

PAPER IX: HISTORY OF INDIA V (c. 1550 - 1605)

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Module 1

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-maash
- (c) Revolts and resistance

Module 2

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

References and Suggested Readings:

Satish Chandra, Essays on Medieval Indian History.

Irfan Habib, Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1526 - 1707

S. Nurul Hasan, Religion, State, and Society in Medieval India.

Tapan Raychaudhuri, Irfan Habib ed. Cambridge Economic History of India V 1
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Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subramanian, eds, The Mughal State, 1526 - 1750.

J.F. Richards, The Mughal Empire.

