

Kumaun University, Nainital

Syllabus for Undergraduate course in History

Academic Session 2008-09 onwards

B.A. II

Paper I: History of India from c. AD 1200- 1760 (75 Marks)

Unit 1: Survey of Sources of Medieval Indian History

Unit 2: Early Medieval period (AI) 1200-1526)

1. Causes of the success of the Turks: Foundation and consolidation of the Sultanate: Mamluk: Iltutmish, Razia, Balban and Mongol invasions. 2. Expansion: (a) Allauddin Khalji-conquests, economic administrative and economic reforms (b) Tughlaqs-Mohammad-bin-Tughlaq's plans and Feroz Shah Tughlaq reforms and administration 3. Decline of Sultanate: (a) Timur's invasion (b) Lodhis: Theory of Kingship

Unit 3: Advent of the Mughals (AD 1526-1760)

- 1 Babar: conquest, Humayun : difficulties and failure
2. Second Afgan Empire. Sher Shah administrative reforms
3. Akbar: Religious and Rajput policy and his estimate Jahangir: Role of Noorjahan and character,
Shahjahan: War of succession, Aurangzeb: religious policy-
4. Mughal Empire 1707 relation with Rajputs, Sikhs, Deccan Kingdom, Marathas, Persia and Central Asia.
5. Mughal administration and institution: administrative structure-, land revenue system, Mansabdari and Jagirdari
6. Decline and disintegration of the Mughal Empire.

Unit 4: Peninsular India: Bahmani, Vijaynagar, Marathas and Tamil Kingdom: Polity and Administration.

Paper II (a) World History front 1815 to 1945 Marks : 75

1. Age of Conservatism: Vienna Congress, Era of Metternich, Concert of Europe, French Revolutions of 1830 and 1848
2. Opium war of China and its awakening
3. Liberalism in England, American civil war.
4. Nationalism in Europe (i) Ideology of Nationalism (ii) Germany and Italy.
5. Rise of New Imperialism. Causes of First World War and peace Settlements
6. Russian Revolution (1917) :Causes and impact.
7. Economic and Social crisis in the inter-war years and emergence, of new ideologies: Nazism and Fascism.
8. Awakening of China and communist movements.
9. Emergence of USA and Japan as a world power after the First World War.
10. Second World War: Causes and results.

Paper - II(b) Historical Archaeology in India (from 6th Century B.C. to 12th

Century A.D.)

(Marks : 50)

Note : Only for regular students of S.S.J. Campus Almora,

- 1- Aims and Scope of Archaeology.
- 2- Methods of Stratigraphy.
- 3- Salient Features of following historical sites :

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| a) Arikamedu | b) Brahmgi |
| c) Sisupalgarh | d) Hastinapur |
| e) Kausambi | f) Taxila |
| g) Sanchi | h) Moradhwaj |

PRACTICAL

(Marks: 25)

- 1- Identification of building remains, Pottery and other important material from Arikamedu.
- 2- Identification of Megalithic burials and Black and Red ware.
- 3- Identification of building remains, Pottery and other minor antiquities from Hastinapur.
- 4- Identification of building remains; Pottery and other important finds from Taxila.
- 5- Identification of building remains, Pottery and other minor antiquities from Moradhwaj.
- 6- Plotting of the archaeological sites mentioned in the syllabus in map.
- 7- Identification of punch Marked coins, Tribal Coins (Kuninda and Yaudheya coins) and Rummindei Pillar Inscription of Asoka.

Division of Marks :

Practical Examination	15
Record	05
Viva-Voice	05