OPJS UNIVERSITY, CHURU
SYLLABUS
M.A. HISTORY (Previous)
Session 2013-14
(There shall be four papers out of which two are compulsory papers)

Compulsory Papers
OPMH101  Paper -I  Historiography
OPMH102  Paper -II  Twentieth Century World

Optional Papers
Students shall have to offer two papers, third & fourth, from only group viz. either from
group A or group B or group C

Group-A
OPMH103 (a)  History of India (Earliest Times to 78 A.D.)
OPMH103 (b)  History of India (78 A.D. to 650 A.D.)

Group-B
OPMH104 (a)  History of India (1200 to 1526 A.D.)
OPMH104 (b)  History of India (1526 to 1656 A.D.)

Group-C
OPMH105 (a)  History of India (1761 to 1857 A.D.)
OPMH105 (b)  History of India (1858 to 1919 A.D.)

Paper I- Historiography
Unit-I
(a)  Meaning and scope of History, Concept of History
(b)  History and other Disciplines, Nature of History: Whether Science or Art

Unit-II
(a)  Relation between facts and interpretation, Problem of objectivity and bias, Value
and subject matter of History-
(b)  Role and places of individual in History, Prediction and possibilities of Laws

Unit-III
(a)  Traditions of Historical writings in Ancient and Medieval times: Greco-Roman
traditions, Ancient Indian tradition, Medieval Historiography - Western, Arabic,
Persian and Indian
(b) Traditions of Historical Writings in Modern Times: Positivist, Classical, Marxist, Subaltern and Post-modernist
Unit-IV
(a) Modern trends in Western Historiography with special reference to Toynbee Spengler, Collingwood.
(b) Modern trends in Indian Historiography with special reference to Indian Freedom Struggle Movement: Cambridge School, Marxist School, Romantic School and Subaltern School

Unit-V
(a) Trends of traditional Historiography in Rajasthan with special reference to Nensi, Bankidas. Col. Tod, Shyamal Das and Ojha
(b) Trends of Modern Historiography in Rajasthan with special reference to Dashrath Sharma, Raghubeer Singh, Gopinath Sharma and Mathura Lal Sharma.

Books Recommended:
2. R.G. Coolingwood: Lectures on the Philosophy of History
3. Hegel: An Introduction to the Philosophy of History
5. Sheikh Ali: 
6. G.C. Pande(Ed.): History, its Purpose and Methods, Boston, 1950
7. G.I. Renier: History of Historical Thinking, New York, 1942

Paper-II  Twentieth Century World

Unit I - World Order Upto 1919
(a) Legacy of Nineteenth Century, World on the eve of 20th Century
(b) Emergence of First World War, Peace Settlement and its long term consequences, Emergence of Japan as an imperial power.
(c) Russian Revolution, Establishment of a Socialist State - its economic and political aspects

Unit II - World Upto 1945
(b) Ideologies of Nazism and Fascism: Germany, Italy and Japan
(c) Second World War - Origin, nature and results of the war
Unit III - New Political Order
(a) Nationalist Movements and Decolonization
(b) Communist Revolution in China and its impact on World Politics, Rise of Mao-Tse-Tung
(c) Cold War and its effects, NATO, Disintegration of Socialist Block

Unit IV - World enters New Era
(a) Non-Aligned Movement and Third World
(b) UNO and the concept of World Peace, Regional Tensions: Palestine, Kashmir, Cuba, Korea and Vietnam
(c) European Union, U.S. Ascendancy in the world

Unit V - Age of Progress and Change
(a) Industry, Agriculture, Science, Information and Communication technology
(b) Civil Rights Movements, Apartheid and Feminism
(c) Globalization and its economic and political impact
(Note: Question may be asked on terminology of the period)

Books Recommended:
1. G.P. Gooch: History of Our Times
2. Walter Lippmann: The History of Cold War
3. The Cambridge Economic History of Europe, Vol. IV
4. The New Cambridge History of Europe, Vol V, VI & VII

OPMH103 (a) History of India (Earliest Times to 78 A.D.)
Unit-I
(a) Sources - Inscription, coins, Literature, Greek writings etc.
(b) Salient features of Palaeolithic to Neolithic Cultures
(c) Harappan Culture (Pre Harappan, Mature Harappan and Post Harappan Cultures)- Extent, Debate on Harappan Chronology, Town Planning Specially Harappa, MohanJodaro, Dholavira, Lothal and Kalibanga; Economic organisation, Urban Decline
(d) Vedic Age : Polity, Economy, Religion, Role of Vedas in Indian History

Unit-II
(a) Early Iron Age : Disposal of the dead, Megalithic Culture
(b) Iron Age : Economic development; Social stratification - beginnings of Varnashram: Jati, Marriage, Sanskaras
(c) Religious Movements : Jainism, Buddhism etc.
(d) Rise of Magadh Empire upto Nandas and their achievements
Unit-III
(a) Rise of Mauryas and their Empire  
(b) Ashoka’s Dhamma and his missionary activities  
(c) Downfall of the Mauryan Empire and Ashoka’s responsibility  
(d) Mauryan administration

Unit-IV
(a) The Shungas and their achievements  
(b) The Indo-Greeks, The consequence of Indo-Greek rule  
(c) The Shakas of Western India  
(d) Kharvela of Kalinga

Unit-V
(a) Importance of Arthashastra and Megasthenes’Indica  
(b) Ashoka’s Edicts  
(c) Trade and trade routes with special reference to Silk Routes and Spice Routes  
(d) Society, Religion and Art (From 3rd century B.C. to 1st century A.D.)

Books Recommended : 
1. K.A. Nilkant Shastri (ed.): Comprehensive History of India, Vol. II  
2. Mazumdar and Pusalkar: The History and Culture of Indian People, Vol. II. The Age of Imperial Unity.  
3. Raychoudhary, H.C.: Political History of Ancient India (Also in Hindi)  
4. Mookerjee, R.K.: Chandra Gupta Maurya and his Times (Also in Hindi)  
5. Nilkant Shastri, K.A.: The Age of Nands and Mauryas (Also in Hindi)  
6. V.C. Pandey: Prachin Bharat ka Rajnitik Tatha Sanskritikaa Itihas, Vol. I (Also in Hindi)  
7. Bhandarkar, D.R.: Ashoka (Also in Hindi)  
9. Romila Thapar: Ashoka and Decline of Maurya (Also in Hindi)  
10. Mookerjee, R. K.: Ashoka (Also in Hindi)

OPMH103 (b) History of India (78 A.D. to 650 A.D.)

Unit-I
(a) Sources and interpreting historical trends  
(b) Kanishka and his achievements  
(c) Sangam Age: Chiefdoms, Literature, Society, Indo-Roman trade and integration of cultures  
(d) Western Kshatrapas - Nahapana, Rudradaman I and their achievements

Unit-II
(a) Revival of the Satvahan power under Gautmiputra Satakarni
(b) History of the Vakatakas with special reference to Pravara Sena I, Vakataka relation with Imperial Guptas
(c) Age of Vakatakas: Society, Religion and Art

Unit-III: Guptas
(a) Political consolidation - extent and structure
(b) Administrative Organisation
(c) Land Grants, Expansion of agriculture
(d) Coins and currency

Unit-IV
(a) Religion under Guptas: Revival of Vedic and Pauranic religious traditions, Growth of temples
(b) Sculpture, Painting, Architecture, Sanskrit literature, Science and Technology - under the Guptas
(c) Huna invasions and Decline of Guptas Empire

Unit-V
(a) Later Guptas and their relations with Mokharis
(b) Vardhans, Chalukyas and Pallavas: Extent of kingdoms, Administration, Religion, Society and Cultural activities.
(c) The account of Fahien and Yuan Chwang
(d) Slavery and Untouchability

Books Recommended:
4. S.R. Goyal: The History of the Imperial Guptas
5. Majumdar and Alteker: The Vakataka Gupta Age (In Hindi also)
6. D. Devahuti: Harsha - A Political Study
7. U.N. Day: Gupta Samrata Va Unki Kala
8. G.S. Chatterji: Harsha Vardhan (In Hindi)
9. P.L. Gupta: History of the Gupta Empire (In Hindi also)

OPMH104 (a) History of India (1200 to 1526 A.D.)
Unit-I
(a) Survey of chief Sources of the period
(b) Historians and their Writings : Minhaj - us-Siraj, Amir Khusrau, Ziauddin Barni, Ibn Batuta, Isami
(c) The Ghorian - Turkish Conquest of Northern India, Nature and consequences of the conquest

Unit-II
(a) Iltutmish to Balban - expansion and administrative measures, The Iqṭa System, The Slave Nobility
(b) The Khalji Revolution. Alauddin: Expansion in North and South India, Agrarian and price control measures.
(c) Rajput resistance under Slaves and Khaljis

Unit-III
(a) Foundation of Tughlaq Dynasty, Mohammad bin Tughlaq and his projects, Rebellions under Mohd. Tughlaq
(b) Firoj Tughlaq : Administrative and public works, his weaknesses

Unit-IV
(a) Disintegration of the Sultanate, Growth of Afghan Power, Afghan Theory of Sovereignty, Struggle between Nobility and the Crown
(b) North - West Frontier problem during the Sultanate period
(c) Provincial Kingdoms: Vijaynagar, Bahamani and Mewar

Unit-V
(a) Nature of the State, Theory of Kingship
(b) System of Government - Centre, Province and Village administration
(c) Inland and Maritime trade, Urbanisation, Agrarian Economy

Books recommended :
1. Habib, Nizami : Comprehensive History of India, Vol. V.
2. Yusuf Husain : Some Aspects of Medieval Indian Culture
3. A.M. Habibullah : Some Aspects of Muslim Rule in India
4. Mahdi Husain : The Tughlaq Dynasty
5. Ishtiaq Ahamed Qureshi: The Administration of Delhi Sultanate
6. K.M. Ashraf : Life and Condition of the People of Hindusthan (also in Hindi)
7. A.B. Pandey : The First Afghan Empire in India
8. S.R. Sharma : Crescent in India (also in hindi)
9. A. L. Shrivastava : History of India (also in hindi)
OPMH104 (b)  History of India (1526 to 1656 A.D.)

Unit-I
(a) Historians and their writings - Babar and his Tuzuk, Abbas Khan Sherwani, Abul Fazal, Maulana Abdul Qadir Badayuni, Nizamuddin Ahamad, Jahangir and his Tuzuk, Abdul Hamid Lahori
(b) Monuments as source material

Unit-II
(a) Babar’s invasion and establishment of Mughal Empire in North India
(b) Problems of Humayun, Role of Nobility, Relation with Rajputas and Afghans, Causes of Humayun’s failure

Unit-III
(a) Shershah Suri: Political achievements, Administration and Reforms
(b) Akbar: Early Problems, North Conquest, Deccan Policy, Relation with Nobility and Rajputas

Unit-IV
(a) Parties and Politics at Jahangir’s court and the Nurjahan Junta
(b) Relations with Rajputs during Jahangir and Shahjahan
(c) Deccan problem during Jahangir and Shahjahan
(d) North - West Frontier and Central Asian policy of Jahangir and Shahjahan

Unit-V
(a) Nature of Mughal State, Central and Provincial administration
(b) Mansabdari System, Revenue System
(c) Evolution of Akbar’s Sulah - Kul policy, trends of changes in religious policies during Jahangir and Shahjahan
(d) Mughals relations with Europeans (1556 - 1656 A.D.)

Books Recommended:
1. R.P. Tripathi: Rise and fall of Mughal Empire (Also in Hindi)
2. Rushbrook Williams: An Empire Builder of the Sixteenth Century
4. S.R. Sharma: Crescent in India (also in Hindi)
5. Ishwari Prasad: Life and Times of Humayun
6. K.R. Qanungo: Sher Shah and his Times (Also in Hindi)
7. Harbans Mukhiya: Historians and Historiography during the Reign of Akbar
8. Moreland: India at the eve of Akbar's Death (Also in Hindi)

OPMH105 (a)  History of India (1761 - 1857)

Unit-I
(a) Sources - Archival, Private Papers, Newspapers, Periodicals
(b) Approaches and interpretation - different schools of thought
(c) India in the mid 18th century; Late pre-colonial order: Polity, Economy, Society, and Religion
(d) Establishment of British Power in Bengal (1740-1772)

Unit-II
(a) Ideology of expansion and mercantilism
(b) Policies and Programmes of expansion
(c) Instruments of expansion: War and Diplomacy
(d) Relations with Princely States - special reference to Rajasthan

Unit-III
(a) British understanding of Indian society: Orientalist, Evangelical and Utilitarian
(b) Social reform and emerging social classes
(c) Education - indigenous and modern
(d) Growth of press

Unit-IV
(a) Rural and urban Economy
(b) Trade & trade routes
(c) Banking
(d) Development of British Indian Administrative System (1756-1858)

Unit-V
(a) Nature and forms of resistance
(b) Pre-1857: Peasant and tribal resistance
(c) Revolt of 1857: Ideology, programmes, leadership at various levels, people’s participation, and British repression and response

Books Recommended:
2. R.C. Majumdar : British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance Vol.IX,
   Bhartiya Vidhyabavan, Bombay, 1965
3. P.E. Roberts : India under Wellesley (also in Hindi)
4. K.M. Pannikar : Delhi Residency
5. N.K. Sinha : Ranjit Singh
7. S.B. Choudhary : Theories of the Indian Mutiny
8. S.N. Prasad : Paramountcy under Dalhousie
9. M.S. Mehta : Lord Hastings and the Indian States
OPMH105 (b) History of India (1858 - 1919)

Unit-I
(a) Rise and growth of Indian Nationalism
(b) The Emergence of Congress
(c) The early Congress - Moderate Phase : Policy, Programme and achievements; Ideology of moderate leaders

Unit-II
(a) The Extremist Phase : Rise of extremism, Policy, Programme and achievements, Ideology of extremist
(b) The Partition of Bengal and Swadeshi Movement
(c) The Surat split

Unit-III
(a) Revolutionary activities
(b) Impact of the First World War on India
(c) Home Rule Movement
(d) The Khilafat Movement
Unit-IV
(a)  Growth of Education
(b)  Growth of Communalism
(c)  Relations with Princely States with special reference to Rajasthan
(d)  Relations with neighbouring States- Afghanistan, Burma, Tibet and Nepal

Unit-V
(a)  The growth of British Paramountcy
(b)  Administrative Reorganisation under the Crown (1858-1919), Administrative and financial decentralisation
(c)  Indian Council Act of 1861, 1909 and 1919

Books Recommended
1. R.C. Majumdar : British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance, Vol. IX and X
2. S.Gopal : British Policy in India (1858-1905)
3. D.Agrov : Moderates and Extremists
5. S. Gopal : Viceroyalty of Lord Rippon
6. H.L. Singh : Problems and Policies of the British in India
7. M.S. Jain : Aligarh Movement
8. Ronald Shay : Curzon
9. Anil Seal : The Emergence of the Indian Nationalism
10. S.R.Mehrotra : The Emergence of the Indian National Congress
12. B.L. Grover : British Policy towards Indian Nationalism
13. Amalesh Tripathi : The Extremist Challenge
14. Thomas Metacalfe : Aftermath of the Revolt
15. Bruce T. Mac Claney : Education and the Emergence of Indian Nationalism
16. Wolpert : Tilak and Gokhale