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PURBA MEDINIPUR-721628

West Bengal

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M.A. in HISTORY

[Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)]

Faculty of Arts

(School of Social Sciences)

Department of History

Semester-I			
Course Code	Name of the Course	Full Marks	Credit
HIST.101	INTERROGATING INDIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY	50	5
HIST.102	State and Society in Ancient India	50	5
HIST.103	State and Society in Medieval India	50	5
HIST.104	History of Ideas: 19 th and 20 th Century India	50	5
HIST.105	Rise of the Industrial Societies: Concepts and Ideas	50	5
Total		250	25

Semester-II			
Course Code	Name of the Course	Full Marks	Credit
HIST.201	HISTORIOGRAPHY:CONCEPTS, METHODS AND TOOLS	50	5
HIST.202	State and Society in Colonial India	50	5
HIST.203	Social History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial and Post Colonial India	50	5
HIST.204	Twentieth Century World(Select themes)	50	5
HIST.205	CBCS	50	4
Total		250	24

Semester-III			
Course Code	Name of the Course	Full Marks	Credit
HIST.301	History of Modern India (1757-1857)	50	5
HIST.302	ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT IN INDIAN HISTORY	50	5
HIST.303	LIFE AND CULTURE IN ANCIENT BENGAL	50	5
HIST.304	LIFE AND CULTURE IN MEDIEVAL BENGAL	50	5
HIST.305	CBCS	50	4
Total		250	24

Semester-IV			
Course Code	Name of the Course	Full Marks	Credit
HIST.401	HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA: 1857--1947 (SELECT THEMES)	50	5
HIST.402	India Since Independence	50	5
HIST.403	History of Bengal (c.1757-1947)	50	5
HIST.404	Bengal Since 1947	50	5
HIST.405	DISSERTATION/Project work	50	5
Total		250	25

Full Marks: 50

HIST.101

Interrogating Indian Historiography

Unit I

Evolution of Indian Historical Tradition from the earliest times to the nineteenth century: Indian sense of the past-the meaning of historical consciousness-the Indian perceptions-the expressions of historical consciousness in the Vedic texts-the Buddhist and Jaina texts-the itihasa purana tradition-epics, genealogies-the early medieval expressions-the historical biographies-Harshacharita and Rajatarangini.

Unit 2

Historical traditions of medieval India Historical Consciousness in the accounts of Travellers, Traders and Geographers Attempts at legitimisation of the new polity-The Court Historians-Biographies and Autobiographies-Gazetters and Letters Vernacular writings and Romances of India-Mangal Kabyas of the East-Historical works under Vijayanagara-Regional Histories and Local traditions-Some Histories of Medieval India-Sultanate Period-Barani, Isami, Amir Khusru-Mughal Period-Abul Fazl, Badauni-Travel Accounts of Ibn Batuta, Bernier, and Manucci

Unit 3

Approaches to History: British attitude towards India-William Jones, James Mill, Todd-WW Hunter-Moreland-V.Smith and others-Nationalist Approach-J.N.Sarkar, R.C.Majumdar, N.K.Sinha and others-Marxist Approach-D.D.Kosambi, Irfan Habib,Romila Thapar and others-Subaltern Approach.

Unit 4

Debate on Indian History: Indian feudalism, eighteenth century India, writings on Mutiny and partition-Modern Indian History with socio-economic perspective –Peasantry and working classes, caste, tribe, gender, environment , science and technology, Recent Trends in the writing og Indian History.

Suggested Reading

B. Sheikh Ali, History: Its Theory and Method, New Delhi.

E. Sreedharan, A Text Book Of Historiography, Orient Longman, 2004.

Irfan Habib, Essays in History: Towards a Marxist Interpretation, New Delhi, 1995.

Jagadish Narayan Sarkar, History of History Writing in Medieval India, Calcutta, 1973.

James Mill, The History Of British India, London, 1840—1848.

Javed Majeed, Ungoverned Imaginings, New Delhi.

Partha Chatterjee and Raziuddin Aquil, History in the Vernacular.

R.C.Majumdar, Historiography in Modern India, Bombay, 1970.

Ranajit Guha, An Indian Historiography Of India, Calcutta 1986.

Romila Thapar, Interpreting Early India, New Delhi, 1992.

S.B. Chowdhury, Theories Of Indian Mutiny, Calcutta 1965.

S.N.Mukherjee, Sir William Jones: A study in 18th Century British Attitudes to India, Cambridge 1968.

S.P.Sen, Historians and Historiography in Modern India, Calcutta 1973.

Subodh Mukhopadhyay, Historians and Historiography in Modern India.

Sumit Sarkar, Writing Social History, New Delhi, 1997

Full Marks: 50

HIST 102

State and Society in Ancient India

Unit 1

Genesis of political concepts and institutions: Origin and evolution of kingship-Divine concept of kingship-The contract theory-Theories of property, family and varna, political, social and legal concepts in the Dharmasastras and smritis, The epics, Arthashastra

Unit 2

Government of Multitude:Vedic and post Vedic Gana Rashtras, Stage in ancient Indian Polity, The Mauryan Phase:Centralised Bureaucratic interlude, The Post Mauryan Phase: Divinity and Decentralization-The Gupta phase: Proto feudal polity-Political developments: Nature of Regional politics with special reference to the Pratiharas, Palas, Rashtrakutas, Cholas and other contemporary dynasties.

Unit 3

Crystallizations of social institutions, Religious sects and transformations a) Religious Fermentation worldview of Upanishads, Buddhism & Jainism. b) Caste, Untouchability, Slavery and women.c)Bhagvatism, Vaishnavism, Shaivism& Tantrism

Unit 4

Structure of polity in early medieval India-chieftaincies and feudatories-political and economic changes and the bases of the early medieval state system.

SUGGESTED READING

- A.L. Basham, *History and Doctrine of the Ajivikas*, New Delhi, 1951.
- AS Altekar : *State and Government in Ancient India*, Delhi, (Motilal) First edition. 1941.
- B & R Allchin : *The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*, Cambridge, 1982.
- B & R Allchin *Origins of a civilization : The prehistory and early archaeology of South*, New Delhi, 1997.
- 5.B. H. Baden-Powell, *The Indian Village Community*, London, 1896.
- 6.B.G. Gokhale, *New Lights on Buddhism*, Bombay, 1997.
- 7.Beni Prasad, *Theory of Government in Ancient India*, Allahabad, 1974.
- 8.Brajadulal Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of Early Medieval India*, Delhi, 1997.
- 9.Bratindranath Mukhopadhyay, *Saktir Rup: Bharat O Madhya Asiyay*, Kolkata, 1990.
- D.C. Sircar, *Studies in the Religious Life of Ancient and Medieval India*, Delhi, 1971.
- D.D. Kosambi, *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*, Bombay, 1956.
- Haripada Chakrabarti, *Vedic India Political and Legal Institutions in Vedic Literature*, Calcutta, 1981.
- Haripada Chakraborty, *Asceticism in Ancient India, Brahmanical, Buddhist, Jaina and Ajivika Societies*, Calcutta, 1973.
- J. Gonda, *Ancient Indian Kingship from Religious point of View*, Leiden, 1966.
- J.C. Heesterman, *The Ancient Indian Royal Consecration*, The Hague, 1957.
- K.P Jayswal : *Hindoo Polity*, Butterworth and Co, Calcutta, 1924.
- N.C. Bandopadhyaya, *Development of Hindu Polity and Political Theories*, New Delhi, 1980.
- N.N. Bhattacharyya, *Buddhism in the History of Indian Ideas*, New Delhi, 2000.
- N.N. Law, *Aspects of Ancient Indian Polity*, Oxford, 1st Pubd, 1921.
- Narendra Nath Bhattacharyya, *Ancient Indian History and Civilization: Trends and Perspectives*, New Delhi, 1988.
- Nihar Ranjan Ray, *Bangalir Itihas*, (Adi Parva), Calcutta, 1980.
- Niharranjan Ray, 'The Medieval Factor in Indian History,' *Indian History Congress*, 29'h Session, Patiala, 1967, pp. 1-29.
- P. V. Kane, *History of Dharmasastra*, Poona, 1930-62.
- R C Majumdar : *Corporate life in Ancient India*, Firma K.L.M. Calcutta, 1969.
- R K. Mukherji. *Ancient India*, Allahabad, Indian Press, 1956.
- R P Kangle : *The Kautilya Arthasastra*, Bombay University, Bombay, 1963.
- R. C. Majumdar, *Corporate Life in Ancient India*, Calcutta, First Published, 1919.
- R. S. Sharma, *Sudras in Ancient India*, Delhi, 1958.
- R.S. Sharma : *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*, Delhi (Motilal Banarsidass) First edition, 1959.
- R.S. Sharma, *Social changes in Early Medieval India*, Delhi, 1969.
- R.S. Sharma., *Origin of the State in India*, Bombay, 1989.
- Ram Mohan Das : *Crime and punishment in Ancient India*, Kanchan Publications, Bodhgaya, 1982.
- RK Mukherji : *Local Government in Ancient India*, Delhi (Motilal Banarsidass) 1958.
- RK Mukherji : *The Gupta Empire*. Delhi (Motilal Banarsidass) First edition, Delhi, 1973, Reprint: 1989, 1997.
- Romila Thapar : *From Lineage to State*, OUP, Bombay, 1984.
- Romila Thapar, *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*, Delhi, 1963.
- Romila Thapar, *From Lineage to State*, Bombay, 1984.
- Romila Thapar, *Interpreting Early India*, Delhi, 1992.

Full Marks : 50

HIST 103

STATE AND SOCIETY IN MEDIEVAL INDIA

Unit 1

Formation of Political structure of state: The Political theory of the sultanate: Caliphate Sultanate and the question of Legitimacy, Unitary State/centralized formation? Evolution of regional patterns of state formation, Case studies, Rajputana, Bengal and the Vijayanagar kingdom-Importance of Hussain Sahi rule in the socio-cultural progress of Bengal.

Unit 2

Society in the Sultanate period: Muslim society and the role of Ulema and other dominant religious groups, impact of Islam on society, Urban social groups and social mobility, The Mughal Ruling Class- the nobles and politics –Jagirdars and Mansabdars, The Structure of the Mughal agrarian society- village community- the pattern of land ownership and social stratification- agrarian revolts- lower caste movements- the Jat-Sikh revolt- the rise of the Marathas.

Unit 3

State and Religion mystical and intellectual currents, interfaith dialogues, sulh-i-kul- Sufis and the state, ulema in the Mughal Empire, Religious Movement, Bhaktism and Sufism- Growth of regional languages and literature, Hindu-Muslim cultural synthesis

Unit 4

Economy and Culture: a) Urbanisation and Foreign Trade. b) Position of Women, Education and Learning, Transfer of Technology c) Art and Architecture.

SUGGESTED READING

- Ali, M.A: *The Apparatus of Empire: Awards of ranks offices and Titles to the Mughal Nobility 1574-1658*, Agra, 1985.
- Athar Ali, M: *The Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb*, Delhi, 1997.
- Aziz Abdul : *The Mansabdari System and the Mughal Army*, London, 1945.
- Dirk Kolff, H.A. : *Naukas, Rajput and Sepoy – The Ethno-history of the Military Labour Market in Hindustan 1450-1850*, Cambridge, 1990.
- Eaton R M: *The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier, 1204-1760*, Delhi, 1994.
- Eaton, R M ed. : *India's Islamic Traditions*.
- Farhat Hasan, 'Norms and Emotions in the *Ardhakathanaka*', in Vijaya Ramaswamy (ed.), *Biography as History* (Delhi, 2009).
- Farhat Hasan, *State and Locality in Mughal India: Power Relations in Western India, c. 1572-1730* (Cambridge, 2005), chapter V.
- Frykenberg R E ed.: *Delhi Through Ages, Selected Essays in Urban History, Culture and Society*.
- Gavin Hambly (ed.), *Women, Patronage and Self-representation in Islamic Societies* (Albany: 2000).
- Habib, Irfan : *An Atlas of the Mughal Empire. Political and Economic Maps with Detailed Notes, Bibliography and Index*, New Delhi, 1986.
- Habib, Irfan : *Medieval India 1 Researches in the History of India 1200-1750*, Bombay, 1992.
- Hamid Qalandar : *Khair-ul-Majalis*, ed. by K.A.Nizami, Aligarh, 1959.
- Harbans Mukhia, *The Mughals* (Delhi: 2009).
- Isami, : *Futuh-us-Salatin* ed by A.S. Usha, Madras, 1948.
- Khan Iqtidar Alam, 'The Middle Classes in the Mughal Empire' , Presidential Address to the Medieval Section, *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 36th Session, Aligarh, 1975, pp.113-41.
- Leila Ahmed, *Women and Gender in Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate* (Yale University Press, 1992).
- Leslie P. Pierce, *The Imperial Harem: Women and Sovereignty in the Ottoman Empire* (New York: 1993).
- Mc Lane , J R : *Land and Local Kingship in Eighteen Century Bengal*, Cambridge, 1993.
- Minhaj-i Siraj al-Jazjani : *Tabaqat-i-Nasiri* ed by Abdul Hai Habibi, Kabul, 1342.
- Naqvi H K : *Agricultural, Industrial and Urban Dynamism under the Sultans of Delhi*.
- Nigam, S.B.P. : *Nobility under the Sultans of Delhi* New Delhi, 1967.
- Paul Jackson, S.J. : *The way of a Sufi : Sharafuddin Maneri*, Idazah-i-Adabiyat-i- Delhi, Delhi, 1987.
- Raychaudhuri, Tapan: *Bengal under Akbar and Jahangir: An Introductory Study in Social History*, Delhi, 1966.
- Rosalind O'Hanlon, 'Kingdom, Household and Body: History, Gender and Imperial

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HIST 104

History of Ideas: 19th and 20th Century India

Unit 1: a) Impact of Western Ideas and the Emergence of a Colonial Intelligentsia: Orientalists, Utilitarians and the Bengal Renaissance-Rammohan Roy, Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, Swami Vivekananda and the Ramkrishna Mission –a review of the ideas of Bhudeb Mukhopadhyay, Keshab Chandra Sen, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Nabin Chandra Sen, Akshay Chandra Dutta, M.G.Ranade and Dayananda Saraswati

Unit 2

Nationalism, modernity formation : Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and the Aligarh Movement , Pandita Ramabai and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain-B.G.Tilak, G.K.Gokhle, Bipin Chandra Pal-Revolutionary Ideology of Vsudev Balwant Phadke-Hindutva ideology of VD Savarkar, MS Gowalkar, ideas of Mohammed Iqbal, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Communist ideology of MN Roy, EMS Namboodiripad, Socialist ideology Rammanohar Lohia, Jayaprakash Narayan

Unit 3

Caste and the nation :Jyotiba Phule , Savitri Bai Phule:Sree Narayan Guru, E.V.Ramaswamy Naicker, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and others.

Unit 4

Theory of Nation, Nationalism and Human Unity:Aurobindo Ghosh, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vinoba Bhave and others.

SUGGESTED READING

- Ahmed, A. F. S.: *Social Ideas and Social Change in Bengal, 1818-1835*
- Appadorai, A., *Documents on Political Thought in Modern India (Volumes 1 & 2)*
- Basu, A.: *The Growth of Education and Political Development in India, 1898-1920*
- Chakravarti, U.: *Rewriting History: Life and Times of Pandita Ramabai*
- Chatterjee, P.: *Nationalist Thought & the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse*
- Chousalkar, A.: *Indian Idea of Political Resistance: Aurobindo, Tilak, Gandhi and Ambedkar*
- Deshpande, G. P. (ed.): *Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule.*
- Gopal, S.: *Jawaharlal Nehru: A Biography*
- Gore, M. S.: *The Social Context of an Ideology: Ambedkar's Political and Social Thought*
- Guha, R.: *India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*
- Guha, R. (ed.): *Makers of Modern India*
- Hameed, S. S.: *Maulana Azad, Islam and the Indian National Movement*
- Hardiman, David: *Gandhi: In His Time and Ours*
- Heehs, P.: *Situating Sri Aurobindo: A Reader*
- Jalal, A.: *The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan*
- Jones, K. W.: *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India*
- Jordans, J. T. F.: *Dayananda Saraswati: Essays on His Life and Ideas.*
- Joshi, V. C. (ed.): *RammohunRoy and the Process of Modernization in India*
- Kaviraj, S.: *The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankimchandra Chattopadhyaya and the formation of Discourse in India*
- Kosambi, M. (ed.): *Pandita Ramabai through Her Own Words: Selected Works*
- Majumder, B. B.: *History of Indian Social and Political Ideas: From Rammohan to Dayananda*
- Nanda, B. R.: *Gokhale: The Indian Moderates and the British Raj*
- Sarkar, S.: *Writing Social History*
- Savarkar, V. D.: *Hindu Rashtra Darshan*
- Tripathi, A.: *Vidyasagar: The Traditional Modernizer*

Full Marks: 50

HIST.105

Rise of the Industrial Societies: Concepts and Ideas.

Unit 1

Definitions and concepts of _Industrial Revolution : various dimensions of the concept-the concept of proto-industrialization-industrial apprenticeship-transition from feudalism to capitalism –the emergence of the world system. Models of economic growth :Classical economists-Marxists-Neo-classical economists-Keynesian model-W.W.Rostow's model of economic growth-Alexander Gerschenkron and his alternative route to industrialization.

Unit 2

The concept of Technological Revolution : technology before the Industrial Revolution –technological change in the early Industrial Revolution –casual origins-inventions and innovations –science in the early Industrial Revolution-science and technology in the later Industrial Revolution.

Unit 3

Supply: social structure , social values and the supply side-supply of industrial enterprises-differences in social structure in England and in the continent and their implications for the supply of industrial entrepreneurship-the question of supply of labour-skilled and unskilled labour –women's and children's labour-the question of supply of capital in England and in the continent.

Unit 4

The concept of Agricultural Revolution : was Agricultural Revolution an outcome of techonological innovation or changing agricultural practices?- enclosures and the reorganization of the system of landholding – agricultural prices and enclosure movement in England-abolition of serfdom in Central and Eastern Europe.

Suggested Reading

- Ashton, T. S.: *Iron and Steel in the Industrial Revolution*
- Bhattacharya, H.: *Britaine Shipabiplab O Tarpar*
- Chambers, J. D. and Mingay, G. E.: *The Agricultural Revolution, 1750-1880*
- Chapman, S. D.: *The Cotton Industry in the Industrial Revolution*
- Cipolla, Carlo M.: *The Industrial Revolution, 1700-1914* (The Fontana Economic History of Europe.)
- Clapham, J. H.: *An Economic History of Modern Britain (Volume 1)*
- Deane, P.: *The First Industrial Revolution*
- Deane, P. & Cole, W. A: *British Economic Growth, 1688-1959*
- Flinn, M. W.: *Origins of the Industrial Revolution*
- Habakkuk, H. J.: *Population Growth and Economic Development since 1750*
- Habakkuk, H. J. and M. M. Postan, (eds.): *The Cambridge Economic History of Europe (Volume 6)*
- Hammond, J. L. and B.: *The Village Labourer, 1760-1832.*
- Hartwell, R. M. (ed.): *The Causes of the Industrial Revolution in England*
- Hobsbawm, E. J.: *Industry and Empire: From 1750 to the Present Day*
- Hyde, C. K.: *Technological Change in the British Iron Industry, 1700-1870*
- Jackman, W. T.: *The Development of Transportation in Modern England*
- Landes, D.: *Unbound Prometheus: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750*
- Mantoux, Paul: *The Industrial Revolution in the Eighteenth Century*
- Thompson, E.: *The Making of the English Working Class*

Full Marks: 50

HIST.201

HISTORIOGRAPHY: CONCEPT, METHOD AND TOOLS

UNIT I: What is History : Nature and scope of History; Problem of objectivity and Bias in History; Philosophy of History – Empiricism – Positivism –Historical Determinism—Historicism: Idea of Progress in History.

UNIT II: Emergence of Western Historical Tradition (Graeco-Roman Era): History writing during the Medieval Period: Church historiography –Nature of Medieval Historiography – Impact of Renaissance and Reformation on History writing – Rationalist Historiography – Voltaire, Gibbon and Robinson--Philosophy of Romanticism- Rousseau and Herder.

UNIT III: Tradition of History Writing in the 19th & 20th Centuries: Philosophy of Positivism – Neibuhr, Ranke, Comte, Buckle. Marxist Historical Tradition – Karl Marx, Christopher Hill, E.P. Thompson &Hobsbawm; Development of economic and social history in the early twentieth century – Maurice Dobb and the Rise of Capitalism ; Annals School – Marc Bloch, Lucien Febvre and FernandBraudel--- Emergence of new social history.

UNIT IV: Research and Research Methodology in History-- Importance of Sources in History- Oral evidence and incorporating Visual Sources into written History-- Collection and selection of data, Evidence and its Transmission,--History and Science/History and Other Disciplines.

SUGGESTED READING

R.G. Collingwood, The Idea of History

E.H. Carr, What is History

Charles Delzell (ed), The future of History

Cario M. Cipolla, Between History and Economics

Immanuel Wallerstein, Open the Social Sciences

Thomas S.Kuhn, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions

Davis, Back and Maclean, Oral History

Ferdinand Braudel, On History

Partha Nath Mukherjee, Methodology in Social Research

A.K.Warder, An Introduction to Indian Historiography

Peter Hardy, Historians of Medieval India

K. A. Nizami, History and Historians in Medieval India

S.K. Bajaj, Recent Trends in Historiography

E.P. Thompson Poverty of Theory and other essays

Karl Pauper, Poverty of Historicism

Devahuti, Bias in Indian History

Irfan Habib, Interpreting Indian History

J.N. Sarkar, History of History Writings in Medieval India

Harbans Mukhia, Historians and Historiography During the Reign of Akbar

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HIST.202

STATE AND SOCIETY IN COLONIAL INDIA

UNIT I: Ideologies of the Colonial State – Colonial intervention in revenue, judicial and police administration – Crimes and criminality under the colonial state.

UNIT II: Orientalists, Utilitarians and the Bengal Renaissance – debates on ‘Renaissance’ – evolution of socio-religious reform movements --- Nature and limitation of reform movements; Reforms in education ;Untouchability Movements-- Popular Response to Social Changes: Women, Youth and Student movements---Press and Literature in colonial India.

UNIT III: Race and Caste in Colonial India: Nature of the military and non-military races – Sikhs and the Gurkhas – Changing contours of the caste system – Caste mobility movements in Bengal, Maharashtra, U.P. South India : Tribes in Colonial India: Ethnicity and ethnic identity —Tribal movements, ideologies and structures.

UNIT IV: Urbanization in Colonial India : Concept of urbanization – Process and pattern of urbanization – growth of new towns – Emergence of the metropolis of Calcutta; the mofussil centres – The ‘middle class’ and other classes in the new cities--Aspects of elite and popular culture in the cities.

Suggested Reading

- Ahmad, Q.: *The Wahabi Movement in India*
Ahmed, F. A. S.: *Social Ideas and Social Change in Bengal, 1818 – 1835*
Ghai, K. R.: *Suddhi Movement in India*
O' Hanlon, R.: *Caste, Conflict and Ideology*
Heimsath, H. C.: *Indian Nationalism and Hindu Social Reform*
Hurley, L. S.: *Muslim Women, Reform and Princely Patronage Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam of Bhopal*
Jaffrelot, C.: *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925 to the 1990s*
Jones, W. K.: *The New Cambridge History of India Socio- Religious Reform Movements in British India*
Kopf, D. and Joarder, S.: (eds.) *Reflections on the Bengal Renaissance*
Kopf, D.: *British Orientalism and the Bengal Renaissance: The Dynamics of Indian Modernization 1773 – 1835*
Kopf, D.: *The Brahma Samaj and the Shaping of the Modern Indian Mind*
Metcalf, D. B.: *Islamic Contestations Essays On Muslims in Indian and Pakistan*
Metcalf, D. B.: *Islamic Revival in British India: Deoband 1860 – 1900*
Mullatti, L.: *The Bhakti Movement and the Status of Women*
Nizami, A. T.: *Muslim Political Thought and Activity in India during the First Half of the 19th Century*
Reetz, D.: *Islam in the Public Sphere Religious Groups in India 1900 – 1947*
Sarkar, S.: *Bibliographical Survey of Social Reform Movements in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*
Sarkar, S.: *On Bengal Renaissance*
Sarkar, T.: *Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation Community, Religion and Cultural Nationalism*
Sarkar, T.: *Rebels, Wives, Saints Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times*
Sen, P. A.: *Explorations in Modern Bengal c.1800 – 1900 Essays on Religion, History and Culture*
Sen, P. A.: *Social and Religious Reform. The Hindus of British India*
Sen, P. S. (ed.): *Social and Religious Reform Movements in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*
Sharma, K.: *Bhakti and the Bhakti Movement, a New Perspective*
Singh, P. K.: *Arya Samaj Movement. A Study of Socio Religious, Consciousness in Western U. P 1875 – 1926*
Bandopadhyay, S. (ed.): *Bengal: Rethinking History*
Bandopadhyay, S.: *Caste, Politics and the Raj*
Bandopadhyay, S.: *Caste, Protest and Identity in Colonial India*
Banga, I.: *The City in Indian History*
Bhattacharya, S (ed.): *Approaches to History*
Burke, P.: *History and Social Theory*
Chatterjee-Dube, I.(ed.): *Caste in History*
Das, V.: *Handbook of Indian Sociology*
Forbes, G.: *Women in Modern India*
Joshi, S. (ed.): *The Middle Class in Colonial India*
Kolenda, P.: *Caste in Contemporary India*
Lal, A.: *The Oxford Companion to Indian Theatre*

Sakar, S.: *Writing Social History*
 Sanyal, H.: *Social Mobility in Bengal*
 Sarkar, S.: *Modern Times*
 Sen, S.: *Colonial Childhoods*
 Sinha, P.: *Calcutta in Urban History*
 Srinivas, M. N.: *Social Change in Modern India*
 Stokes, E.: *The English Utilitarians and India*

Kenneth Ballhatchet and John Harrison, *The City in South Asia: Pre Modern and Modern*.
 Sumanta Banerjee, *Parlour and the Streets: Elite and Popular Culture in Nineteenth Century Calcutta*.

-----, *Crime and Urbanization: Calcutta in the Nineteenth Century*.

Swati Chattopadhyay, *Representing Calcutta: Modernity, Nationalism and the Colonial Uncanny*.

Sukanta Chaudhuri, ed. *Calcutta: The Living City*, Vol. I.

Tithi Bhattacharya, *The Sentinels of Culture: Class, Education and the Colonial Intellectual in Bengal*.

Amar Farooqi, *Opium City: The Making of Early Victorian Bombay*.

Prashant Kidami, *Making of an Indian Metropolis: Colonial Governance and Public Culture in Bombay 1890-1920*.

Sandeep Hazaree Singh, -The Quest For Urban Citizenship: Civic Rights, Public Opinion and Colonial Resistance in Early Twentieth Century Bombay, *Modern Asian Studies*, 34, 2000.

Jim Masselos, *The City in Action: Bombay Struggles for Power*.

Meera Kosambi, -Commerce, Conquest and the Colonial City: Role of Locational Factors in the Rise of Bombay, *Economic & Political Weekly*, 20, 1, 1985.

Sujata Patel and Alice Thorner, *Bombay: Metaphor for Modern India*. Miriam Dossal, *Imperial Designs and Indian Realities*.

Sumit Sarkar, *Modern Times: India, 1880s-1950s: Environment, Economy, Culture*

Nicholas B. Dirks, *Castes of Mind*. Louis Dumont, *Homo Hierarchicus*. Ishita Banerjee Dube, *Caste in History*.

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *Caste, Politics and the Raj: Bengal 1872-1937*.

Rosalind O' Hanlon, *Caste, Conflict and Ideology: Mahatma Joti Rao Phule and low caste protest in nineteenth century western India*.

Peter Hardy, *Muslims in Colonial India*

Francis Robinson, *Separatism among Indian Muslims*

David Lelyveld, *Aligarh's First Generation*

Mushirul Hasan, *Nationalism and Communal Politics in India* .

TOTAL MARKS :50

HIST.203

**SOCIAL HISTORY OF SCIENCE , TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE IN
COLONIAL AND POST COLONIAL INDIA**

UNIT I: Science and Society: Science and Colonial Exploration – Role of East India Company – Early European scientists : surveyors, botanists, doctors under the Company's service -- Growth of scientific and technical education –establishment of engineering and medical colleges and institutes.

Unit II: Western Science : Indian response to new scientific knowledge – interactions and predicaments -- Science and Indian nationalism – emergence of national science and its relations vis-à-vis colonial science – MahendralalSarkar, P.C. Ray, J.C.Bose and others.

UNIT III: Western medicine in an Indian environment – colonial government, public health and state medicine – emergence of the study of tropical diseases – underpinnings of colonial power in epidemiology in colonial India Nationalist medicine: Ayurveda, Unani, nationalist adoption of Homeopathy ---involvement of women in science education.

UNIT IV: Science and technology for development and social changes--Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian nationalists -- Planning for development – ideas of MeghnadSaha, P.C. Mahalanobis, S.N.Bose, C.V.Raman, S.S.Bhatnagar ; National Planning Committee- -Growth of technological and engineering institutions -- -- popular response ; Growth of science and technology since 1947-- Five year plans and techno-scientific development-- Locating Indian scientific community.

Suggested Reading

Arnold, D.: *The New Cambridge History of India III – 5: Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India*

Baber, Z.: *The Science of Empire*

Chakraborty, P.: *Western Science in Modern India*

Kumar, D.: *Science and the Raj*

Sangwan, S.: *Science, Technology and Colonization: An Indian Experience*

Bernal, J. D.: *Science in History* (2 volumes)

Arnold, D.: *Colonizing the Body – State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth Century India*

Lourdusamy, J.: *Science and National Consciousness in Bengal, 1870-1930*

Habib, S. I. & Raina, D. (eds.): *Social History of Science in Colonial India*

Harrison, M.: *Public Health in British India*

Dasgupta, S.: *Jagdish Chandra Bose and the Indian Response to Western Science*

Kumar, D. & MacLeod, R. (eds.): *Technology and the Raj*

Prakash, G.: *Another Reason – Science and Imagination in Modern India*

Erns, W.: *Mad Tales from the Raj: The European Insane in British India, 1800 – 1858*

Roy, K.: *History of Public Health – Colonial Bengal, 1921 – 1947*

Bala, P.: *Imperialism and Medicine in Bengal*

Rahman, A.: *Science and Technology in Indian Culture*

Bose, P. K. (ed.): *Health and Society in Bengal*

Palit, C. et al: *Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment in India – In Historical Perspective*

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HIST.204

TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD (SELECT THEMES)

UNIT I : Theories and mechanisms of imperialism : Growth of militarism--- Power Blocs and alliances; The First World War—nature and peace settlements ; Quest for Security and Problem of Disarmaments-- the Great Depression: causes and consequences.

UNIT II: : Russian Revolutions and Soviet Russia --Russian Revolution of 1905 -- Revolution of 1917- causes and consequences – Breakaway from the Past? ; Civil War - The Nature of Post 1921 polity; NEP and Planned Economy--- Responses and reactions in the West.

UNIT III: Rise of Dictatorship-- Fascism and Nazism- Rise of Mussolini and Hitler; The Spanish Civil War; emergence of America & Soviet Russia as world powers Japanese Imperialism; origin and nature of World War II ; War of Nerves 1 Cold War- Background, Responsibility and Inevitability---Ideological and Political Basis--- Pacts and Treaties, Tensions and Rivalry.

UNIT IV: Manifestations of the Cold War ---Disintegration of Socialist Bloc and end of Cold War--Changes in the Political Order from Bipolar to Unipolar World System; Globalization and its economic and political impact --- Communication and Information ; Movements for Social Justice --- Civil Rights Movement, Apartheid, Feminism, Terrorism.

Suggested Reading

- C.Brown & J.Mooney, *Cold war to Détente 1945-83* (Heinemann 1984)
- Chain Herzog, *The Arab Israeli war* (Vintage Books 1981)
- D.Mitchell, *The Spanish Civil War* (Glanada 1972)
- E.H.Carr, *International Relations between the Two World Wars*.
- Eric Hobsbawm, *Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991*
- F. McDonough, *The origins of the first and second world war* (Cambridge 1970)
- G. Lundstedt, *East West North South: Major Developments in International Politics Since 1945*, (Oxford 1999)
- Gordon Martin, *The origins of the Second world war Reconsidered* (London Unwin Hyman, 1986)
- H. Higgins, *Vietnam* (Heinemann 1978)
- J. Bhagwati, *In Defence of Globalization* (Oxford 2004)
- J. Gaddis, *We now know: Rethinking Cold war History* (Oxford 1998)
- J.N. Dixit, *Across Borders: Fifty years of Indian's foreign Policy* (Picus Books) 1998.
- J. Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents* (Penguin 2002).
- Karuna Kaushik, *History of Communist Russia 1917-1991*, New Delhi Macmillan 2006.
- Lipyong J.Kim, *The Strategic Triangle: China, the United States and the Soviet Union* 198
- M. Boemeke, G.D. Feldman and G. Elizabeth (eds.) *The Treaty of Versailles: A reassessment after 75 years* (Cambridge 1998)
- M.E.Yapp, *The Middle East Since the First world war*. (Longman 1991)
- M.Hastings, *The Korean War* (Pan1988)
- O.Leorose and Richard Sisson, *War and Secession: Pakistan, India and the creation of Bangladesh* (Berkeley 1990)
- P. Calvocoressi, *World since 1945* (Pearson India 2004)
- P.Fearon, *The origins and Nature of the Great Slump 1929-32* (London Macmillan 1979).
- R.F.Belts, *Decolonization* (Routledge 1998)
- Richard Thurlow, *Fascism* (Cambridge 1991)
- Ruth Henig, *The Weimer Republic* (Routledge 1998)
- Ruth Henig, *Versailles and after 1919-1933*.
- S.J.Lee, *European Dictatorships 1918-1945*, Routledge 1987
- S.R. Gibbons & P. Morisan, *The League of Nations and UNO*.
- Sumit Ganguli, *The Origin of war in South Asia: Indo Pakistan Conflicts Since 1947*.
- W.C. Mc. Willams and H. Piotrowski, *The World since 1945 – A History of International Relations*, (Lynne Rienner 1997)
- William R. Keylor, *The Twentieth Century World – An international History* (Oxford, 2001)
- M.Mamoon & Jayanta Kumar Ray, *Civil Society in Bangladesh Resistance and Retreat*, Kolkata, 1996

HIST.205 CBCS

Full Marks: 50

HIST.301

History of Modern India (1757-1857)

Unit 1 : Understanding Modern India Archival records, government papers, private papers; newspapers and periodicals, oral tradition ---- Approaches and interpretation – India in the Mid 18th Century.....

Late precolonial order – polity, economy, society and culture.

Unit II : Establishment of Power of the English East India Company; Expansion and Consolidation of British Power---Ideologies of Expansion – mercantilism, utilitarianism, evangelicalism and laissez faire Instruments of expansion – war and diplomacy ; Early colonial Peasant , adivasi and popular resistance---
Nature and consequences of the Revolt of 1857

Unit III. European Economic Interest in India--- Commercial Policy of East India Company-- Growth of new trade routes --- Growth of new banking system---The early drain of wealth---- Land Revenue Settlements- Commercialisation of Agriculture Policy of De-Industrialisation.

Unit IV:. Organization of Urban Economy--- Artisans and industrial productions --Rise of internal markets and urban centres--- Development of communication and transport--- Institutions of finance and banking---Introduction of Railways and its impact on Indian Economy

Suggested Reading:

Alam, Muzaffar, The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and Punjab 1707-1748
Alavi, Seema (ed.), The Eighteenth Century in India
Bandopadhyay, Sekhar, From Plassey to Partition
Barnett, R.B., North India Between Empires: Awadh, the Mughals and the British.
Bayly, C.A., Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, Cambridge, 1988
Bayly, C.A., Rulers, Townsmen & Bazaars, North India in the age of British Expansion 1770-1870 7.
Bayly,
Susan, Caste, Society and Politics in India from the 18th century to the Modern Age
Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi, Rethinking 1857
Biswas, Dilip Kumar, Rammoan Samikshya
Chandra, Satish, The 18th century in India: Its Economy and the Role of the Marathas, the Jats and the Sikh and
the Afghans and Supplement Chaudhuri, K.N., Trade & Civilization: An Economic History from the Rise of Islam to 1750.
Chandra, Satish, Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court 1707-1740 12. Chaudhuri, K.N., The Trading World of Asia and the English East India Company
Chaudhuri, K.N., The Economic Development of India under the English East India Company
Chaudhuri, S.B., Civil Rebellion in the Indian Mutinies
Chaudhury, Sushil, From Prosperity to Decline, Eighteenth Century Bengal
Desai, Meghnad, Rudolph, Susanne Hoeber, Rudra, Ashoke eds., Agrarian Power and Agricultural Productivity in South Asia
Marshall, P.J., Bengal: The British Bridgehead. Eastern India, 1740-1828. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987.
Mukherjee, Rudrangshu, Awadh in Revolt 1857-1858 : A Study of Popular Resistance, 2002
Mukherjee, Rudrangshu, Mangal Pandey
Palit, . Chittabrata., Tensions in Bengal Rural Society
Ray, Ratnalekha, Change in Bengal Agrarian Society
Raychoudhuri, Tapan & Habib, Irfan (eds.), The Cambridge Economic History of India Vol.1 Roy, Tapti, Sepoy Mutiny and the Uprising of 1857 in Bundelkhand, 1994
Sen, Surendranath, Eighteen Fifty Seven. New Delhi: Govt. of India, 1958
Stein, Burton, Eighteenth Century in India: Another View (Studies in History, No.I, 1989) Stokes, Eric, The Peasant Armed. Oxford: OUP, 1986.

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HIST.302

Ecology and Environment in Indian History

Unit I: Scope of Ecology Basic concept of Ecology, Approaches to Ecology; Ecology in Hindu , Buddha and Jaina Religious tradition-What is environmental History? Sources and Methods, Historiography ; indigenous knowledge system

Unit II: Environment consciousness in ancient India: Indus Valley civilization; planned urbanization, drainage system, watershed management, waste management Forest and wild life management in Maurya and Gupta period small scale industries based on natural resources in ancient India.

Unit III: Environmental consciousness in Medieval India. Exploration of natural resources for economic development in early Medieval India, exploration of natural resources for sustainable economic and ecological development in Mughal period

Unit IV: European Expansion, Ecological imperialism ---exchange of flora and fauna, animals etc.....Colonial economic policy and exploitation of natural resources - Forest Policies (colonial and postcolonial period) – Wildlife; Development discourse Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Movement, Silent Valley Movement and others women and environment

Suggested Reading :

Arnold, D. & Guha, R.: Nature Culture and Imperialism: Essays on the Environmental History of South Asia
Baviskar, A.: Waterscapes, The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resources

Cederlof, G. & Sivaramakrishnan, K. (eds.): Ecological Nationalism: Nature, Livelihoods and Identities in South Asia

Chakrabarti Ranjan, .: Situating Environmental History.

Chakrabarti Ranjan, :Does Environmental History Matter?: Shikar, Subsistence, Sustenance, and the Sciences
D'souza, R. (ed.): Environment, Technology and Development. Critical and Subversive Essays

Brown, Brian Edward. -Toward a Buddhist Ecological Cosmology, | in Worldviews and Ecology: Religion, Philosophy, and the Environment, edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John A. Grim, 124-37. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1994.

Chapple, Christopher Key, Jainism and Ecology: Non-Violence in the Web of Life, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt.Ltd., 2006.

Chapple, Christopher Key, Hinduism and Ecology: The Intersection of Earth, Sky and Water, Harvard: Harvard University Press, 2000

Chakrabarti, Ranjan, Critical Themes in Environmental History of India, Sage & ICHR, 2020.

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HIST.303

Life and Culture in Ancient Bengal (Special paper)

Unit I : Historical Geography of ancient Bengal—epics and early archaeological tradition---geographic distinctions with references to Varendra, Anga, Vanga, Samatata and Harikela---earliest inhabitants-- Aryanization of Bengal; Rise of different castes and communities in Bengal--- Life of women.

Unit II. Political development in Bengal-- Ancient Janapads of Bengal---Origins of the Vanga and Bengal; Bengal under the Mauryas and Guptas Achievements of Sasanka; Later Guptas; Palas; Senas and Chandras ; Agriculture, crafts and industries; Trade and commerce

Unit III: Religious Thoughts and Practices – Brahmanical, Jainism , Buddhism, and Vaisnavism; Spread of Tantrism; Iconography: Vaisnava, Saiva, Sakta, Surya, Jaina and Buddhist images. Architecture and Sculpture: Stupa, Monastic and temple architecture— terracotta art--- Sculpture: Kushana Affiliation, the Gupta Idiom, Paharpur, Pala and Sena Sculpture

Unit IV: Pre Bengali Sanskrit literature The rise and development of Bengali language and literature—different forms of music and dance origin of Folk traditions of Bengal.

Suggested Reading:

- I.E.Pargiter, Ancient Indian Historical Traditions, reprint, Delhi, 1972.
-----, The Purana Text of the Dynasties of the Kali Age, oxford, 1913. Romila Thapar, Past as Present, New Delhi, -----, The Past Before Us: Historical Traditions of Early North India, Ranikhet, 2013.
-----, The Past and Prejudice, Delhi, 1975.
-----, A History of India, Vol.I, Baltimore, 1966.
-----, Ancient Indian Social History: Some interpretations, New Delhi, 2010.
A.K.Warder, An Introduction to Indian Historiography, Bombay, 1972.
S.Krinshnasamy Aiyangar, The Beginning of South Indian History, Madras, 1918.
H.E. Barnes, A History of Historical Writings, New York, 1963.
A.L.Basham, Wonder That was India, London, 1969.
E.H.Carr, What is History, 1977.
K.A.Nilakanta Sastri, Sangam Literature, Madras, 1972.
S.P.Sen (ed.), Historical Biography in Indian Literature, Calcutta, 1979.
D.Devahuti (ed.), Bias in Indian Historiography, Delhi, 1980.
V.R.R.Dikshitar, Studies in Tamil Literature and History, London, 1930
U.N.Ghosal, History and Historians of Ancient India in the Modern Age: in Indo-Asian Culture, IX, 1961.
J.C.Jain, Life in Ancient India as depicted in the Jaina Canon and Commentaries, Delhi, 1984. G.P.Singh, Early Indian Historical Tradition and Archaeology, Delhi, 1994.

R.C.Majumdar (ed.), The Vedic Age, Bombay, 1965.
Majumdar, R C, The History of Bengal (Vol-1 and 2), N V Publications
B.C.Law, A History of Pali Literature, 2 Vols. Delhi, 1983.
D.D.Kosambi, Introduction to the Study of Indian History, Bombay, 1975.
N.S.Pathak, Ancient Historians of India, Bombay, 1966.
J.Gonda, History of Indian Literature, Vol.III, Wiesbaden, 1973.
B.C.Law, A Manual of Buddhist Historical Tradition, Calcutta, 1941.
Bury, J.B: The Ancient Greek Historians, New York, 1909.
Barnes, H.E: A History of Historical Writing, New York,
Sarkar Jadunath, The History of Bengal (Muslim Period), JanakiPrakashan

Full Marks: 50

HIST.304

Life and Culture in Medieval Bengal (Special Paper)

Unit I: Primary sources and historiography: Archaeological, Literature and Literary source, Foreign Travellers' Accounts and different approaches State: theory of kingship and regional state building process

Unit II: Political Islam in Bengal---Accommodation and Assimilation---the study of the Religion and Eclecticism-

--Sufi and Bhakti traditions; Islamic Architecture and Temple Architecture Language and Literature (Vaishnav

Padabali, Mangal kavyas, Anubad sahitya, jibani sahitya, punthi sahitya, pranaysahitya, kavi-gaan and others)--

- stratification and dynamism of social classes Education system

Unit III: Agrarian Economy and the State Control over land and relations of production, resource base and

pattern of resource use in agrarian production, nature and magnitude of taxation and agrarian relations; Industries

,production technologies

Unit IV: Trade, Commerce and Monetary system role of Arab and European traders, Indian merchants and

their commercial practices---coinage and banking ---Growth of Cities and Towns--

Nature and classification, demographic changes.

Suggested Reading :

R.S. Sharma, Indian Feudalism (circa 300 - 1200).

B.D. Chattopadhyaya, The Making of Early Medieval India.

R.S. Sharma and K.M. Shrimali (ed.), Comprehensive History of India, Vol. IV (A & B).

Mohammad Habib and K.A. Nizami (ed.), Comprehensive History of India,

Vol. V, The Delhi Sultanate Hermann Kulke (ed.), The State in India (AD 1000

- AD 1700)

R. C. Majumdar (ed.), The Delhi Sultanate. Satish

Chandra, Medieval India I. Peter Jackson, The Delhi

Sultanate.

Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, India Before Europe.

Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib (eds.), Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.

I. K.A. Nizami, Religion and Politics in the Thirteenth Century.

W.H. McLeod, Karine Schomer, et al, Eds, The Sants.

S.A.A. Rizvi, A History of Sufism in India, Vol. I. Mohibul Hasan, Historians of Medieval India.

HIST 305CBCS

HIS 401: HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA: 1857--1947 (SELECT THEMES)

Unit

I - Early Stirrings of Nationalism : Civil Rebellion pre-1857; Revolt of 1857 - Nature and character of Revolt; Provincial Organization and articulation of local grievances :Foundation of the National Congress, Activities of the Moderate Phase, Moderate-Extremist Conflict.

II - Modern industry and large-scale production – factory, mill and plantation – capital, banking and investment – emergence of an Indian _working class.

III - The Rise of Gandhiji and the Evolution of Gandhian Politics, National Movements of India led by Gandhiji--- India's Freedom Struggle outside India.

IV- Revolutionary Activities in Punjab,Maharashtra and in other Provinces---Spread of the Leftist Ideology— Student, Peasant, Labour Movement—Azad Hind Fauz-- Naval Rebellion—trends incommunal politics, the process of Transfer of Power---Partition and Independence

Suggested Reading

Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. From Plassey to Partition and After: A History of Modern India. Orient Blackswan, New Delhi, 2015.

Chand, Tara. History of freedom Movement in India, Volumes 2,3,4, Publication Division, Government of India, Delhi, 1967.

Chandra, Bipan. India's Struggle for Independence, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1989.

Chandra, Bipan. Nationalism and Communalism in Modern India, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1979.

Goel, Sitaram. Muslim Separatism. Voice of India, New Delhi, 1995.

Hasan, Mushirul. Nationalism and Communal Politics in India, 1885-1930, New Delhi, 1991.

Mahajan, Sucheta. Independence and Partition: Erosion of Colonial Power in India, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2000.

Sarkar, Sumit. Modern India, 1885-1947, Madras, 1983.

Seal, Anil. The Emergence of Indian Nationalism, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1968.

HIS 402 : India Since Independence

Unit

I. - Partition of India and the refugee problem ---- evolution of the constitution – integration of the princely states– linguistic reorganization of the states-- trends in literature theatre, art and cinema

II - The making of India's foreign policy – patterns of evolution – India's nuclear policy

III.- Indian economy: Nehruvian legacy and the post-Nehru era – land reforms and the Green Revolution – globalization and economic reforms since 1991

IV.- Crises of national unity: separatist and secessionist movements and insurgencies against the State – cases of Punjab, Kashmir, the Northeast, and West Bengal

V. - Communalism and caste in post-colonial Indian politics and society – secularism, fundamentalism and the Indian state; global Indian diaspora

Suggested Reading

Ramachandra Guha, India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy

Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee and Aditya Mukherjee, India since Independence

Paul R. Brass, The Politics of India since Independence

Bidyut Chakraborty, Indian Politics and Society since Independence: Events, Processes and Ideology

F.R. Frankel, India's Political Economy: 1947 – 2004

Partha Chatterjee, ed. State and Politics in India

Prafulla K. Chakraborty, The Marginal Men: The Refugees and Left Political Syndrome in West Bengal.

Joya Chatterji, Spoils of the Partition

D.A. Low and Howard Brasted, eds. Freedom, Trauma and Continuities: Northern India and Independence.

Partha Chatterjee, ed. Wages of Freedom: Fifty Years of the Indian Nation State

Jayantnuja Bandyopadhyay, The Making of India's Foreign Policy

V.P. Dutt, India's Foreign Policy since Independence

Jayanta Kumar Ray, ed. Aspects of India's International Relations: 1700 – 2000 Atish Sinha and Madhup Mohta, eds. Indian Foreign Policy 31

Christophe Jaffrelot, The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925 to the 1990s

Rajni Kothari, ed. Caste in Indian Politics

Jayanta Kumar Ray, ed. Interpreting the Indian Diaspora: Lessons from History and contemporary Politics

Jayanta Kumar Ray, India's Foreign Relations, 1947-2007

SPECIAL PAPER

HIS 403: History of Bengal (c.1757-1947)

Unit

- I. The rise of British power in Bengal from the battle of Plassey to Buxar---Colonial economy:
- Agriculture, trade and industry
- II. Partition of Bengal 1905 and Swadeshi Movement (1905-08); Rise of Extremism in Bengal-- Birth of Muslim League, and the Hindu response.
- III. Gandhian nationalism after 1919--- Swaraj party; the beginnings of Left politics in the 1920s; Rise of KrishakPraja Party, Hindu Mahasabha and Muslim League in Bengal politics.
- IV. Different Trends in Bengal Politics: Peasant, Labour, Caste and Women (1920—1946)
- V. Subhash Chandra Bose and the Congress--- Quit India Movement in Bengal-- Post war upsurges ; Communal Riots.
- VI. Freedom and Partition---Birth of West Bengal and East Pakistan.

Suggested Reading:

Bayly C.A., Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire Cambridge University Press, 1995
Choudhary Sushil, Prelude to Empire: Plassey Revolution of 1757. Delhi: Manohar, 2000.
Ghosh, Suresh Chandra. The History of Education in Modern India, 1757 - 2012 Delhi: Orient Blackswan , Edition4, 2013
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Bhattacharya Sabyasachi , The Defining Moments in Bengal 1920–1947 New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014.
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Chandra Bipan, Panikkar K.N., Mukherjee Mridula, Mahajan Sucheta and Mukherjee Aditya, India's, Struggles for Independence.
Hiren Chakrabarty, Political Protest In Bengal : Boycott and Terrorism 1905- 1918 Papyrus, Calcutta
Das Suranjan, Communal Riots in Bengal 1905-47, Oxford University Press, OUP 1991,1993
Sarkar Sumit, Modern India, 1885-1947. Macmillan Publishers India Publication, 2000
Sarkar Sumit , The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal 1903-1908 New Delhi: People's Publishing House, 1973
Tripathi Amalesh, The Extremist Challenge: India between 1890 and 1910 Orient Longmans, 1967.
Mohanta Rahul Kumar, Remembering Hem Chandra Kanungo, Rudra Publishers, New Delhi, 2021.
Mohanta Rahul Kumar, Exploring Local History, Prateek Books, New Delhi, 2022.

SPECIAL PAPER

HIS 404: Bengal Since 1947

Unit

- I.Partition of India and the Birth of West Bengal – refugee rehabilitation and assimilation
- II.Bidhan Chandra Roy and the reconstruction of West Bengal
- III.Economy: Agriculture and Agrarian Structure--Abolition of Zamindari System--- Land Reforms
Urbanization and Growth of the Working Class---Trade and Commerce-- Social and
Economic Role of the Middle Class.
- IV.Rise and growth of leftist politics, caste politics and popular movements—new trends in literature,
art and cinema.
- V. Naxalite Movement – origins, growth, limitations and legacies—reflections in popular culture
- VI.Emergency and the transition in West Bengal politics – -- the Growth and Decline of the Leftist
Politics in West Bengal.

Suggested Reading:

Sunanda Sanyal, Soumya Basu, The Sickle and The Crescent. Communists, The Muslim League and India's Partition.

Ritu Menon— No Woman's Land: Women from Pakistan, India And Bangladesh Write on The Partition of India

Gargi Chakravarty— Coming out of Partition – Refugee Women of Bengal

Kali Prasad Mukhopadhyay— Partition of Bengal And After. The Great Tragedy of India •

Jasodhara Bagchi&Subhoranjan Dasgupta (Eds.)— The Trauma and The Triumph, Vols I-II

N Jayapalan— Foreign policy of India.

Sukanta Chaudhuri—Calcutta, the Living City: The past

Partha Chatterjee, The Present History of West Bengal

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Meanings of Freedom

Sumanta Banerjee, In the Wake of Naxalbari: A History of the Naxalite Movement in India

Pradip Basu, ed. Discourses on Naxalite Movement, 1967-2009

Suranjan Das and Premanshu Kumar Bandyopadhyay, eds. Food Movement of 1959: Documenting a Turning Point in the History of West Bengal

HIS 405 (DISSERTATION/ Project Work)

