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SOCIETY AND CULTURE IN MEDIEVAL INDIA

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UNIT I

ROYALTY, COURT AND ELITE CULTURE

1. Courtly ceremonies and etiquettes under the Sultans, Vijayanagar kings and the Mughals
2. Architecture and paintings
3. Court histories (Kalhana, Barani, Abul Fazl), and bardic literature
4. Women in Medieval courts and politics

UNIT II

RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIONS

5. Medieval Islamic views of India and Hindus
6. Representations of Muslims in Sanskrit and vernacular literature
7. The process of Islamisation and Hinduisation in Medieval India; Islamic culture in Indian environment
8. The growth of 'composite culture', religious 'syncretism': Akbar's world view and Dara Shikoh's synthesis, *Sulh-i-Kul* and *Wahdatul Wujud*

UNIT III

SUFI AND BHAKTI MOVEMENTS

9. Growth of *sufi silsilahs*, *Sufis* and the state, *sufi* shrines and their socio-political role
10. Nathpanthi movement; growth of *Nirguni* monotheistic and *Saguni bhakti*, *bhaktas* and the Medieval state
11. Women *bhaktas* and the nature of their devotion
12. Nature of *bhakti-sufi* Interaction

UNIT IV

GROWTH OF REGIONAL LITERARY CULTURES

13. *Bhakti* based regional literary cultures
14. *Malfuz* literature and Sufi biographies
15. *Hindavi-sufi* romance narratives
16. Rise and growth of Urdu language

Readings

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7. David Gilmartin and Bruce B. Lawrence (eds.), *Beyond Turk and Hindu; Religious Identities in Islamicate South Asia*, University Press of Florida, Florida, 2002.
8. David N. Lorenzen (ed.), *Bhakti Religion in North India: Community Identity and Political Action*, Manohar, Delhi, 1996.
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10. Harbans Mukhia, *The Mughals of India*, Blackwell Publishing, Delhi, 2005.
11. Irfan Habib, *Akbar and His India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1997.

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15. M. Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2006.
16. Milo Cleveland Beach, *Mughal and Rajput Painting*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1992.
17. Mohammad Habib, *Politics and Society During the early Medieval Period (Collected Works of Mohammad Habib, 2 Vols. K.A Nizami (ed.), People's Publishing House, Aligarh, 1974.*
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25. Romila Thapar, *Somnath: The Many Voices of a History*, Penguin, Delhi, 2004.
26. S. P. Verma, *Mughal Painters and Their Work*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1994.
27. Satish Chandra, *Essays on Medieval Indian History*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2003.
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29. W. H. Mcleod, *The Evolution of Sikh Community*, 2ndedn., Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1996.

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PAPER NO. 6**MEDIEVAL WORLD : SIXTH TO THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY CE****CREDITS:**

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UNIT I

1. Europe after the collapse of Rome (fifth till tenth century) –
 - a) Collapse of the Roman Empire; the Byzantine Empire; Spread of Christianity in Medieval Europe.
 - b) Growth of Feudalism: Interactions of the Germanic tribes with settled peoples, Features of Feudalism.
2. Arabia (sixth till ninth century)-
 - a) The Arab World in the sixth century: economic and political institutions, society.
 - b) Trade and its Influence, Crisis within the tribal structure, Rise of Islam and initial stages of its spread.
 - c) The Early Abbasid Caliphate.
3. China: (from sixth to the tenth century) –
 - a) Sui (589-616 AD) and Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD): unification of China, emergence of centralized state systems.
 - b) Trade and the reopening of the Silk Route. Cultural developments, technological innovations, emergence of wood-block printing, the printing of the book and literary practices.

UNIT II

4. Feudalism from eleventh to thirteenth century –
 - a) Dynamics of change in feudal Europe: technology, demography, markets
5. Arabised West Asia and Africa (seventh to the twelfth century)-
 - a) Emergence of non-Arab states, disintegration of the Caliphate.
 - b) Political and economic changes: theory of kingship, Iqtas and Agrarian relations.
6. China: (tenth to fourteenth century) –
 - a) State, nomadic invasions and signification
 - b) Trade, commerce and urbanisation, “Medieval Economic Revolution”.

UNIT III

7. Economic and social changes in Europe (fourteenth and fifteenth centuries) –
 - a) Crisis in the feudal mode of production and decline of feudalism.
8. Economic and social changes in West Asia (twelfth to the fifteenth century) –
 - a) The rise and development of the Ottoman Empire.
9. Economic and social changes in China (twelfth to the sixteenth century)-
 - a) Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 AD), rise of urban centres, markets, new crops especially rice, neo-Confucianism, “Xenophobia”, rise in population, absolute and per capita growth.

UNIT IV

10. Intellectual and economic interactions between Europe and Asia:
 - a) Scientific and intellectual exchange.
 - b) Feudal culture.
 - c) Medieval cities.

Reading List -**Medieval Europe:**

1. Amar Farooqi, *Early Social Formations*, Manak Publication, New Delhi, 2001, (Also in Hindi)
2. Carlo M. Cipolla (ed.), *The Fontana Economic History of Europe: The Middle Ages*, Vol. 1, World of Books, London, 1972.
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7. Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, NLB, London, 1996.

Medieval West Asia:

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5. Maxime Rodinson, *Mohammad*, tr. Anne Carter, New Press, London, 1971.
6. Patricia Crone, *Meccan Trade and the Rise of Islam*, Princeton University Press, New Jersey, 1987.
7. Patricia Crone, *Slaves on Horses: The Evolution of the Islamic Polity*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1980.
8. Philip K.Hitti, *The History of the Arabs*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2002.
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10. S. Amir Ali, *The Spirit of Islam. A History of the Evolution and Ideals of Islam with a Life of the Prophet*, Chatto & Windus, London, 1978.
11. UNESCO, *History of Humanity, Vol. III: From Seventh Century BC to Seventh Century AD*, London, 1996.

Medieval China

1. Gang Deng, *Development Versus Stagnation: Technological Continuity and Agricultural Progress in Pre-modern China*, Westport, Conn, 1993.
2. Mark Elvin, *The Pattern of Chinese Past*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1973.
3. John K. Fairbank (ed.), *The Chinese World Order*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1968.
4. Susumu Fuma, 'Late Ming Urban Reform and the Popular Uprising in Hangzhou', in Linda Cooke Johnson (ed.), *Cities of Jiangnan in Late Imperial China*, State University of New York Press New York, 1993, pp. 47-79.
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7. *The Cambridge History of China*, Vol.3-8. (latest editions), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2008.
8. Kent Deng, 'A Critical Survey of Recent Research in Chinese Economic History', *Economic History Review*, Vol. 53, (1), 2000, pp.1-28.

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POLITICAL HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA: 12th TO MID 16th CENTURY

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UNIT I

EARLY MEDIEVAL POLITIES IN THE 11th CENTURY

1. The Rajput states in western and central India: An overview.
2. The Regional states in Peninsular India: An overview.
3. Historiography of the Early Medieval Period- Part I: Dark Age, regional states vis-à-vis the empire, centralization versus fragmentation, the emergence of a region.
4. Historiography of the Early Medieval Period- Part II: debate on feudalism, theory of segmentary state, concept of integrative polity.

UNIT II

THE DELHI SULTANATE (1206-1526): POLITICAL EXPANSION AND CONSOLIDATION

5. Sources for the Study of Delhi Sultanate; historiography of Turkish invasions and conquest.
6. Territorial expansion and consolidation: administrative measures of Iltutmish, Alauddin Khalji and Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
7. Rebellions and disintegration; relations with rural chiefs.
8. Political structure of regional Sultanates; the Lodis (1451-1526).

UNIT III

THE DELHI SULTANATE (1206-1526): FORMS OF POLITICAL LEGITIMIZATION AND CONTROL

9. Theory of Kingship and forms of political legitimization; relations with *ulama* and *sufis*.
10. *Iqta* System and the changing composition of the ruling class.
11. Architecture as representation of power and hierarchy: the Qutb Complex and the settlement of Mehrauli; urban settlements of Delhi.

UNIT IV

VIJAYANAGAR KINGDOM AND SOUTH INDIA

12. Sources for the study of medieval south Indian History.
13. Emergence and growth of Vijaynagar Empire (1336- 1565); Vijaynagar-Bahmani relations, disintegration of Vijaynagar Empire.
14. Interpreting the nature of Vijaynagar state- *Nayankara* system and *Amaram*.
15. Political structure of post-Vijaynagar Nayak states.

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14. Iqtidar Husain Siddiqui, *Indo-Persian Historiography up to the thirteenth Century*, Primus Books, Delhi, 2010.
15. H.K. Kaul (ed.), *Historic Delhi, An Anthology*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1985.
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