

**PAPER XII: HISTORY OF INDIA VII (c. 1605 - 1750s)**  
**HHSCR5121T**

**Module 1**

**H. 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

**Module 2**

**IV. Visual Culture: Paintings and Architecture**

**V. Patterns of Regional Politics:**

(a) Rajput political culture and state formation

(b) Deccan kingdoms; emergence of the Marathas; Shiva; 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

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

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S.A.A. Rizvi, Muslim Revivalist Movements in Northern India.

K. R. Qanungo, Dara Shikoh.

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

S. Arsatnam, Maritime India in the Seventeenth Century. Muzaffar

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Wink, Land and Sovereignty in India.

Harbans Mukhia, The Mughals of India.

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Z.U. Malik, The Reign of Muhammad Shah.

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