B.A. (HONOURS) HISTORY
(Three Year Full Time Programme)

COURSE CONTENTS
(Effective from the Academic Year 2011-2012 onwards)

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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**SEMESTER BASED UNDER-GRADUATE HONOURS COURSES**

**Distribution of Marks & Teaching Hours**

The Semester-wise distribution of papers for the B.A. (Honours), B.Com. (Honours), B. Com., B.Sc. (Honours) Statistics and B.Sc. (Honours) Computer Science will be as follows:

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- Size of the Tutorial Group will be in accordance with the existing norms.
- The existing syllabi of all Concurrent/Credit Courses shall remain unchanged.
- The existing criteria for opting for the Concurrent /Credit Courses shall also remain unchanged.
I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History
   [a] Early Indian notions of History
   [b] Sources and tools of historical reconstruction.
   [c] Historical interpretations (with special reference to gender, environment, technology, and regions).

II. Pre-historic hunter-gatherers
   [a] Palaeolithic cultures- sequence and distribution; stone industries and other technological developments.
   [b] Mesolithic cultures- regional and chronological distribution; new developments in technology and economy; rock art.

III. The advent of food production
   Understanding the regional and chronological distribution of the Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures: subsistence, and patterns of exchange.

IV. The Harappan civilization:
   Origins; settlement patterns and town planning; agrarian base; craft productions and trade; social and political organisation; religious beliefs and practices; art; the problem of urban decline and the late/post-Harappan traditions.

V. Cultures in transition-settlement patterns, technological and economic developments; social stratification; political relations; religion and philosophy; the Aryan Problem.
   [a] North India (circa 1500 BCE-300 BCE)
   [b] Central India and the Deccan (circa 1000 BCE – circa 300 BCE)
   [c] Tamilakam (circa 300 BCE to circa CE 300)
ESSENTIAL READINGS

D. P. Agrawal, *The Archaeology of India*, 1985

SUGGESTED READINGS

I. Evolution of humankind; Palaeolithic and Mesolithic cultures.

II. Food production: beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry.

III. Bronze Age Civilisations, with reference to any one of the following: i) Egypt (Old Kingdom); ii) Mesopotamia (up to the Akkadian Empire); iii) China (Shang); iv) Eastern Mediterranean (Minoan)—Economy, social stratification, state structure, religion.

IV. Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia; ‘Debate’ on the advent of iron and its implications

V. Slave society in ancient Greece: agrarian economy, urbanisation, trade.

VI. *Polis* in ancient Greece: Athens and Sparta; Greek Culture.
ESSENTIAL READINGS

Burns and Ralph. *World Civilisations.*
B. Fagan, *People of the Earth.*
M. I. Finley, *The Ancient Economy.*
Jacquetta Hawkes, *First Civilisations.*
H. W. F. Saggs, *The Greatness that was Babylon.*
R. J. Wenke, *Patterns in Prehistory.*

SUGGESTED READINGS

G. E. M. Ste Croix, *Class Struggles in the Ancient Greek World.*
V. Gordon Childe, *Social Evolution.*
Glyn Daniel, *First Civilisations.*
PAPER III

CONCURRENT - QUALIFYING LANGUAGE
I. Economy and Society (circa 300 BCE to circa CE 300):

[a] Expansion of agrarian economy: production relations.
[b] Urban growth: north India, central India and the Deccan; craft production: trade and trade routes; coinage.
[c] Social stratification: class, varna, jati, untouchability; gender; marriage and property relations.

II. Changing political formations (circa 300 BCE to circa CE 300):

[a] The Mauryan Empire
[b] Post-Mauryan Polities with special reference to the Kushanas and the Satavahanas; Gana-Sanghas.

III. Towards early medieval India [circa CE fourth century to CE 750]:

[a] Agrarian expansion: land grants, changing production relations; graded land rights and peasantry.
[b] The problem of urban decline: patterns of trade, currency, and urban settlements.
[c] Varna, proliferation of jatis: changing norms of marriage and property.

IV. Religion, philosophy and society (circa 300 BCE- CE 750):

(a) Consolidation of the brahmanical tradition: dharma, Varnashram, purusharthas, samskaras.
(b) Theistic cults (from circa second century BC): Mahayana; the Puranic tradition.
(c) The beginnings of Tantricism

V. Cultural developments (circa 300 BCE – CE 750):

[b] Art and architecture – forms and patronage; Mauryan, post-Mauryan, Gupta, post-Gupta
ESSENTIAL READINGS

K. A. N. Sastri, *A History of South India*.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Kesavan Veluthat, *The Early Medieval in South India*, New Delhi, 2009
PAPER V : SEMESTER II

SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS
OF THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

I. Roman Republic, Principate and Empire—slave society in ancient Rome:
   agrarian economy, urbanisation, trade.

II. Religion and culture in ancient Rome.

III. Crises of the Roman Empire.

IV. Economic developments in Europe from the 7th to the 14th centuries:
    organisation of production, towns and trade, technological developments. Crisis
    of feudalism.

V. Religion and culture in medieval Europe:

VI. Societies in Central Islamic Lands:

   [a] The tribal background, ummah, Caliphal state; rise of Sultanates
   [b] Religious developments: the origins of shariah, Mihna, Sufism
   [c] Urbanisation and trade
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.*
P. Garnsey and Saller, *The Roman Empire.*

SUGGESTED READINGS

J. Barraclough, *The Medieval Papacy.*
M. G. S. Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam.*
PAPER VI

CONCURRENT – CREDIT LANGUAGE
I. Studying Early Medieval India:
   Historical geography
   Sources: texts, epigraphic and numismatic data
   Debates on Indian feudalism, rise of the Rajputs and the nature of the state

II. Political Structures:
   (a) Evolution of political structures: Rashtrakutas, Palas, Pratiharas, Rajputs and Cholas
   (b) Legitimization of kingship; brahmanas and temples; royal genealogies and rituals
   (c) Arab conquest of Sindh: nature and impact of the new set-up; Ismaili dawah
   (d) Causes and consequences of early Turkish invasions: Mahmud of Ghazna; Shahab-ud-Din of Ghur

III. Agrarian Structure and Social Change:
   (a) Agricultural expansion; crops
   (b) Landlords and peasants
   (c) Proliferation of castes; status of untouchables
   (d) Tribes as peasants and their place in the varna order

IV. Trade and Commerce:
   (a) Inter-regional trade
   (b) Maritime trade
   (c) Forms of exchange
   (d) Process of urbanization
   (e) Merchant guilds of South India

V. Religious and Cultural Developments:
   (a) Bhakti, Tantrism, Puranic traditions; Budhism and Jainism; Popular religious cults
   (b) Islamic intellectual traditions: Al-Biruni; Al-Hujwiri
   (c) Regional languages and literature
   (d) Art and architecture: Evolution of regional styles
ESSENTIAL READINGS

R.S. Sharma, *Indian Feudalism (circa 300 – 1200).*
B.D. Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of Early Medieval India.*
Hermann Kulke, ed., *The State in India (AD 1000 – AD 1700).*
N. Karashima, *South Indian History and Society (Studies from Inscriptions, AD 850 – 1800).*
Derryl N. Maclean, *Religion and Society in Arab Sindh.*

SUGGESTED READINGS

Romila Thapar, *Somanatha: The Many Voices of a History.*
Burton Stein, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India.*
R. Champakalakshmi, *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India, 300 BC to 1300 AD.*
Al. Beruni’s *India,* NBT edition.
S C Mishra, *Rise of Muslim Communities in Gujrat.*
RISE OF THE MODERN WEST - I

I. Transition from feudalism to capitalism: problems and theories.
II. Early colonial expansion motives, voyages and explorations; the conquests of the Americas: beginning of the era of colonization; mining and plantation; the African slaves.
III. Renaissance: its social roots, city states of Italy; spread of humanism in Europe; Art.
IV. Origins, course and results of the European Reformation in the 16th century.
V. Economic developments of the sixteenth century: Shift of economic balance from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic; Commercial Revolution; Influx of American silver and the Price Revolution.
VI. Emergence of European state system: Spain; France; England; Russia.
ESSENTIAL READINGS

T.S. Aston and C. H. E. Philpin (eds.), *The Brenner Debate*
Carlo M. Cipolla, *Fontana Economic History of Europe,* Vols. II and III.
D. C. Coleman (ed.), *Revisions in Mercantilism.*
J. R. Hale, *Renaissance Europe.*
R. Hall, *From Galileo to Newton.*
Christopher Hill, *A Century of Revolutions.*
Rodney Hilton, *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism.*
G. Parker and L. M. Smith, *General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century.*
J. H. Parry, *The Age of Reconnaissance.*
V. Scammell, *The First Imperial “Age: European Overseas Expansion,* 1400 – 1715.
Jan de Vries, *Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis* 1600 – 1750.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Peter Kriedte, *Peasants, Landlords and Merchant Capitalists.*
J. Lynch, *Spain under the Hapsburgs.*
Peter Mathias, *First Industrial revolution.*
*The New Cambridge Modern History of Europe,* Vols. I – VII.
L. W. Owie, *Seventeenth Century Europe.*
D. H. Pennington, *Seventeenth Century Europe.*
HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (c.1776-1945)

I The Background:
The land and indigenous people: settlement and colonisation by Europeans; early colonial society and politics; indentured labour-White and Black

II Making of the Republic:

III Evolution of American Democracy:
[b] Expansion of Frontier: Turner’s Thesis; Marginalisation, displacement and decimation of native Americans; Case histories of: Tecumseh; Shawnee Prophet.
[c] Limits of democracy: Blacks and women.

IV Early Capitalism:
[a] Beginnings of Industrialisation.
[b] Immigrants and changing composition of Labour; Early Labour Movements.

V The Agrarian South:
[a] Plantation economy.
[b] Slave Society and Culture: Slave resistance.

VI Ante Bellum Foreign Policy:
War of 1812: Monroe Doctrine: Manifest Destiny.

VII Civil War:
[a] Abolitionism and Sectionalism.
[b] Issues and interpretations, and
[c] Rise of Republicanism, Emancipation and Lincoln
ESSENTIAL READINGS

Bernard Bailyn, *The Great Republic*.
Charles Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the American Constitution*.
Dee Brown, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, An Indian History of the American West*.
Peter Carroll and David Noble, *Free and Unfree: A New History of the United States*.
David B. Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution*.
John Hope Franklin, *From Slavery to Freedom*.
Richard Hofstadter, *The Age of Reform, From Bryan to FDR*.
Linda Kerber, *Women’s America: Refocusing the Past*.
David M. Potter, *The Impending Crisis*.
W. Pratt, *A History of the United states Foreign Policy*.
James Randail, *The Civil War and Reconstruction*.
J. G. Randall and David Donald, *The Civil War and Reconstraction*.
Kenneth Stampp, *The Peculiar Institution, Slavery in the Ante-bellum South*.
Robert Wiebe, *The Search for Order*.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Lee Benson, *The Concept of Jackson Democracy*.
Ray A. Billington, *Westward Expansion*.
Thomas Cochran, *The Inner Revolution*.
Lance E. Davis (ed.), *American Economic Growth*.
Carl N. Degler, *At Odds: Women and Family in America from the Revolution to the Present*.
Fogel and Engerman? *Time on the Cross*.
Lewis L. Gould (ed.), *The Progressive Era*.
John D. Hicks, *The Federal Union: A History of USA Since 1865*.
David M. Kennedy, Thomas Baileyand Mel Piehl, *The Brief American Pageant*.
Irving Kristol, *Gordon Wood and others, America’s Continuing Revolution*.
Perry Miller, *From Colony to Province*.
Gary Nash (ed.), *Retracing the Past*.
Henry Pelling, *American Labor*.
Edward Pessen, *Jacksonian Panorama*.
James Weinstein, *The Corporate Ideal in the Liberal state*. 
PAPER IX (b) I : SEMESTER III

HISTORY OF THE USSR (c. 1917-64)

I. The Russia Revolutions of February and October 1917: Dual Power, Provisional government; the establishment of soviet Power; Nationalities question.

II. Civil War and War Communism 1918-1921: The first eight months; Red and White Economic Policies.

III. The New Economic Policy: Political Debates; trade unions; gender relations; Foreign Policy; the Comintern; formation of the USSR.

IV. The Great Debate of Soviet Industrialisation.

V. Collectivisation of Soviet Agriculture.

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Isaac Deutscher : Stalin (1949).
A. Kollontai : Selected Writings.
Richard Pipes : Russia of the Old Regime.
SUGGESTED READINGS

Y.S. Borisova et. al.: *Outline History of the Soviet Working Class.*
Dallin: *Soviet Foreign Policy after Russia.*
R.W. Davies: *The Industrialisation of Soviet Russia,* 3 volumes.
First Soviet Writers Congress, 1934 (Reprint, 1977)
Michael T. Florinsky: *The End of the Russia Revolution.*
Christopher Hill: *Lenin and the Russian Revolution.*
George Katkov (ed.): *Russia Enters the Twentieth Century* (1973).
David Lane: *Politics and Society in the USSR* (1972).
J. Stalin: *Problems of Leninism.*
History of Modern China Series: The Opium War, The Taiping Revolution, The Reform Movement (1898).
Morinosuke Kajima, *A Brief Diplomatic History of Modern Japan.*
Franz Michael, *The Taiping Rebellion.*
George B. Sansom, *The Western World and Japan.*
Ssu Yu-teng and John K. Fairbank, *China’s Response to the West.*
Chitoshi Yanaga, *Japan since perry.*
I. Main Issues in the Historiography of Africa.

II. Commerce and Migration, c. 1500-1900:
   [a] Changing patterns of trade.
   [b] The trans-Atlantic slave trade and its repercussions.
   [c] Migration of capital and labour, with special reference to southern Africa.

III. Patterns of Colonisation:
   [a] Informal empire in the 19th century.
   [b] European imperialism and the partition of Africa.

IV. Structures of Colonial Control:
   [a] The French in the Maghreb and West Africa.
   [b] The British in East, West and Southern Africa.
   [c] The Belgians in Congo.

V. Economic Transformations:
   [a] Agriculture and forests.
   [b] Mining.

VI. Emergence of New Identities:
   [a] Islam, Christianity and indigenous religious.
   [b] Race and class in colonial South Africa.
   [c] Language, education and cultural forms.

VII. Popular Protests, Rebellions and National Liberation Movements:
   [a] Peasants.
   [b] Labour.
   [c] Nationalist movements in Algeria, China, Kenya, Congo, Angola and South Africa.
ESSENTIAL READINGS

Leslie Bethell (ed.), *Cambridge History of Latin America*, 10 Vols. (198 – 95), relevant chapters.
Basil Davidson, *Africa in Modern History* (1978)
SUGGESTED READINGS

Hugo Blanco, Land or Death: The Peasant Struggles in Peru (1972).
Gerrit Huizer, Peasant Rebellion in Latin America (1973).
Teodor Shanin, Peasants and Peasant Societies, (2nd ed., 1987), relevant sections only.
Paul Sweezy and Harry Magdoff, Revolutions and Counter – Revolution in Chile (1974).
PAPER IX (d) I : SEMESTER III

HISTORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA - THE 19th CENTURY

I. Pre-Colonial Structures of Power and authority c. 1800.

II. Economy and Society in early 19th c.
   [a] Patterns of Production in agriculture and the crafts.
   [b] Organisation of trade and banking.
   [c] Cultural expressions: Folk and Classical.
   [d] Islam and popular culture.

III. Colonisation and Colonial Transformations:
   [a] Processes of colonial control and the Informal Empire in Thailand.
   [b] Peasant society and agrarian transformations, plantations, forests, mining.
   [c] Urbanisation: Colonial cities in Plural Societies.
   [d] 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.

ESSENTIAL READING

B. Anderson: Imagined Communities.
Furnivall: Colonialism and the Plural Society.
Milton Osborne, South east Asia: An Introductory History.
Nicholas Tarling, ed., Cambridge History of South-east Asia, Vol. II

SUGGESTED READINGS

B. Anderson: Mythology and the Tolerance of the Javanese.
C. van Dijk, Trousers, Sarongs and Jubbahs.
C. Dobbin, Islamic Revivalism in a Changes Peasant Economy (1784-1847).
Tongchai Winichakul; Siam Mapped.
PAPER X

CONCURRENT – INTERDISCIPLINARY
I. Interpreting the Delhi Sultanate:
   Survey of sources: Persian tarikh tradition; vernacular histories; epigraphy

II. Sultanate Political Structures:
   (a) Foundation, expansion and consolidation of the Sultanate of Delhi; The Khaljis and the Tughluqs; Mongol threat and Timur’s invasion; The Lodis: Conquest of Bahlul and Sikandar; Ibrahim Lodi and the battle of Panipat
   (b) Theories of kingship; ruling elites; Sufis, ulama and the political authority; imperial monuments and coinage
   (c) Emergence of provincial dynasties: Bahamanis, Vijayanagar, Gujarat, Malwa, Jaunpur and Bengal
   (d) Consolidation of regional identities; regional art, architecture and literature

III. Society and Economy:
   (a) Iqta and the revenue-free grants
   (b) Agricultural production; technology
   (c) Changes in rural society; revenue systems
   (d) Monetisation; market regulations; growth of urban centres; trade and commerce; Indian Ocean trade

IV. Religion, Society and Culture:
   (a) Sufi silsilas: Chishtis and Suhrawardis; doctrines and practices; social roles
   (b) Bhakti movements and monotheistic traditions in South and North India; Women Bhaktas; Nathpanthis; Kabir, Nanak and the Sant tradition
   (c) Sufi literature: malfuzat; premakhayans
ESSENTIAL READINGS

Satish Chandra, *Medieval India I*.
Peter Jackson, *The Delhi Sultanate*.
Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, *India Before Europe*.
Mohibul Hasan, *Historians of Medieval India*.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Cynthia Talbot, *Precolonial India in Practice*.
Simon Digby, *War Horses and Elephants in the Delhi Sultanate*.
Richard M. Eaton, ed., *India’s Islamic Traditions*.
Pushpa Prasad, *Sanskrit Inscriptions of the Delhi Sultanate*.
PAPER XII : SEMESTER IV

RISE OF THE MODERN WEST - II

I. 17th century European crisis: economic, social and political dimensions.

II. The English Revolution: major issues; political and intellectual currents.

III. Rise of modern science in relation to European society from the Renaissance to the 17th century.

IV. Mercantilism and European economics; 17th and 18th centuries.

V. European politics in the 18th century – parliamentary monarchy; patterns of Absolutism in Europe.

VI. Political and economic issues in the American Revolution.

VII. Preludes to the Industrial Revolution.
ESSENTIAL READINGS

Carlo M. Cipolla, Fontana Economic History of Europe, Vols. II and III.
D.C. Coleman (ed.), Revisions in Mercantilism.
Ralph Davis, The Rise of the Atlantic Economics.
Maurice Dobb, Studies in the Development of Capitalism.
J.R. Hale, Renaissance Europe.
R. Hall, From Galileo to Newton.
Christopher Hill, A Century of Revolutions.
Rodney Hilton, Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism.
G. Parker, Europe in Crisis, 1598 – 1648.
G. Parker and L.M. Smith, General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century.
J.H. Parry, The Age of Reconnaissance.
V. Poliselyk, War and Society in Europe. 1618 – 48.
V. Scammell, The First Imperial Age: European Overseas Expansion, 1400 – 1715.
Jan de Vries, Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis 1600 – 1750.

SUGGESTED READINGS

M. S. Anderson, Europe in the Eighteenth Century.
Perry Anderson, The Lineages of the Absolutist State.
Stuart Andrews, Eighteenth Century Europe.
G. R. Elton, Reformation Europe, 1517 – 1559.
Peter Kriedte, Peasants, Landlords and Merchant Capitalists.
J. Lynch, Spain under the Hapsburgs.
Peter Mathias, First Industrial revolution.
The New Cambridge Modern History of Europe, Vols. I – VII.
L. W. Owie, Seventeenth Century Europe.
D. H. Pennington, Seventeenth Century Europe.
F. Rice, The Foundations of Early Modern Europe
I Reconstructions: Political changes and agrarian transformation:
[a] Conservative and Radical phases.

II Industrial America:
[a] Growth of Capitalism and Big Business.
[b] Business cycles; Depression.

III Resistance and Reform:
[a] Labour movements and Unionisation.
[c] New Deal.

IV U.S. Imperialism:
[a] Spanish-American War
[b] Expansion in the Far East and Latin America
[c] World War I and Fourteen Points
[d] Isolationism
[e] Americans in World War II: Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

V Afro-American Movements:

VI Women’s Movements:
[a] Rise of the Lowell Factory System
[b] Abolitionists and Women’s rights movement
[c] Suffrage
[d] Afro-American Women

VII Religious, Cultural and Intellectual Trends:
[a] Religious movements; Early Revivalism; Puritans, Quakers; Mormons; Temperance.
[b] Mass culture (circa 1900 - 1945)
ESSENTIAL READINGS

Bernard Bailyn, *The Great Republic.*
Charles Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the American Constitution.*
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Perry Miller, *From Colony to Province.*
Gary Nash (ed.), *Retracing the Past.*
Donald Shihian, *The Making of American History: The Emergence of the Nation,* Vols. I & II.
James Weinstein, *The Corporate Ideal in the Liberal state.*
PAPER – XIII (b) II : SEMESTER – IV

HISTORY OF THE USSR (c. 1917-1964s)

I. Planned Industrialisation 1928-41.

II. Political, Social and Cultural Changes 1928-45: Demography, Working class and gender relations.

III. Soviet History: 1945-56
Industrial and Agricultural reconstruction; Moves towards Market Socialism.

IV. The Khrushchev Era: Desalinization; industrial and agricultural Policies.

V. Soviet Foreign Policy, Cominters and the second world war 1929-45.

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Isaac Deutscher : Stalin (1949).
A. Kollontai : Selected Writings.
Richard Pipes : Russia of the Old Regime.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Y.S. Borisova et. al.: Outline History of the Soviet Working Class.
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David Lane: Politics and Society in the USSR (1972).
J. Stalin: Problems of Leninism.
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HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA (c. 1500-1960s)

I. Conquest of America and its Repercussions, with special reference to Mexico and Peru.

II. Economic Transformations:
   [a] Mining.
   [b] Trade.
   [c] Agriculture and forests.

III. Social Transformation:
   [a] Decimation of indigenous peoples.
   [b] Demographic changes.
   [c] Emergence of new social classes.

IV. Transformations:
   [a] Christianity and indigenous religions.
   [b] Mestizo cultures.
   [c] Language and education.

V. Bolivar’s Vision and the Emergence of New States in the first half of the 19th Century.

VI. Protests and Rebellions:
   [a] Peasants.
   [b] Labour.
   [c] Indigenous communities.

VII. Assertion of the U.S. Hegemony in the Twentieth Century.
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HISTORY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA - THE 20th CENTURY

I. Migration: Indian and Chinese Labour and Capital

II. Movements of Resistance and the making of new identities
   [a] Peasant resistance.

III. Emergence of Modern Nations and States
   [b] Indonesia, the Sukarno Era, 1949-1965.

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B.A. (HONOURS) – III
I. Sources and Historiography:
   (a) Persian literary culture; translations; Vernacular literary traditions
   (c) Modern Interpretations

II. Establishment of Mughal rule:
   (a) India on the eve of Babur’s invasion
   (b) Fire arms, military technology and warfare
   (c) Humayun’s struggle for empire
   (d) Sher Shah and his administrative and revenue reforms

III. Consolidation of Mughal rule under Akbar:
   (a) Campaigns and conquests: tactics and technology
   (b) Evolution of administrative institutions: zabt, mansab, jagir, madad-i-ma‘ash
   (c) Revolts and resistance

IV. Expansion and Integration:
   (a) Incorporation of Rajputs and other indigenous groups in Mughal nobility
   (b) North-West frontier, Gujarat and the Deccan
   (c) Conquest of Bengal

V. Rural Society and Economy:
   (a) Land rights and revenue system; Zamindars and peasants; rural tensions
   (b) Extension of agriculture; agricultural production; crop patterns
   (c) Trade routes and patterns of internal commerce; overseas trade; rise of Surat

VI. Political and religious ideals:
   (a) Inclusive political ideas: theory and practice
   (b) Religious tolerance and sulh-i-kul; Sufi mystical and intellectual interventions
   (c) Pressure from the ulama
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Irfan Habib, *An Atlas of the Mughal Empire*.
I. India in the mid – 18th Century; Society, Economy, Polity

II. Expansion and Consolidation of colonial Power:
   [a] Mercantilism, foreign trade and early forms of exactions from Bengal.
   [b] Dynamics of expansion, with special reference to Bengal, Mysore, Western India, Awadh, Punjab, and Sindh.

III. Colonial State and Ideology:
   [a] Arms of the colonial state: army, police, law.
   [b] Ideologies of the Raj and racial attitudes.
   [c] Education: indigenous and ‘modern’.

IV. Rural Economy and Society:
   [a] Land revenue systems and forest policy.
   [b] Commercialisation and indebtedness.
   [c] Rural society: change and continuity.
   [d] Famines.
   [e] Pastoral economy and shifting cultivation.

V. Trade and Industry
   [a] De-industrialization
   [b] Trade and fiscal policy
   [c] Drain of Wealth
   [d] Growth of modern industry

VI. Popular Resistance:
   [a] Santhal uprising (185-7); Indigo rebellion (1860); Pabna agrarian leagues (1873); Deccan riots (1875).
   [b] Uprising of 1857
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J.Krishnamurti, *Women in Colonial India*.
Dadabhai Naroji, *Poverty and Un-British Rule in India*. 
PAPER XVII: SEMESTER V

HISTORY OF CHINA AND JAPAN I (c. 1840-1949)

I. Imperialism and China during the 19th century
   (a) Chinese feudalism: Gentry, bureaucracy and peasantry; the Confucian value system; Sinocentrism; the Canton commercial system.
   (b) The transformation of China into an ‘informal’ colony; the Opium Wars; the Unequal Treaties; the ‘scramble’ for concessions; Finance Imperialism; the ‘Open Door’ policy.
   (c) Agrarian and Popular Movements: Taiping and Yi Ho Tuan.
   (d) Attempts at ‘Self-Strengthening’ (Tzu-chiang): Reforms of 1860-95; 1898; and 1901-08.

II. The Emergence of Nationalism in China
   (a) The Revolution of 1911: Causes, nature and significance; the social composition of the Revolution; Sun Yat-sen and his contribution; the formation of the Republic; Yuan Shih Kai; Warlordism.
   (b) May Fourth Movement of 1919: Nature and significance

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Chitoshi Yanaga, *Japan since Perry*. 
PAPER XVIII: SEMESTER V

HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE I (c. 1780 – 1939)

IV. Revolution and Reaction, c. 1750 – 1850:

1. The French Revolution and its European repercussions:
   [a] Crisis of Ancien Regime
   [b] Intellectual currents.
   [c] Social classes and emerging gender relations.
   [e] Art and Culture of French Revolution.

2. Restoration and Revolution: c. 1815 – 1848:
   [b] Social, Political and intellectual currents.
   [c] Revolutionary and Radical movements, 1830 – 1848.

V. Capitalist Industrialisation and Social and Economic Transformation (late 18th century to AD 1914)
   [a] Process of capitalist development in industry and agriculture: case studies of Britain, France, the German States and Russia.
   [b] Evolution and Differentiation of social classes: Bourgeoisie, proletariat, land owning classes and peasantry.
   [c] Changing trends in demography and urban patterns.
   [d] Family, gender and process of industrialization.

VI. Varieties of Nationalism and the Remaking of States in the 19th and 20th centuries.
   [a] Intellectual currents, popular movements and the formation of national identities in Germany, Italy, Ireland and the Balkans.
   [b] Specificities of economic development, political and administrative reorganization – Italy; Germany.
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Raymond Williams: *Culture and Society.*
PAPER XIX : SEMESTER VI

HISTORY OF INDIA VII (c. 1605 – 1750s)

I. Sources: Persian and vernacular literary cultures, histories, memoirs and travelogues

II. Political Culture under Jahangir and Shah Jahan:
   (a) Extension of Mughal rule; changes in mansab and jagir systems; imperial culture
   (b) Orthodoxy and syncretism – Naqshbandi Sufis, Miyan Mir, Dara Shukoh, Sarmad

III. Mughal Empire under Aurangzeb:
   (a) State and religion under Aurangzeb; issues in the war of succession; policies regarding religious groups and institutions
   (b) Conquests and limits of expansion
   (c) Beginning of the crisis: contemporary perceptions; agrarian and jagir crises; revolts

IV. Visual Culture: Paintings and Architecture

V. Patterns of Regional Polities:
   (a) Rajput political culture and state formation
   (b) Deccan kingdoms; emergence of the Marathas; Shivaji; expansion under the Peshwas
   (c) Mughal decline; emergence of ‘successor’ states
   (d) Interpreting eighteenth century India: recent debates

VI. Trade and Commerce:
   (a) Crafts and technologies; Monetary system
   (b) Markets; transportation; urban centres
   (c) Indian Ocean trade network
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Iqbal Husain, *Ruhela Cheiftancies in 18th Century India.*
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HISTORY OF INDIA VIII (c. 1857 – 1950)

VII. Cultures changes and Social and Religious Reform Movements:
[a] the advent of printing and its implications
[b] Reform and Revival: Brahma Samaj, Prarthna Samaj, Ramakrishna and Vivekananda, Arya Samaj, Wahabi, Deoband, Aligarh and Singh Sabha movements
[c] Debates around gender
[d] Making of religious and linguistic identities
[e] Caste: sanskritising and anti-Brahminical trends

VIII. Nationalism: Trends up to 1919:
[a] Political ideology and organizations, formation of INC
[b] Moderates and extremists.
[c] Swadesh movement
[d] Revolutionaries

IX. Gandhian nationalism after 1919: Ideas and Movements:
[a] Mahatma Gandhi: his Perspectives and Methods
[b] (i) Impact of the First World War
   (ii) Rowlatt Satyagraha and Jallianwala Bagh
   (iii) Non-Cooperative and Civil Disobedience
   (iv) Provincial Autonomy, Quit India and INA
[c] Left – wing movements
[d] Princely India: States’ people’s movements
[e] Nationalism and Culture: literature and art

IV. Nationalism and Social Groups: Interfaces:
[a] Landlords, Professionals and Middle Classes
[b] Peasants
[c] Tribals
[d] Labour
[e] Dalits
[f] Women
[g] Business groups

V. Communalism: Ideologies and practices – RSS, Hindu Maha Sabha, Muslim League.

VI. Independence and Partition
[a] Negotiations for independence, and partition
[b] Popular movements
[c] Partition riots

VII. Emergence of a New State:
[a] Making of the Constitution
[b] Integration of princely states
[c] Land reform and beginnings of planning
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HISTORY OF CHINA AND JAPAN II (c. 1840-1949)

I. Nationalism and Communism in China (1921-1937)
   (a) Formation of the CCP
   (b) The Guomintang (Nationalist Party or KMT)
   (c) The First United Front

II. The Communist Movement (1928-1949)
   (a) The Jiangxi Period and the rise of Mao Tse-tung
   (b) The Second United Front

III. Transition from feudalism to capitalism
   (a) Crisis of Tokugawa Bakuhansystem
   (b) Meiji Restoration: Its nature and significance
   (c) Political Reorganization
   (d) Military Reforms
   (e) Social, cultural and educational reforms (bunmeikaika)
   (e) Meiji Constitution

IV. Japanese Imperialism
   (a) China
   (b) Korea
   (c) Manchuria

V. Democracy and Militarism/Fascism
   (a) Popular/People’s Rights Movement
   (b) Nature of political parties
   (c) Rise of Militarism - Nature and significance
   (d) Second World War; American occupation
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LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, WORKING CLASS MOVEMENTS AND SOCIALISM IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES:

[a] The struggle for parliamentary democracy and civil liberties in Britain.
[c] Early socialist thought; Marxian Socialism – the First and the Second International.
[e] Christian Democracy as a political and ideological force in western and central Europe.

XI. THE CRISIS OF FEUDALISM IN RUSSIA AND EXPERIMENTS IN SOCIALISM:

[a] Emancipation of serfs.
[b] Russian Populism and Social Democracy.
[c] Revolutions of 1905; the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917.
[d] Programme of Socialist Construction.

XII. IMPERIALISM, WAR, AND CRISIS: C. 1880 – 1939:

[a] Theories and mechanisms of imperialism; growth of militarism; Power blocks and alliances: expansion of European empires - War pf 1914 – 1918.
[b] The post – 1919 World Order: economic crises, the Great Depression and Recovery.
[c] Fascism and Nazism.
[d] The Spanish Civil War.

XIII. CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE CIRCA 1850:

[b] Creation of new cultural forms: from Romanticism to Abstract Art.
[c] Major intellectual trends:
   [i] Institutionalisation of disciplines history sociology and anthropology.
   [ii] Darwin and Feud.
[d] Culture and the making of ideologies: Constructions of Race, Class and Gender, ideologies of Empire.
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