



St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus For 4th Semester Courses in History (June 20, 2013 onwards)

Contents:

Syllabi for Courses:

A.HIS.4.01- An outline history of Early India Part II (200 BCE- 1200 CE)

A.HIS.4.02- Contemporary Issues in Indian Society and Politics.

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Course: A.HIS.4.01

Title: An outline history of Early India Part II (200 BCE- 1200 CE)

Learning Objectives:

- To trace the growth of foreign trade and its cultural impact.
- To understand the political developments that allowed a prosperous economy, remarkable architecture and highest level of contribution in literature.
- To study the era of religious tolerance and declining phase of mighty empires in the north.
- To identify the various styles of architecture the cultural and social impact and to study their changing patterns over a period of time.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1

The Political developments

(15 Lectures)

Age of Kanishka, the Vakatakas, Gupta age, political conditions under Harshavardhan and Rashtrakutas.

UNIT 2

Economic conditions

(15 Lectures)

Indo-Roman trade, trade with South - East Asia, rise and growth of Indian feudalism.

UNIT 3

Developments in Art and Architecture

(15 Lectures)

Schools of art: Gandhara, Mathura and Amravati. Rise and growth of temple architecture: *Nagara, Visara and Dravida*.

List Of Recommended Reference Books

- Basham, A.L, *The Wonder that was India*, Macmillan, London, 1967.
- Basham, A.L, (ed.) *A Cultural History of India*, OUP, 1975
- Champakalakshmi R, *Trade, Ideology and urbanization: South India 300BC to AD 1300*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1996.

- Chandra.Moti, *Trade and Trade Routes in Ancient India*, Abhinav Publications, New Delhi, 1977.
- D. Devahuti, *Harsha: a political study*, OUP, London, 1970.
- Gayal. S.R, *Imperial Guptas, A multidisciplinary Political Study*, Kusamanjali Book world, Jodhpur, 2005.
- Gayal. Shankar, *Harsha: A Multidisciplinary Political Study*, Kusamanjali Book world, Jodhpur, 2006.
- Craven Roy .C, *Indian Art a Concise History*, Thames and Hudson, London, 1976.
- Kosambi. D.D, *The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Sixth Impression, Vikas Publishing Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1981.
- Majumdar R.C, Pusolker A.D. Majumdar A.K, *The Classical Age*, Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Mumbai, 1997.
- Majumdar R.C, *Ancient India*, Motilal Banarasidas, Delhi, 1964.
- Sastri.Nilakanta.K.A, *A Comprehensive History of India, Vol. 2: The Mauryas and Satavahanas (325 BC to AD 300)*, Orient Longmans, Bombay, 1957.
- Sastri.Nilakanta.K.A, *A History of South India*, Fourth Edition, Oxford University Press, 1976.
- Thapar Romila, *Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations*, Orient Longmans Ltd., Bombay, 1978.
- Thapar Romila (ed), *Recent perspectives of Early Indian History*, Popular Prakashan, Bombay, 1995.
- Thapar Romila, *Interpreting Early India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1992.
- Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: from the Stone Age to the 12th century*, Pearson Longman, 2008

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- Maganlal. A. B: *Economic Life in Ancient India, 2 Vols.* K.S. Publishing House, Allahabad, 1979.
- Mukhrejee .Bratindra .Nath: *Coins and Currency system in Gupta Bengal, c. AD. 320-550*, Harman Pub House, New Delhi, 1992.
- Prasad.P.C: *Foreign Trade and Commerce in Ancient India*, New Delhi, Abhinav Publications, 1977.

- Ray H.P: *Winds of Change: Buddhism and the early Maritime Links of South Asia*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1994.
- Tha. D.M: *Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Manohar Publishers and distributors, New Delhi, 1998 Reprint.(2005).
- Thapar. Romila: *Cultural Pasts: Essays in Early Indian History*, New Delhi: Oxford University press, 2008.
- Tripathi, Rama Shankar: *History of Ancient India*, Motilal Banarasidas, New Delhi, 1987.

Continuous internal assessment.

In each semester, the student will have a quiz /multiple choice questions/Group Presentations and a Mid semester exam with two small essay type questions

Marks: 100

Weeks: 15

Lectures: 45

Credits: 3

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Course: A.HIS.4.02

Title: Contemporary Issues in Indian Society and Politics.

Learning Objectives:

- To give an overview of some of the important contemporary issues affecting India.
- To study new perspectives of contemporary issues through government and international reports.
- To develop rational thinking and allow enough scope to discuss the issues with different points of view.
- This paper will update students on developments and challenges of late 20th and early 21st century.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1

Issues related to India:

(20 Lectures)

Communalism. Naxalism: ideology and origin of. Politics of Reservation. Development and Displacement. Terrorism. Special Economic Zones.

UNIT 2

Government policies and contemporary issues:

(15 lectures)

Right to Information Act. Right to Education Act. Employment guarantee schemes. India's nuclear policy

UNIT 3

Issues related to Mumbai city:

(10 lectures)

Migration. The era of textile mills and Trade Unions in Mumbai. Infrastructural policy.

List Of Recommended Reference Books

- 1) Bagchi.K.K: *Agrarian crisis, Farmers suicides and livelihood security in rural labour.* Vol I &II, Abhijeet Publications, Delhi, 2008.
- 2) Chandra.Bipin: *Communalism in Modern India*, Vikas Publications, Delhi, 1987.
- 3) D'Monte. Darryl: *Mills for sale: The way ahead*, NCPA, Mumbai, 2006.
- 4) D'Monte. Darryl: *Ripping the Fabric: The Decline of Mumbai and its Mills*, OUP, New Delhi, 2002.
- 5) Dubey.Akhilesh: *Commercialization of Education in India*, A.P,H. Publication, New Delhi,2007.
- 6) Gandhi.M.K.: *Basic Education*, Navjivan Publication,Ahemdabad,1956.

- 7) Jeevor.S.V: *Aims and Objectives of Indian Education*, Somaiya Publication, Bombay, 1971.
- 8) Kurian.Jessy: *Right to Information Act*, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, 2006.
- 9) Landy, Frederic, Dorin, Bruno: *Agriculture and food in India: A half century review from independence to Globalisation*, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 2009.
- 10) Mathur.Hari Mohan: *India Social Development and Displacement*, OUP, New Delhi, 2008
- 11) Mehta .S.D: *The Cotton Mills of India 1854 to 1954*, The Bombay Textile Association(India), Bombay 1954
- 12) Seth, Satish: *Communalism : A social Political Study*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2000
- 13) Sikdar. Soumyen: *Contemporary issues in Globalization*, OUP, New Delhi, 2006.
- 14) Verma. Manish Kumar: *Development, Displacement and Resettlement*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2004.
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