

B.A (Liberal Arts)
CORE COURSE(CC): HISTORY

SEMESTER-II
(BLAB31203T) HISTORY OF INDIA: c.1200-c.1750

MAX. MARKS:100
EXTERNAL:70
INTERNAL:30
PASS:40%
Credits:6

Objective:

This course provides a basic understanding of the political, economic and socio-cultural processes from c. 1200 to c.1750. This rounded overview bridges the ancient with the modern periods of Indian history.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION -A

Module 1: Establishment and Consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate (1206-1236); Towards a Centralized Monarchy (1236-1290); Territorial Expansion (1290-1320)

Module 2: Expansion and Disintegration (1320- 1388); Rise of New States: Vijayanagar, Bahmani and the Lodhi Sultanates

Module 3: Government and Administration; Nature of the State

Module 4: Establishment of Mughal rule (1526-1556); Expansion under Akbar (1556-1605); A New Conception of the State

Module 5: Administrative framework: Central and Provincial Administration; Land revenue; Jagirdari; Mansabdari

SECTION -B

Module 6: Political Developments after Akbar (1605-1707); Decline of the Mughal empire; Rise of the Maratha power

Module 7: Economy: Agricultural Production; Manufactures; Trade

Module 8: Society: Social Classes; Slavery; Women

Module 9: Religious Developments: Sufi Orders; Vaishnava Bhakti; Kabir and Ravi Das; The Sikh Movement

Module 10: Literature; Architecture; Painting

Suggested Readings:

Irfan Habib, *Medieval India: The Study of Civilization*, National Book Trust of India, New Delhi, 2007.

Satish Chandra, *Medieval India: From Sultanate to the Mughals*, 2 vols, Har-Anand Publications, New Delhi, 2014 (reprint).

J.S. Grewal, ed. *The State and Society in Medieval India*, PHISPC, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2005.

, ed. *Religious Movements and Institutions in Medieval India*, PHISPC, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006.