

HISTORY GENERAL SYLLABUS : REVISED IN 2013

July-December

Semester -1

Number of Classes -90

Title of the Paper : History of India :

Course-I :Prehistoric Period to 1200 C.E. & Course –II: 1200 A.D. to 1526 C.E.

Political & Cultural Developments In Ancient & Early medieval & Medieval (Sultanate) India:

Module –I

1. Literary & Archaeological Sources of Ancient & Early Medieval Indian History -, Rise , extent and decline of the Harappan Civilization .
2. Political developments –Indian Polity in the Early and later Vedic times ; the Mahajanapadas, the Rise and Fall of the Mauryan Empire , the Satavahanas and the Kushanas .
3. Statecraft & Society :The Age of Imperial Guptas : Transition ; Indo –Roman Trade-Feudalism
4. The Imperial Guptas & -the Age of Harsha Vardhana, Regional Powers and the Struggle for Power in North India-Political Developments in South India.
5. Feudalism A Brief Report/ Survey .
6. Social Life and Social Structure –From Varna to Jati , Family Life and the Status of Women .

Module –II

1. Society and Religion : Vedic religion and the Varnasrama, Protest movements .
2. Ancient Indian Sculpture & Architecture : Gandhara, Mathura , the Ajanta School of Painting & Pala-Sena Art

Module-III

1. Impact of Islam and Political Changes in India. A brief overview of the Delhi Sultanate , its administrative machinery.
2. Theory of Kingship.
3. Independent Sultans of Bengal & the Hindu Kingdom of Vijayanagara.
4. Society , Religion, Culture and Economy of the Delhi Sultanate (A broad overview)
5. Art , Architecture , Science , Literature of Early Medieval and Sultanate India.
6. Disintegration of the Sultanate and the Foundation of the Mughal Empire.

Suggested Readings:

1. H.C. Roychaudhury , K.K. Dutta , R.C. Majumdar , Advanced History of India.
2. N.K. Sinha & N. R. Ray , History of India
3. Satish Chandra , Medieval India
4. Ram Sharan Sharma , Ancient India
5. S.N. Sen , Advanced History of ancient and Medieval India.