

M. Phil. in History

COURSE I: HISTORICAL THEORY

Maximum marks: 100 (4x25)

Time allowed: Three hours

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UNIT I

1. Historical concepts: fact, causation, generalization, objectivity
2. Research Methodology: Evidence and internal criticism, note-taking, final draft: chapterization, foot-noting and bibliography

UNIT II

1. Leopold Ranke and his disciples; positivism and the critics of positivism
2. Whig interpretation of history

UNIT III

1. Relating history with other disciplines: Natural sciences, Geography, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Economics, Politics, Literature
2. Karl Marx: historical materialism, determinist and evolutionary theories, critiques of determinism

UNIT IV

1. Annales School: Early agenda set by Lucien Febvre and Marc Bloch, arguments of Fernand Braudel, later developments regarding history of mentalities and narrative history
2. Recent Trends: Essential ideas of Michel Foucault, Hayden White, oral tradition, ethnohistory

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COURSE II: TRENDS IN INDIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

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Explanatory note: The course seeks to teach the main trends and interpretive approaches of Indian historiography from the 19th century onwards and how these approaches are reflected in historical works dealing with ancient, medieval and modern Indian history.

UNIT I

1. European writings on Indian History in the 19th and 20th centuries: Orientalism; British interpretation of Indian society and polity; interpretation of British impact on Indian economy

UNIT II

1. Communal interpretation of Indian history: Ideology of communalism; communal understanding of ancient and medieval Indian history; communal writing on modern and contemporary India
2. Nationalism in history writing: Ideology of nationalism; nationalist response to colonial historiography; nationalist response to communal history writing

UNIT III

1. Marxist approach to Indian history: Marxist understanding of Indian society; economic determinism and colonial economy; interpretation of Indian polity and Indian national movement.
2. Other recent trends since the 1970s: writings on the nature of the pre-modern state in India, social structure and change in ancient and medieval Indian societies, the 18th century debate.

UNIT IV

1. Subaltern historiography: concept of 'history from below' changes and new trends in subaltern writing
2. New fields of historical research: Science and technology, environmental history, gender, urban history

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COURSE II (A): LITERATURE AND THOUGHT IN EARLY INDIA

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Section A: Early Indian Literature

UNIT I

1. Vedic and post-vedic literature: main works, problems of chronology, and contents.
2. Scientific and historical literature: major works on astronomy, medicine and mathematics; the *itihasa-purana* tradition, the *Rajatarangini* of Kalhana

UNIT II

3. Buddhist literature: canonical and non-canonical
4. Survey of canonical literature of Jainism

Section B: Early Philosophical Schools

UNIT III

5. Indian Philosophy: what is it?
6. Upanishadic thought and its influence on *Bhagavadgita*
7. Caravakas

UNIT IV

8. Buddhist thought: Madhyamaka and Vijnanavada
9. Anekantavada and Syadvada doctrines of Jainism
10. Shadadarshan: Sankhya-Yoga and Nyaya-Visheshika

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