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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Teaching Plan 2021-22 (UG-History Honours) 2nd, 4th, 6th Semesters

Semester	Paper/Course	Unit/Module	Teacher	No. of lectures	To be completed by
2 nd Semester	Course-III Ancient India from the Maurya to Late Gupta period	Unit-1: The Maurya rule in Magadha - Asoka's Dhamma and administration – the policy of cultural conquest.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: The post-Maurya India of the Kushanas, Satavahanas and Tamil powers, Chera, Chola and Pandya - new trends in economy and society – peasantization of tribes and changes in the caste system ; spread of megalithic culture - splits in Jainism and Buddhism - Vaishnavism, Saivism and Tantricism.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Age of the Guptas - consolidation of Second Magadhan empire - debates on golden age, brahminical revival and growth of feudalism - decline of the Gupta power and beginning of political decentralization of India - assessing Harshavardhana as the last great emperor.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Early India in retrospect – society and culture and environment -	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month

		literature and philosophy - art and architecture - science, technology and guild - trade and industry.			
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
2 nd Semester	Course-IV History of Early Medieval India	Unit-1: Sources of History and historiography of the period - contemporary texts and travelogues-indigenous literature and archaeology.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: From centralized to decentralized India - The Rajputs of North India - Palas and Senasins Bengal - Kingdoms of the South - The Pallavas, Rashtrakutas, Chalukyas and Cholas.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Condition in the pre-Sultanate period - Polity, Society, Economy, Religion and Culture -towards transition.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Northern India under the Delhi Sultanate - the Turkish invasions from 997 to 1206 AD -consolidation of the Sultanate from 1206 to 1286 AD - the Khalji Revolution and the omnipotent state under the Khaljis - The Tughluq period of reforms and counter reforms - decline of the Delhi Sultanate.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
2 nd Semester	GE: Course – II History of Medieval India	Unit-1: Northern India under the Delhi Sultanate - consolidation of the Sultanate from 1206 to 1286 AD; the Khalji Revolution and the omnipotent state under the Khaljis ; The Tughluq period of reforms and counter reforms ; decline of the Delhi Sultanate - the successor states of Bijaynagar, Bahmani and Bengal - society, economy, art, architecture and literature.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Delhi on the eve of the Mughal ascent - Timur's invasion - the Sayyids and Lodis -Babu's adventure - Babur's central Asian connection - Humayun's misfortune - Sher Shah Suri and Afghan rule in India - Making of the Mughal	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month

		State from Akbar to Aurangzeb.			
		Class Test			
		Unit –3: Agrarian crisis and the decline of the Mughal Empire - regional polity – the Marathas under <i>Shivaji</i> and the <i>Peshwas</i> ; the Sikh challenge - emergence of successor states – Bengal, Awadh, Mysore and Hyderabad.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit – 4: Mughal India in retrospect - state and religion; evolution of the administrative system– mansab and jagir - management of land and agriculture – features of urban economy, trade and industry - society and culture – religion of the masses - language, music and literature; art and architecture.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4 th Semester	Course - VIII History of Mughal India	Unit-1: Survey of sources and different aspects of historiography of Mughal India – reading of the texts of Abul Fazal, Badauni, Abdul Hamid Lahori and Bernier - Studies in the writings of Sir Jadunath Sarkar and historians from Delhi and Aligarh schools.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Making of the Mughal State from Akbar to Aurangzeb - state and religion – management of land and agriculture - evolution of the administrative system - mansab and jagir - the Mughal ruling classes - nobility and zamindars - the peasants and village community.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Trade, commerce, and monetary system - routes of trade and commodity pattern of internal transactions - overseas trade and commodity pattern - markets and monetary system.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Urban centres - morphology of cities - urban economy – crafts, technology and industry - imperial <i>karkhanas</i> - urban social structure, merchant communities, bankers, artisans, craftsmen and labourers.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	4 th month
		Class Test			

		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4 th Semester	Course – IX History of Late Medieval India	Unit-1: Society and culture – religion of the masses - language, music and literature - art and architecture.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Regional polity – the Marathas under <i>Shivaji</i> and the <i>Peshwas</i> - the Sikh challenge.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Decline of the Mughal Empire - agrarian crisis and the eighteenth-century debate.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Emergence of successor states – Bengal, <i>Awadh</i> , Mysore and Hyderabad.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4 th Semester	Course - X Rise of Modern Europe	Unit-1: Historiography – studies in the writings of Alfred Cobban, Lefebvre, Eric Hobsbawm, E.P. Thompson, David Thomson and A.J.P. Taylor.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: The eighteenth-century background to the French Revolution - society, economy, and polity; the philosophers and the ideological revolution.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: People in the French Revolution – aristocracy, bourgeois, peasants and workers – the Constituent Assembly and its achievements - Girondins and Jacobins - the Reign of Terror and the Rise and fall of the Jacobin Republic - the Thermidorian reaction and the Directory; the Napoleonic Era - interpreting the French Revolution.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The unity and disunity in Europe in 1815 - the Vienna Congress and rise of Metternich - struggle between forces of continuity and change.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month

4th Semester	SEC: Course– I The Bengal Music	Unit-1: History of Music in Bengal – influence of Vaishnava poetry of the 13 th – 14 th century –mixture of Hindu and Islamic trends – patronage of Nawabs and big landlords particularly theBaro Bhuiyans.	Arunava Sinha	06	1 st month
		Unit-2: Consolidation of the elite society in Bengal and growth of different forms of music inthe 18 th , 19 th and early 20 th centuries – Bishnupur Gharana – Rabindrasangeet,Nazrulgeeti,Dwijendrageeti, Atulprasadi Rajanikanter Gaan – swadeshi and nationalist songs.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Aspects of folk culture and folk music of Bengal – Baul, Bhatiali, Bhawaiya,Dhamali,Gambhira, Jhumur, Kavigaan and Jatra.	Arunava Sinha	06	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Modern Bengali Music – post-colonial western influences – middle class romanticism and transformation of Bengali music – leftist movements and new forms of music – media andmusic – Bengali music in theatre and film – globalization and changes in musical forms – rockand band music	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4th Semester	GE: Course – IV History of Europe from the Fifteenth to the Twentieth Century.	Unit-1: Renaissance and Reformation - socio-economic roots - secularism and humanism - art,architecture, science and literature - the printing revolution.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Seventeenth century crisis - Glorious Revolution in England and great changes inpolitical, economic and state structure - American War of Independence, birth of new democraticpolitics - from scientific to Industrial Revolution - rise of industrial societies in Europe – thetransition debate.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: The French Revolution; society, economy, and polity; the philosophers and theideological revolution – the Napoleonic era – the Vienna Settlement and the Metternich system -revolutions of 1830 and 1848 – birth of the united nation states of Germany and Italy – KarlMarx and the socialist challenge in Europe.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	3rd month
		Unit-4: Roots of European imperialism, Nazism and Fascism - the World Wars as the total wars- from the League of Nations to the UNO - the Cold War after	Jaydeb Mandal	10	4 th month

		1945 - various military and economic alliances; regional conflicts in the bi-polar world, Vietnam, Korea, Cuba, the middle East and Afghanistan.			
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam	5 th month		
6 th Semester	Course – XIII Modern Europe: From Nationalism to Socialism	Unit-1: The age of Revolutions – the national revolutions (1830-1850) - the liberal revolutions and the transformation of Russian society - remaking of eastern Europe.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: The economic revolutions, consolidation of capitalism and formation of big national states in Germany and Italy - imperial advances before and after Bismarck – developments in eastern Europe - the new balance of power in Europe - Europe divided.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Politics of democracy - industrial society and its critics - new concept of welfare state and revolution in medical science - reason, social change and social reform - the new woman - arts transformed.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The socialist challenge - from utopian to Marxian socialism - the German, French and Russian variety of socialist politics.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam	5 th month		
6 th Semester	Course – XIV Trends in World Politics from the First to the Second World War	Unit-1: Different theories of world politics - the Marxist and non-Marxist approaches.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Roots of European imperialism and the World Wars as the total war - impact of war on European mind - Peace settlement of 1919 and search for the collective security - the League of Nations.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Aspects of the war economy in the inter-war period - the depression and new theories of mixed economy - the collapse of the Weimer state in Germany and the rise of the Nazis to power- fascism in Italy.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The World after 1945 - theories of the Cold War and the division of Europe – the emergence of the American and Soviet spheres of influence - various military and economic alliances - regional conflicts in the bi-polar world, Vietnam, Korea,	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month

		Cuba, the middle east and Afghanistan.			
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			
6th Semester	DSE:Course - I History of Bangladesh from Liberation to the present day	Unit-1: The genesis – issues of conflict between Pakistani non-Bengali elite group and the rising Bengali middle class of East Pakistan.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Political transformation in East Pakistan – emergence of linguistic nationalism since 1952 – resistance against Pakistani militarism – rise of Sheikh Mujibur Rahaman as the new mass leader – Awami League Movement, 1966 to 1970 – Bangladesh liberation movement of 1971 – birth of Bangladesh in 1972.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit 3: Bangladesh after independence – society, economy and politics.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit 4: Foreign policy of Bangladesh – relations with India – role of Bangladesh in the SAARC and ASEAN.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			
6th Semester	DSE: Course– III History of Women in India	Unit-1: Women in the Indian tradition – different socio-religious movements in pre-colonial India and women's position re-defined.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Feminism revisited in the Indian context – the women's question in 19 th century India during colonial modernization – the debates on Sati and Purdah.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: The nationalist resolution on the women's question – women in the freedom movement in India.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Emerging new woman in post-colonial India – women's organizations and fight against their marginalization – women in Indian literature and performing art.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			