

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
DARJEELING HILLS UNIVERSITY**

**Truncated Syllabus for Master of Arts in
History**

for the Session of 2022-2024

Under CBCS

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TRUNCATED SYLLABUS FOR POST-GRADUATE IN HISTORY
2022-24
UNDER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

TOTAL CREDIT POINT	16X4	64
TOTAL EXAM MARKS	300X4	1200
INTERNAL ASSESSMENT	100X4	400

First Semester

Core: 101,102 (75+75 = 150), ***Special:*** (75+75 = 150), (Each paper is divided into two halves (First half is for 35 marks and Second half is for 40 marks))

Internal Assessment: 100

Total:400, Total Credit- 16, Total lecturers in week- 4 average

Course 101 – **Twentieth Century and Contemporary World.** (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 102 – **State in India,** (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 103 – **History of Ancient India: up to 650 A.D.** (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 104 – **History of Early Medieval India** (650 A.D. – 1206 A.D.) (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 105 – **History of Medieval India: Polity and Economy** (1206 A.D.– 1757A.D.) (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 106 – **History of Medieval India: Society and Culture (1206 A.D.– 1757 A.D.)** (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 107 – **History of Modern India (1757 A.D. – 1858 A.D.)** (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 marks)

Course 108 – **History of Modern India (1858A.D. -1971 A.D.)** (First Half=35, Second Half=40, Total=75 Marks)

**FIRST SEMESTER
COURSE- 101
COMPULSORY
PAPER**
Twentieth Century and Contemporary World

First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	LEGACY OF THE 19TH CENTURY
a.	Growth of Capitalism, Imperialism, Liberalism and Nationalism during the 20th century.
UNIT 2	WORLD ORDER UPTO 1919
a.	First World War, Peace Settlement and Consequences
b.	Russian Revolution: An overview

SECOND HALF

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	WORLD BETWEEN THE WARS
a.	Consequences of World War I: Reparation problem, Great Depression.
b.	Fascism and Nazism: Case studies of Germany and Italy.
UNIT 2	SECOND WORLD WAR AND THE NEW POLITICAL ORDER (FROM EUROPEAN TO GLOBAL WAR)
a.	Origin, Nature and the Consequences of the War

b.	Decolonization in Asia: Some case studies
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<p>COURSE – 102</p> <p>COMPULSORY</p> <p>PAPER</p> <p>STATE IN INDIA</p>
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First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT- 1	THE MAURYAN STATE
a	Socio-economic basis: Nature and functions, and theory and Practice
b	Mauryan Polity
UNIT-2	GUPTA STATE
a	Gupta polity
b	Formation of Regional Polities

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	IDEOLOGIES OF THE COLONIAL STATE
a	Imperial Ideologies of the Raj: Liberalism, Utilitarianism and Orientalism at work (James Mill, John Start Mill and Thomas Macaulay)
UNIT 2	NATIONALIST CRITIQUE OF THE COLONIAL STATE
a	Economic and Political Aspects – R. C. Dutt, Dadabhai Naoroji, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Chittaranjan Das, M. N. Roy

COURSE – 103**SPECIAL PAPER****History of Ancient India: up to 650 A.D.**

First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	RECONSTRUCTING ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY: SOURCES
UNIT 2	HUNTERS AND GATHERERS
a	Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Cultures
UNIT 3	EARLY VILLAGE FARMING COMMUNITIES AND HARAPPAN CIVILIZATION:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures Beyond Harappan Orbit; b) Harappan Civilization

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	DISSENTS AND PROTESTS
a	Religious Movements: Jainism, Buddhism.
b	Second Urbanization: Urban Centres, New Classes and Changing Social Relations

UNIT 2	TOWARDS EMPIRE: NANDAS AND MAURYAS
a	Political consolidation, Nature and extent of the Empire
b	Economy, Trade and Trade Routes
c	Asokan Edicts, Dhamma, Kautilya's Arthashastra

<p>COURSE – 104</p> <p>SPECIAL</p> <p>PAPER</p> <p>History of Early Medieval India (650 A.D. – 1206 A.D.)</p>

First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	HISTORIOGRAPHICAL APPROACHES
a	Historiography and Recent Debates: Feudal, Segmentary and Integrative Approaches,
b	Sources: Literary and Epigraphic
UNIT 2	EARLY MEDIEVAL POLITY
a	Political Structure and Forms of Legitimization: Regional Variations

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	AGRARIAN ECONOMY
a	Land Grants
b	Agricultural Expansion

UNIT 2	URBAN ECONOMY
a	Trade and Trade Routes
b	Urban Settlements,

<p>COURSE – 105</p> <p>SPECIAL</p> <p>PAPER</p> <p>History of Medieval India: Polity and Economy (1206 A.D. – 1757 A.D.)</p>
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First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	Primary Sources: Literary and Archaeological; Foreign Travellers' Accounts
UNIT 2	State and Theory of Kingship; Indigenous Theories.

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 3	URBANISATION AND URBANISM
a	Qasbas, Cities, Ports and Forts
b	Rural-Urban Continuum
c	Growth and Morphology of Medieval Towns
d	Patterns of Governance
e	Debates

COURSE -106**SPECIAL****PAPER****History of Medieval India: Society and Culture (1206 A.D. – 1757 A.D.)**

First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

Unit 1	Bhakti Movement: Kabir, Sant Tradition, Nanak, Dadu, Chaitanya, Tulsidas and, Namdev
Unit 2	Sufi Movement: Sufism – its Origins, Concepts and Practices, Relation with other Religious Groups.

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	
a	Sovereignty and the 'domestic' Domain: Women's Agency in Turko-Mongol Tradition,
b	Imperial Women and the establishment of Mughal Rule, Harem and Sovereignty
c	Imperial Women: Mughal marriages with Rajput Women

<p>COURSE-107</p> <p>SPECIAL</p> <p>PAPER</p> <p>History of Modern India (1757A.D. – 1858A.D.)</p>
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First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	UNDERSTANDING MODERN INDIA
a	Sources: Archival records, Private papers, News Papers and memoirs, periodicals and oral tradition, Approaches and interpretation – different schools of thought
UNIT 2	
a	The historiography of the 18th Century
b	The British conquest of India: The Imperial World policy of Britain, War and Conquest, Native and Princely States from Hastings to Dalhousie, The major relations with Indian native states – Sikhs, Mysore, Maratha and others

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	COLONIAL CONSTRUCTION OF INDIA
a	Constitutional Acts - Regulating Act to Queen's Proclamation 1858
b	The arms of the State Police, Army, Law Ideologies of the Raj and racial attitudes
UNIT 2	SOCIAL POLITICS AND SOCIAL CHANGES
a	British understanding of Indian Society and Colonial Ideology : Orientalism, Utilitarianism, Evangelicalism
UNIT 3	THE GREAT REVOLT OF 1857

<p>COURSE- 108</p> <p>SPECIAL</p> <p>PAPER</p> <p>History of Modern India (1857 A.D. -1971 A.D.)</p>
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First Half

Marks: 35

Credit: 1, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	ECONOMY
a	Agricultural output with regional variations
b	Domestic and craft industry, the rise of modern industry and capitalist class, the rise of the Working Class (formal and informal sectors)
UNIT 2	ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN MODERN INDIA
a	British economic policy and imperialism, Exploitation of natural resources and forests and its impact on environment and ecology

Second Half

Marks: 40

Credit: 2, Lecture in Week: 2

UNIT 1	NATIONAL MOVEMENT
a	Approaches to Indian Nationalism: Conceptual Debates
b	Emergence of organized nationalism till 1919, Birth of I.N.C, Advent of Gandhi and new phase
c	National Movement – nature, programme, social composition, limitations and Challenge

d	Subhas Chandra Bose and Indian National Congress, Forward Bloc, Bose and I.N.A
e	Partition of India: Circumstances and historical factors, Causes responsible for the Partition.

