

DETAIL SYLLABUS OF HISTORY (PASS)

SEMESTER I

**HISTORY OF INDIA FROM PRE-HISTORY TILL THE BEGINNING
OF THE 13TH CENTURY C.E**

COURSE CODE: GHT S1 01

UNIT 1: SOURCES AND EARLY INDIAN CIVILIZATION

Literary Sources, Archaeological sources, Inscriptions, Numismatics

UNIT 2: PRE-HISTORIC ECOLOGY

Developments in the Paleolithic Age, Mesolithic Age, Beginning of food production, Early Village Settlements, Chalcolithic Communities

UNIT 3: THE HARAPPAN CIVILIZATION

Origin and Early Settlement, Urban Patterns, Religious practices, Ruling Elite, Decline of Urban Life

UNIT 4: VEDIC AND POST VEDIC CIVILIZATION

Identity of the Indo-Aryans and their origin, Date of the Rig Veda, Political Institutions, Society and Religion

**UNIT 5: CULTURAL AND POLITICAL TRANSITIONS IN 6TH
CENTURY**

Agricultural expansion, Mode of Production, Polity- Rise of Ganas or Sanghas, The Mahajanapadas, Economy, Religion, Society

UNIT 6: ALEXANDER'S INVASION OF INDIA AND ITS IMPACT

Alexander, Impact of Alexander's Invasion- social and political

UNIT 7: THE MAURYAN EMPIRE

The rise of the Maurya, Mauryan Administration, The Kalinga War, Disintegration of the Mauryan Empire

**UNIT 8: SOCIETY, ECONOMY, RELIGION AND ART IN THE
MAURYAN EMPIRE**

Society, Economy, Religion, Architecture and Sculpture

UNIT 9: POST-MAURYAN DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA

Rise of New Kingdoms in Northern India-The Sungas, The Kushana, The Satavahanas, Religion-Mahayana Buddhism and Schism in Jainism, Cultural Developments- Art, Architecture and Sculpture

UNIT 10: THE GUPTA EMPIRE

Foundation, expansion, administration and downfall of the Gupta Empire

UNIT 11: SOCIETY, RELIGION, CULTURE AND ECONOMY UNDER THE GUPTA RULE

Labour, Slavery, Untouchability, Women, Medicine, Concept of Religion, Sculpture, Architecture, Painting, Literature, Scientific Developments, Myth of the Golden Age, Agrarian Structure, Trade and Commerce

UNIT 12: EMERGENCE OF MAJOR POLITICAL DYNASTIES

The Pratiharas: The Rashtrakutas, The Palas, Origin of the Rajputs, The Chauhans, The Chandelas, The Kalachuris

UNIT 13: RISE OF REGIONAL POWERS IN THE POST GUPTA ERA (SOUTH)

Chalukyas, Pallavas, Cheras, Pandyas and Cholas

UNIT 14: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA

Deccan Polity, Society, Trade and Commerce, Pushyabhutis, Harshavardhana of Thanesar, Relation with Kamarupa Kingdom

UNIT 15: SOCIETY, RELIGION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA

Proliferation of Jatis, Rajputanisation, Temple Architecture and its various styles, Buddhism, Jainism: Shankara and Advaita Vedanta, Bhakti Movement in South: Nayannars and Alvars

Reading List:

- R. S. Tripathi: *History of Ancient India*
- R. C. Majumdar: *Ancient India*
- H. C. Roychoudhury: *Political History of Ancient India*
- R. Thapar: *A History of India, Vol-I*
- A. L. Basham: *The Wonder that was India*
- D. N. Jha: *Ancient India (An Introductory Outline)*
- N. Sashtri: *A History of South India*

SEMESTER II
HISTORY OF INDIA FROM SULTANATE TO THE MUGHALS
GHT S2 02

Unit 1: Sources of Medieval India

Literary, Archaeological, Foreign Sources

Unit 2: Foundation of the Sultanate Rule

The Arabs of Sind, The Ghaznavids, The Ghoris

Unit 3: Dynasties of the Delhi Sultanates

Slave dynasty, The Khaljis, The Tughlaqs, The Sayyids, The Lodis

Unit 4: Administration of the Delhi Sultanates

Central Administration, Provincial Administration, Land Revenue System

Unit 5: Downfall of the Delhi Sultanates

Factors responsible for the downfall of the Delhi Sultanates, Consequences

Unit 6: Society, Economy and Religion under the Sultanates

Social System, Economy, Agriculture, Trade and Commerce, Industries, Rise of Bhakti and Sufi Movement

Unit 7: Rise of Provincial Kingdoms (I)

Vijayanagar and Bahmani Kingdoms, Gujrat, Malwa and Jaunpur

Unit 8: Foundation of the Mughal Empire

Babur's Campaign, Political instability of India, Battle of Panipath, Humayun

Unit 9: Sher Shah Suri and the Second Afghan Empire

Sher Shah Suri and his expansionist policy, His administrative reforms, Significance of his rule

Unit 10: Mughal Empire under Akbar

Akbar's consolidation policies of expansion: his diplomatic Alliances and his religious policy

Unit 11: Mughal Empire under the Successors of Akbar

Jahangir, Shah Jahan, Aurangzeb

Unit 12: Mughal Administration: Jagirdari and Mansabdari System

Central and Provincial Administration, Jagirdari System, Mansabdari System

Unit 13: Society and Economy in the Mughal Period

Social System, Position of Women, Agriculture, Monetary system, Trade and Commerce

Unit 14: Downfall of the Mughals

Factors responsible for the downfall of the Mughals

Unit 15: The Rise and Decline of the Marathas

Shivaji: Background, His Conquests, Administration; Ascendency of the Peshwas, Causes for the downfall of the Marathas, Significances

Reading List:

- R. C. Majumdar: The Delhi Sultanate (Bharati Vidya Bhawan)
- Ishwari Prasad: Medieval India
- Satish Chandra: Medieval India: From Sultanate to the Mughals
- R. C. Majumdar (ed): The Mughal Empire (Bharati Vidya Bhawan)
- Irfan Habib: Advanced Study in History of Medieval India, Vol. I & II
- J. N. Sarkar: Mughal Administration

SEMESTER III

INDIA UNDER THE EAST INDIA COMPANY

COURSE CODE: GHT S3 03

Unit 1: Early European Settlements in India

The Portuguese, The Dutch, Anglo-French Conflicts (Carnatic Wars), Failure of Duplex

Unit 2: Establishment of East India Company's Rule in India

Battle of Plessey: Causes, Events and significance, Battle of Buxar: Causes, Events and significance

Unit 3: Robert Clive and his reforms

An estimate of Robert Clive, Dual Administration in Bengal

Unit 4: Warren Hastings and his Reforms (1772-85)

Administrative Reforms, Relation with Oudh, Estimate of Warren Hastings

Unit 5: Lord Cornwallis and his Reforms (1786-93)

Judicial Reforms, Police Reforms, Revenue Reforms

Unit 6: Lord Wellesley (1798-1805)

Subsidiary Alliance: Merit and Demerits, Wellesley and French Menace

Unit 7: Mysore and the East India Company

First Anglo-Mysore War 1767-69, Second Anglo-Mysore War 1780-84, Third Anglo-Mysore War 1790-92, Fourth Anglo-Mysore War 1799, Administration of Haider Ali and Tipu Sultan

Unit 8: Establishment of British Paramountcy in India

Anglo-Nepal War (1814-18), Hastings and Indian States, The Pindaris , First Anglo-Maratha War (1775-82), Second Anglo-Maratha War (1803-05), Third Anglo-Maratha War (1817-18)

Unit 9: Lord Bentinck (1828-35) and his Reforms

Abolition of Sati and cruel rites, Suppression of Thugi, Liberal policy towards Press, Educational reforms, financial reforms, Judicial reforms

Unit 10: The Annexation of Sind

Auckland's Policy towards of Sind, Ellenborough and the annexation of Sind

Unit 11: Anglo-Sikh Relation

Relation with the neighbouring states, Anglo-Sikh Wars, Annexation of Punjab

Unit 12: Lord Dalhousie (1848-56)

Annexation of Lower Burma, The Doctrine of Lapse, Annexation of Oudh, His Reforms

Unit 13: Changes in Agrarian Structure

New land revenue systems: Permanent Settlement, Mahalwari system, Ryotwari System

Unit 14: Tribal and Popular Movements (1757-1856)

Revolt in Bengal and Eastern India, Revolts in South India, The Wahabi Movement

Unit 15: The Revolt of 1857

Causes, Nature, Results, Sepoy Mutiny, First War of Indian Independence, Participation of Assam, Role of Maniram Dewan and others, Its impact.

Reference Books

- Bipan Chandra: India's Struggle for Independence
- Hermann Kule; Dietmar Rothermund: *A History of India*
- Philip Lawson. *The East India Company: A History*
- Douglas M. Peer :*India under colonial rule: 1700-1885*
- Sekhar Bandhopadhyay: *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*

SEMESTER IV
INDIA UNDER THE CROWN
COURSE CODE: GHT S4 04

UNIT 1: POST 1857 DEVELOPMENT

Queen's Proclamation, Indian Councils Act of 1862

UNIT 2: POLICIES UNDER CROWN RULE TO 1890

Policy towards Indian States and Indian Princes, War with Bhutan, Afghan Policy and Lord Lyttons Forward Policy, The Treaty of Gandmak (1879), Durand Agreement, The Anglo-Bumese War, Lord Mayo and his Reforms, Lord Lytton and his Internal Reforms, Liberal Reforms under Lord Ripon

UNIT 3: CULTURAL ENCOUNTER AND SOCIAL CHANGES

Print and its implication, Women emancipation, making of religious and linguistic identities, Movement against Untouchability

UNIT 4: SOCIO-RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT

Brahmo Samaj, Arya Samaj, Prarthana Samaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Deoband Movement, Theosophical Society, Aligarh Movement, Wahabi Movement and the Singh Sabha Movement, Other Movements

UNIT 5: ECONOMY AND POPULAR RESISTANCE

Agrarian Structure, Initial Resistance, Famine, Popular Resistance against the British

UNIT 6: RISE OF INDIAN NATIONALISM AND INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Factors Responsible for the rise of Indian Nationalism, Rise of political organizations, Foundation of the Indian National Congress, Partition of Bengal, Swadeshi Movement,

UNIT 7: REVOLUTIONARY NATIONALISM

Factors for the rise of Revolutionary Nationalism, Growth of Extremist Groups and Secret Societies, Muslim League

UNIT 8: GANDHIAN PHASE OF INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

Rise of Gandhi- Champaran, Kheda, Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, Government of India Act 1935, August Offer and Quit India Movement

UNIT 9: SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE AND INA

Subhash Chandra Bose and his ideologies, INA, The INA Trial, Significance

UNIT 10: INDIA DURING THE WW II

Cripps Mission, Wavell Plan and Shimla Conference, Cabinet Mission Plan, Mountbatten Plan

UNIT 11: COMMUNALISM IN INDIA

Ideologies and Practices: RSS, Hindu Maha Sabha, Muslim League

UNIT 12: WOMEN IN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Pre-Gandhian Struggle and Women, Gandhian Movement and Women, Revolutionary Movement and Women

UNIT 13: LEFT POLITICS AND SOCIALISM

Emergence and Growth, Communist Party of India, Trade Union Movement, Socialist Party, Impact

UNIT 14: PARTITION AND RESPONSE

Background, Responses- Riots, Popular Movements

UNIT 15: NATIONALISM AND CULTURE

Literature, Art, Cinema

Reading Lists:

- Judith Brown, *Gandhi's rise to Power*
- Bipan Chandra, *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*
- Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India, 1885-1947*
- Bipan Chandra, *Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India*
- Ranajit Guha, (ed.) *A Subaltern Studies Reader*
- Peter Hardy, *Muslims of British India*
- Mushirul Hasan, ed., *India's Partition, Oxford in India Readings*
- D.A. Low, ed., *Congress and the Raj*
- John R. McLane, *Indian Nationalism and the Early Congress*
- Jawaharlal Nehru, *An Autobiography*
- Gyanendra Pandey, *The Construction of Communalism in colonial north India*
- Anil Seal, *Emergence of Indian Nationalism*
- P. Spear: *The Oxford History of India*
- R. C. Majumdar (ed): *British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance*
- A.R. Desai: *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*

SEMESTER V

HISTORY OF ASSAM UPTO THE 16TH CENTURY C.E.

COURSE CODE: GHT S5 05

Unit 1: Sources of Ancient Assam

Literary Sources, Archaeological Sources

Unit 2: Geographical Outline

Original boundaries and natural features

Unit 3: Cultural Contact and Migration

Negritos, Australoids, Mongoloids, Mediterranean Races, Alpines or Armenoids, Indo-Aryans

Unit 4: Historicity of Naraka and his successors

Naraka in Puranas, Naraka in the Kalika Purana, Different Stories of Naraka and His Successors

Unit 5: Ruling Dynasties of Ancient Assam since 4th century

The Varmans, The Palas, The Salastambhas

Unit 6: Society, Economy and Religion in Ancient Assam

Society, Economy and religion

Unit 7: Administration in Ancient Assam

Central and Local administration, Judicial administration, Revenue,

Military administration

Unit 8: Sources of Medieval Assam

Literary Sources, Archaeological, Foreign Sources

Unit 9: Early Foreign invasion In Assam

Turko-Afghan Invasions, Muhammad-Bakhtiar Khalji, Ghiasuddin Azam of Bengal, Hussain Sahis of Bengal

Unit 10: State formation in Medieval Assam

State formation of the Ahoms, Chutiyas, the Buhyans and Kacharis

Unit 11: Expansion and Consolidation of the Ahom Empire

Conquest of the Chutiya Country, Occupation of the Kachari Kingdom, Westward Expansion

Unit 12: Society, Economy and Religion of the Ahom State

Society, economy and Religious practices

Unit 13: The Koches

Origin of the Koches, Visva Simha, Naranarayan & Chilarai , Partition of the Koch Kingdom, Social condition, Economic condition and Religious practices of the Koches

Unit 14: Cultural and Architectural Developments in the Medieval

Period

Palaces, Temples and other monuments, Literature and Culture in the Pre-Vaishnavite movement, Centre of Pro-Vaishnavite

Unit 15: Women in the Medieval Assam

Social Position, Political Position

Reading List:

- Sanjeeb Kakoty (2012): Science, Technology and Social formation in Medieval Assam
- P. C. Choudhury: The History of Civilization of the People of Assam to the Twelfth Century A.D.
- H. K. Barpujari: The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. I & II
- E. A. Gait: A History of Assam
- S. L. Baruah: A Comprehensive History of Assam
- N. Lahiri: Pre- Ahom Assam

SEMESTER VI

**COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF ASSAM FROM THE 17TH CENTURY
TILL 1947 C.E.**

COURSE CODE: GHT S6 06

UNIT 1: AHOM MONARCHY AT ITS ZENITH

Rudra Singha, Siva Singha, Rajeswar Singha

UNIT 2: ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE AHOM MONARCHY

Political Institution, Revenue Administration, Military Administration,
Civil Administration, Paik System

UNIT 3: MOAMORIA REBELLION

Nature, Causes, Significance

UNIT 4: DOWNFALL OF THE AHOM MONARCHY

Factors for the fall of the Ahom Monarchy:

UNIT 5: BRITISH OCCUPATION OF ASSAM

Anglo Burmese War, Treaty of Yadaboo, Early Expansion: Assam,
Cachar, Jaintia and Khasi Hills

UNIT 6: COLONIAL FORWARD POLICY

Garo, Lushai and Naga Hills, Relation with trans Inner Line tribes

UNIT 7: NATURAL RESOURCES IN COLONIAL ASSAM

Forests, Mining Industry: Coal, Oil; Tea; Opium

UNIT 8: CONSOLIDATION OF BRITISH RULE

David Scott: Reforms and Reorganization, Annexation of Upper Assam;
Robertson; Jenkins

UNIT 9: RESISTANCE TO BRITISH RULE

Gomdhar Kunwar, Piyoli Phukan, U Tirot Singh, The Khampti and
Singpho Rebellion, agrarian revolts of Assam

UNIT 10: REVOLT OF 1857 AND ASSAM

Background, Role of Maniram Dewan, Consequences

UNIT 11: TOWARDS MODERNISATION

Role of the Assamese Middle Class, Print Culture, Modern Education, Language Debate

UNIT 12: SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development of Industries, Development of Transport and Communication, Trade, Market and Business

UNIT 13: RISE OF ASSAMESE NATIONALISM

Nationalism in Assam; Factors for the rise of Assamese nationalism: Development of Press, Education and Intellectual Awakening, early organisations

UNIT 14: ASSAM AND FREEDOM STRUGGLE - I

Impact of Bengal Partition in Assam, Legislative Council Formation, World War I and its impact, Non-Cooperation Movement,

UNIT 15: ASSAM AND FREEDOM STRUGGLE - II

Civil Disobedience Movement, Provincial Autonomy, Quit India Movement, Transfer of Power, Cabinet Mission Plan, Grouping Controversy, Women in the Independence Struggle

Reading List:

- E. A. Gait: A History of Assam
- S. L. Baruah: A Comprehensive History of Assam
- S. K. Bhuyan: Anglo- Assamese Relations
- H. K. Barpujari: Assam in the Days of the Company
- A. Guha: Planter-Raj to Swaraj: Freedom Struggle and Electoral Politics in Assam
- K. N. Dutta: Landmarks of the Freedom Struggle in Assam
