *Swadeshi Movement in Bengal, 1903-8*
- Sen, Asoke, *Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and His Elusive Milestones*

PAPER-III

History of Russia I (1861-1924)

- I. Edict of Emancipation of Serfs in Russia (1861)
- II. The New Radicalism – Socialist Revolutionary Tactics, 1860-80
- III. The Rise of Marxist Thought
- IV. Lenin and the Party of a New Type, 1870-1903
- V. The Revolution of 1905
- VI. The Revolution of 1917 - February and October
- VII. The Crises of Bolshevism, 1918-1921
- VIII. The Civil War - Soviet Peace Proposals
- IX. The Bolsheviks Conquer Power, 1917-1920
- X. War Communism, 1918-1920
- XI. The New Economic Policy, 1920-22

Readings:

Berlin, Isaiah, *Russian Thinkers*

Carr, E.H., *A History of Soviet Russia, The Bolshevik Revolution, 1917-1923* (3 vols)

Carr, E.H., *Foundations of a Planned Economy* (2 vols)

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Hill, Christopher, *Lenin and the Russian Revolution*

Kochan, Lionel, *Making of Modern Russia*

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Malia, Martin E., *Alexander Herzen and the Birth of Russian Socialism, 1812-1855*

Nove, Alec, *An Economic History of the USSR, 1917-1991*

Pipes, Richard, *Russia under the Old Regime*

Uiam, Adam, *Lenin and the Bolsheviks*

PAPER-IV

History of Russia II(1924-1953)

- I. Death of Lenin and Crisis in the Leadership – Rise of Stalin – His Main Aims
- II. Soviet Reconstruction: Five Year Plans – Collectivization and Its Effects – Industrialization and Its Effects
- III. Communism and Religion - The Red Army - The Great Purge of the Bolshevik Old Guard - the Communist Rule and Totalitarianism
- IV. Transformation of Cultural Life - Education - Emergence of Soviet Intelligentsia
- V. Soviet Russia's Foreign Policy before and during World War II
- VI. Foreign Policy of Soviet Russia after World War II
- VII. Beginning of the Cold War; From the Truman Doctrine to the Korean War

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- Carr, E.H., *A History of Soviet Russia, The Bolshevik Revolution, 1917-1923* (3 vols)
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Florinsky, Michael T., *Russia: A History and An Interpretation*, 2 vols
Hoetzsch, Otto, *The Evolution of Russia*
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Nove, Alec, *An Economic History of the USSR, 1917-1991*
Uiam, Adam, *Lenin and the Bolsheviks*

PAPER-V

England under the Tudors(1485-1603)

- I. **The War of the Roses:** Background & Significance
- II. **Henry VII:** The New Monarchy; Consolidation of Tudor Rule
- III. **Henry VIII- I:** Wolsey and the Church; Thomas Cromwell; Breach with the Papacy; Dissolution of Monasteries
- IV. **Henry VIII- II:** Internal Administration; Parliament; Foreign Policy
- V. **Edward VI:** Accession; Revival of Faction
- VI. **Mary Tudor:** Marriage and Foreign Policy; Failure of the Catholic Reaction
- VII. **Elizabeth I- I:** Accession; Church Reforms; Catholics
- VIII. **Elizabeth I- II:** Parliament; Internal Reforms; Foreign Policy
- IX. **Tudor Age- I:** Price Rise; Enclosures; Vagabondage and Poverty
- X. **Tudor Age- II:** Rise of the Gentry; Merchants and Overseas Expansion

Readings:

Bindoff, S.T., *Tudor England*
Black, J.B., *The Reign of Elizabeth*
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Elton, G.R., *England under the Tudors*
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Pollard, A.F., *Henry VIII*
Pollard, A.F., *Wolsey*
Stone, Lawrence, *The Crisis of Aristocracy, 1558-1641*
Williamson, J.A., *The Tudor Age*

PAPER-VI

England under the Stuarts (1603-1702)

- I. **Historical Background: The Classes and the Masses**
- II. **The Reign of James I, 1603-25:** Divine Rights theory; James I and his Parliament; Prerogative and privileges; Puritans, Anglicans and Catholics; Foreign policy; Trade and Colonization
- III. **The Reign of Charles I, 1625-40:** his Parliaments; Eleven Years' Tyranny; Bishops's war; Long Parliament and its Remedial measures
- IV. **The English Revolution, 1640-1660:** The Historiography of the English Revolution; The causes of the Civil wars; Constitutional Crisis, Execution of Charles-I, 1641-42; The search for a settlement: King, Parliament, the army and the Scots
- V. **Oliver Cromwell and the Interregnum, 1649-1660:** the establishment of the Commonwealth Government; the Rump Parliament; the Protectorate, 1653-1660; Oliver Cromwell's Foreign Policy- Dutch war, Colonial Policy
- VI. **The Age of Experiments- 1660-89:** Rise of political parties in England- Whigs and Tories; Experiments in Science, Mathematics, etc.; The growth of literature- plays, novels, satire; Entertainment- Theatre, Music, Cricket
- VII. **The Reign of Charles II, (First Phase, 1660-1674):** The Restoration Settlement in England, Scotland, and Ireland; The Convention and the Cavalier Parliament- 1660-1664; Anti-Catholicism- 1674; Clarendon Code- Religious Policy
- VIII. **The Reign of Charles II (Second Phase, 1674-1688):** The ministry of Danby- 1674-1678; The Popish Plot; The Exclusion Bill; Charles II's foreign policy- Dutch War
- IX. **The Reign of James II and The Glorious Revolution, 1685-89:** Historiography and causes of the Glorious Revolution; Constitutional Settlement and Bill of Rights; The Significance of the Glorious Revolution
- X. **The Reign of William III and Queen Anne, 1689-1714**

Readings:

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Ashley, Maurice, *The Glorious Revolution of 1688*
Clark, G., *Three Aspects of Stuart England*
Coward, Barry, *The Stuart Age: A History of England, 1603-1714*
Davies, Godfrey, *The Early Stuarts, 1603-1660*
Fisher, E.J. (ed.), *Essays in the Economic and Social History of Tudor and Stuart England in the honour of R.H Tawney*
Hill, Christopher, *Intellectual Origins of the English Revolution*
Hill, Christopher, *The Century of Revolution, 1603-1714*
Lockyer, Roger, *England under the Tudors and the Stuarts*
Miller, J., *The Stuarts*
Morill, John, Jane Ohlmeyer, & John Kenyon, *The Civil Wars: a Military History of England, Scotland and Ireland*
Russell, C., *The Origins of the English Civil War*
Tanner, J.R., *English Constitutional Conflicts of the Seventeenth Century, 1603-1689*
Trevelyan, G.M., *England under the Stuarts*

PAPER-VII

History of South-East Asia I: the Nineteenth Century

- I. Pre-Colonial Structures of Power and authority c. 1800
- II. Patterns of Production in agriculture and the crafts in early 19th Century
- III. Organization of trade and banking in early 19th Century
- IV. Cultural expressions: the Folk and the Classical in early 19th Century
- V. Islam and popular culture in early 19th Century
- VI. Processes of colonial control and the Informal Empire in Thailand
- VII. Peasant society and agrarian transformations, plantations, forests, mining
- VIII. Urbanization: Colonial Cities in Plural Societies
- IX. Culture: (i) Colonial Discourses and the Creation of National Culture; (ii) Oral traditions, literacy and the case of Malay Hikayats; (iii) Creation of Perfect Natives; (iv) Education

Readings:

Anderson, Benedict, *Imagined Communities*

Benda, H., *The Crescent and the Rising Sun*

Furnivall, J.S., *Colonialism and the Plural Society*

Hart, G., (ed.), *Agrarian Transformations: Local Processes and the State in South-East Asia*

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Keys, Charles F., *The Golden Peninsula*

Lev, Daniel S., and Ruth T. McVey (eds.), *Making Indonesia*

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Purcell, Victor, *The Chinese in Southeast Asia*

Tarling, Nicholas (ed.), *Cambridge History of South-east Asia*, Vol. II

Winichakul, Thongchai, *Siam Mapped*

PAPER-VIII

History of South-East Asia II: the Twentieth Century

- I. **Migration: Indian and Chinese Labour and Capital**
- II. **Movements of Resistance and the making of new identities I:** Peasant resistance.
- III. **Movements of Resistance and the making of new identities II:** Radicalism and the Origins of the Vietnamese Revolution, 1920-1946.
- IV. **Movements of Resistance and the making of new identities I:** Indonesian Revolution, 1945-1949.
- V. **Emergence of Modern Nations and States I:** The Union of Burma (Myanmar), 1948-1962.
- VI. **Emergence of Modern Nations and States II:** Indonesia, the Sukarno Era, 1949-1965.
- VII. **Emergence of Modern Nations and States III:** Cambodia under Norodom Sihanouk, 1955-1970
- VIII. **Struggle for Empire:** The Japanese Empire

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PAPER-IX

History of Modern East Asia I (China, 1839-1949)

- I. Coming of the Western Powers - Opening of China - Opium Wars - Taiping Rebellion
- II. Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95 - Hundred Days Reform - Boxer Movement - The Revolution of 1911 and Role of Sun-Yat-Sen - China after World War I
- III. Kuomintang Revolution of 1927 - Rise of Nationalism and Cultural and Intellectual Awakening
- IV. Foundation of Communist Party - Unification of China under the Kuomintang headed by Chiang Kai Shek - National Reconstruction, 1927-1937
- V. Manchurian Crisis – Japan’s Invasion of China - China and World War II
- VI. Erosion of the Authority of Kuomintang Government - Resurgence of Communism under Mao Tse-Tung
- VII. Economic and Social Programme of Chinese Communist Party - Civil War - Victory of the Red Army - Communist takeover of China

Readings:

China Reader

Hsu, Immanuel C. Y., *Rise of Modern China*

Epstein, Israel, *From Opium War to Liberation*

Chesneaux, Jean, *From the 1911 Revolution to Liberation*

Bianco, Lucien, *Origin of the Chinese Revolution*

Chen, Jerome, *Mao Tse-Tung and the Chinese Revolution*

Snow, Edgar, *Red Star over China*

Schram, Stuart, *Mao Tse-Tung*

Schram, Stuart, *The Political Thought of Mao Tse-Tung*

PAPER-X

History of Modern East Asia II (Japan, 1868-1945)

- I. Meiji Restoration in Japan
- II. The Modernisation of Japan
- III. The Reconstruction of the Government - Constitution of Japan
- IV. Problems of the Economy - Industrialisation of Japan
- V. Foreign Policy- Military Reforms - Rise of Militarism in Japan
- VI. Sino-Japanese War (1894-95)
- VII. Anglo-Japanese Alliance of 1902
- VIII. Russo-Japanese War (1904-05)
- IX. Fall of Military Oligarchy - Responsible Party Government in Japan - Discredit Government of Civilian Government - Ascendancy of Military Extremists
- X. Naval Rivalry - US-Japanese Relations after the Geneva Conference
- XI. World War II

Readings:

Gordon, Andrew, *A Modern History of Japan from Tokugawa Times to the Present*

Hall, J.W., *Medieval Japan*

Huber, T.M., *The Revolutionary Origins of Modern Japan*

Japan Reader

Michael, Franz H., and George E. Taylor, *The Far East in the Modern World*

Samson, G.B., *Japan: A Social and Political History*

Seiichi, Tobaru (ed.), *The Modernisation of Japan*

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Storry, Richard, *History of Modern Japan*

GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES, or the GECs (for students of other departments)

ALL COMPULSORY

SL. NO.	Course Titles
PAPER-I	Themes in Medieval Indian History
PAPER-II	Themes in Modern Indian History
PAPER-III	Making of Contemporary India
PAPER-IV	Issues in Contemporary World

GEC-I
Themes in Medieval Indian History (1206-1707)

- I. Sources and Historiography – Court Historians and Accounts of Foreigners, Trends in Historiography
- II. Dynastic Histories – The Delhi Sultanate, The Deccan Principalities, Vijayanagara Empire, The Mughal Empire and its decline
- III. Exercise of Imperial Power and Administrative Institutions – Concept of Sovereignty, Iqta system, Mansabdari and Jagirdari systems, Central and Provincial administration
- IV. Agriculture and Land Revenue – Land rights and ownership of land, Agricultural practices and products, Land-revenue demand, Rent free land, Land-revenue Reforms
- V. Trade, Commerce, Industries and Monetary System
- VI. Maritime Commerce – The Portuguese, Dutch and the English trading establishments
- VII. Religious Life – The Ulema class and their influence on politics and society, Sufism and the Bhakti Movement, Hindu-Muslim cultural synthesis
- VIII. Society and culture – Caste, Education and Learning, Social life and Women
- IX. Art and Architecture – Salient features

Readings

- Alam, Muzaffar, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India*
Asraf, K.M., *Life and Condition of the People of Hindustan*
Banerjee, A.C., *The State and Society in Northern India, 1206-1526*
Chandra, Satish, *Medieval India*
Delhi Sultanate (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavana Series, Vol. V)
Habib, Irfan, *Agrarian System of Mughal India*
Habib, M., and K.A. Nizami, *Comprehensive History of India, Vol. II*
Habibullah, A.B.M., *Foundation of Muslim Rule in India*
Hussain, A.M., *The Tughluqs*
Lal, K.S., *History of the Khaljis*
Moosvi, Shireen, *The Economy of the Mughal Empire*
Moreland, W.H., *Agrarian System of Moslem India*
Nizami, K.A., *Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century*
Nizami, K.A., *Studies in Medieval Indian History and Culture*
Noboru, Karashima, *Towards a New Formation: South Indian Society under Vijayanagar*
Pandey, A.B., *Early Medieval India*
Prasad, Ishwari, *A Short History of Muslim Rule in India*
Rashid, A., *Society and Culture in Medieval India*
Ray, H.P., *The Winds of Change*
Raychaudhury, T. and I. Habib (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. I*
Sahu, K.P., *Some Aspects of North Indian Social Life*
Sharma, R.S., *Indian Feudalism*
Srivastava, A.L., *The Delhi Sultanate*
Stein, Burton, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*
Yadava, B.N.S., *Society and Culture in Northern India in the 12th Century*

GEC-II

Themes in Modern Indian History (1707-1947)

- 1. Decline of the Mughal Empire:** Rise of the Regional Powers; English East India Company and its Territorial Conquest
- 2. Initial Era of the Consolidation of the British Empire:** Imperial Ideology; Relation between British Parliament and the 'sub-imperialism' of the men on spot; Land Revenue Policy; Judiciary
- 3. Non-intervention to Cautious Intervention: Shift in British Administrative Attitude and the Indian Response:** British Education Policy – Anglicist-Orientalist Debate; Socio-Religious Reform Movements of 19th Century; Resistance and Defiance: Peasant and Tribal rebellions; Revolt of 1857
- 4. Early Envisaging of 'Nationalism':** Growth of Muslim Political Identity; New Middle Class and the Trend of Associationism; Railways and Telegraph – Technological Catalysts in the Making of 'Nation'; Emergence of Organised Politics – Foundation of Indian National Congress
- 5. Pre-Gandhian Indian Politics:** The Moderates and the Economic Nationalism; The Rise of Extremism – Passive Resistance – Swadeshi Movement; Limited Muslim Politics - Muslim League to Separate Electorate; Revolutionary Activities
- 6. The Age of Gandhian Politics:** Arrival of M.K. Gandhi in Indian Politics – Initiation of Politics with an Ideology; Shift in Nature of Politics in India from Classes to Masses – Non-Co-operation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement
- 7. Parallel Streams of Politics:** Rise of Leftist Ideology and their Activities; Rise of Dalit Sentiment and their Institutionalized Expression; B.R. Ambedkar; Muslim Politics: From Separate Electorate to Demand for Separate Nation
- 8. Towards Freedom:** Quit India Movement and a new 'avatar' of Gandhi; INA and Subhash Chandra Bose; Three Dominant Indian Figures at Centre stage – J.L. Nehru, V.B. Patel, M.A Jinnah; Transfer of Power – Birth of Two Nations

Readings

- Bagchi, A.K., *Private Investment in India, 1900-1939*
- Bandopadhyay, S., *Caste, Politics and the Raj: Bengal, 1872-1937*
- Basu, Nirban, *The Working Class Movement: A Study of the Jute Mills of Bengal, 1937-47*
- Bayly, C.A., *Origins of Nationality in South Asia*
- Bhattacharya, S., *Ouponibeshik Bharater Arthaniti, 1850-1947*
- Bose, Sugata, *Agrarian Bengal: Economy, Social Structure and Politics, 1919-1947*
- Bose, Sugata, and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*
- Brown, Judith, *Gandhi's Rise to Power: Indian Politics, 1915-1922*
- Brown, Judith, *The Origins of an Asian Democracy*
- Butalia, Urvashi, *The Other Side of Silence: Violence from the Partition of India*
- Chakrabarty, D., *Rethinking Working Class History: Bengal, 1890-1940*
- Chakrabarty, D., *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*
- Chandra, Bipan; et al, *India's Struggle for Independence*
- Datta, Pradip Kumar, *Carving Blocs: Communal Ideology in Early Twentieth-Century Bengal*
- Dhanagare, D.N., *Peasant Movements in India, 1920-50*
- Guha, Ranajit, *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*
- Hasan, Mushirul, ed., *India's Partition: Process, Strategy and Mobilization*
- Heehs, Peter, *Bomb in Bengal: The Rise of Revolutionary Terrorism in India, 1900-1910*
- Jalal, Ayesha, *The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan*

Jalal, Ayesha, *Self and Sovereignty: Individual and Community in South Asian Islam since 1850*

Ray, R.K., *Industrialization in India: 1914-47*

Sarkar, Sumit, *Swadeshi Movement in Bengal, 1903-08* (New Edition)

Sarkar, Sumit, *Modern India, 1885-1947*

Sarkar, Sumit, *Writing Social History*

Singh, K. S., *Birsa Munda and His Movement, 1784-1901*

Tripathi, Amal, *The Extremist Challenge*

GEC-III
Making of Contemporary India

- I. **Partition:** History and Memory, Violence, Refugee Resettlement
- II. **Framing of the Constitution:** Preamble
- III. **Integration of Princely States:** Junagarh, Hyderabad, Jammu and Kashmir
- IV. **Language Politics & the Linguistic Reorganization of States**
- V. **Nehruvian Era:** Vision of a New India, Foreign Policy, Brief Succession by LalBahadurShastri
- VI. **Indira Gandhi Era I:** Rise to Power and the Bangladesh Liberation War (1971)
- VII. **Indira Gandhi Era II:** The Gujarat and Bihar Movements, Emergency (1975-77)
- VIII. **The Janata Government, Return of Indira and Assassination, Rajiv Gandhi Era**
- IX. **Era of Reform, 1990-2001:** Reservation, Economic Reforms
- X. **Era of Concern, 1990-2001:** the Ayodhya Issue, Security in the Face of Terrorism on a Global Scale

Readings:

- Austin, Granville, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*
Austin, Granville, *Working a Democratic Constitution: A History of the Indian Experience*
Bhambri, Chandra Prakash, *The Janata Party: A Profile*
Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, and Aditya Mukherjee, *India Since Independence*
Brass, Paul R., *The New Cambridge History of India, IV.1: The Politics of India Since Independence*
Chatterjee, Partha(ed.), *Wages of Freedom: Fifty Years of Indian Nation State*
Drèze, Jean, and Amartya Sen, *India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity*
Frankel, Francine, *India's Political Economy: The Gradual Revolution, 1947-2004*
Guha, Ramchandra, *India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*
Hardgrave, Robert L., Jr., & Stanley A. Kochanek, *India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation*
Hasan, Mushirul, *India's Partition: Process, Strategy and Mobilization*
Jaffrelot, Christophe, *India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Lower Castes in North India*
Jaffrelot, Christophe, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925 to the 1990s: Strategies of Identity-Building, Implantation and Mobilization*
Kaul, Jolly Mohan, *Problems of National Integration*
Kohli, Atul(ed.), *India's Democracy: An Analysis of Changing State-Society Relations*
Menon, Ritu, & Kamla Bhasin, *Borders and Boundaries: Women in India's Partition*
Rudolph, Llyod I., & Susanne Hoeber Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State*
Shiva Rao, B., (ed.), *The Framing of India's Constitution: A Study*
Vanaik, Achin, *The Painful Transition: Bourgeois Democracy in India*

GEC-IV
Issues in Contemporary World

- I. Colonialism and Nationalism: a Synoptic view
- II. Decolonisation in Africa and Asia
- III. Social Transformation after the Second World War
- IV. United Nations and UNESCO
- V. Cold War & Non-Alignment Movement
- VI. The Character of Communist States; the Sino-Soviet Debate; Soviet unravelling: glasnost & perestroika; the Chinese path
- VII. Capitalism in its new forms; perspectives on development and underdevelopment: Globalization—a long view
- VIII. Social Movements in the North and the South: Ecological, Feminist, Human Rights issues
- IX. Modernity and Cultural Transformation: Emerging trends in Culture, Media and Consumption
- X. Rise of Radical Islam

Readings

Basil Davidson, *Modern Africa: A Social and Political History*, 3d ed.

Carter V. Findley and John Rothay, *Twentieth-Century World*, 5th ed.

E.J. Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes, 1914-1991*

Jonathan Spence, *The Gate of Heavenly Peace: The Chinese and Their Revolution, 1895-1980*

Mark Mazower, *The Balkans: A Short History* [especially chap. 4]

Norman Lowe, *Mastering Modern World History*

SKILL-ENHANCEMENT COURSES, or the SECs (*compulsory* for students of History Department)

SL. NO.	Course Titles
PAPER-I	Art Appreciation: An Introduction to Indian Art
PAPER-II	Understanding Popular Culture

SEC-I

Art Appreciation: An Introduction to Indian Art

- I. Prehistoric and Proto-Historic Art: Rock Art; Harappan Arts and Crafts
- II. Indian Art (c. 600 BCE – 600 CE): World Heritage Site Managers, UNESCO World Heritage Manuals; Notions of art and craft; Canons of Indian paintings; Major developments in stupa, cave, and temple art and architecture; Early Indian sculpture: style and iconography; numismatic art
- III. Indian Art (c. 600 CE – 1200 CE): Temple forms and their architectural features; Early illustrated manuscripts and mural painting traditions; Early medieval sculpture: style and iconography; Indian bronzes or metal icons
- IV. Indian art and architecture (c. 1200 CE – 1800 CE): Sultanate and Mughal architecture; Miniature painting traditions: Mughal, Rajasthani, Pahari; Introduction to fort, palace and haveli architecture
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SEC-II
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- I. Understanding Popular Culture: Theoretical Background – Theory of Mass Society, Theory of Culture Industry, Theory of Progressive Evolution, The Interactions between Popular and Legitimized Culture
- II. Situating Popular Culture in Post-Independent Bengal: Post-Partition Populace – Migration and Relocation; ‘Ghoti-Bangal’: Contested Co-existence
- III. Reoriented Family Ties: Joint Family to Nuclear Family; Crisis of the older generation
- IV. Culinary Habits: Tradition Challenged; Tradition Reinvented; Tradition Syncretised
- V. Sports: Football Battle at Maidan to Kolkata Atlético; CAB to Kolkata Knight Riders; Dismal picture of Kabadi, Kho-kho, Athletics
- VI. Visual Media: Commercial to Parallel Cinema – Content, Viewership, Circulation, Recognition; Television from DD Bangla to Digital Cable Network – Content, Viewership
- VII. Social Media: ‘Adda’ to Facebook – Transition from Tea-stall to Trolling
- VIII. Music: Gramophone to Headphone – Journey from Disc to You Tube
- IX. Theatre: Group Theatre to Third Theatre
- X. Dress: Tradition, Imitation, Fusion

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