

BA HISTORY HONOURS
SEMESTER IV

Paper 8: Political History of Medieval India: Mid 16th to mid 18th CE

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**UNIT I
THE MUGHAL EMPIRE**

1. Sources for the study of Mughal Empire
2. Babur's conquest of northern India
3. Mughal-Afghan conflict and the Sur interregnum
4. Mughal expansion and consolidation under Akbar, Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb; new military technology.

**UNIT II
POLITICAL CENTRALIZATION, THEORY OF KINGSHIP AND FORMS OF POLITICAL
LEGITIMACY**

1. Administrative centralization under Akbar; the *Mansab* and *Jagir* systems; changing composition of Mughal nobility.
2. Mughal theory of kingship and forms of political legitimation
3. State and religion with special reference to Akbar and Aurangzeb
4. Relations with Ottomans, Safavids and Uzbeks

**UNIT III
EMERGENCE OF REGIONAL POWERS**

1. The rise of Marathas, Maratha state under Shivaji and the Peshwas
2. Nature of Rajput polity during the Mughal period
3. Rise and growth of Sikh Power
4. Political structure of Deccan kingdoms and post-Vijaynagar Nayaka states

**UNIT IV
REBELLIONS, DECLINE AND DISINTEGRATION**

1. The crisis in agrarian and jagir systems; agrarian revolts of the late 17th and the early 18th centuries
2. The Rajput revolt of 1679
3. Disintegration of the Mughal Empire in the first half of the 18th century
4. The nature of Mughal successor states in the 18th century

Reading List:

1. Catherine B. Asher and Cynthia Talbot, *India before Europe*, Cambridge, 2006.
2. Hermann Kulke and Dietmar Rothermund, *A History of India*, London, Routledge, 1998. (relevant chapters).
3. Irfan Habib, *Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization*, Delhi, UBT, 2007.
4. Irfan Habib, *The Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1556-1707*, 2nd revised edition, Delhi, OUP, 1999.
5. Irfan Habib, *Atlas of the Mughal Empire*, New Delhi, 1982.

6. J. F. Richards, *The Mughal Empire*, Cambridge, 1993.
7. Satish Chandra, *Medieval India*, vol. II, Delhi, Har Anand Publications, 1999.*
8. Satish Chandra, *Essays on Medieval Indian History*, Delhi, OUP, 2003.
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10. Burton Stein, *Vijaynagara*, (The New Cambridge History of India, 1.2), Cambridge, 1993, (chapter 5).
11. M. Athar Ali, *Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb*, revised 2nd edition, New Delhi, 1997.*
12. M. Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, Delhi, OUP, 2006.
13. Andre Wink, *Land and Sovereignty in India, Agrarian Society and Politics under the eighteenth century Maratha Swarajya*, Cambridge, 1986.
14. Muzaffar Alam, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and the Punjab, 1707-1748*, Delhi, OUP, 1986.
15. Muzaffar Alam, *The Languages of Political Islam in India, c. 1200-1800*, Delhi, Permanent Black, 2004.
16. Iqtidar Alam Khan, *Gun Powder and Fire Arms: Warfare in Medieval India*, Delhi, OUP, 2004.
17. S. Nurul Hasan, *Religion, State and Society in Medieval India*, Delhi, OUP, 2005.
18. Stewart Gordon, *The Marathas 1600-1800*, (The New Cambridge History of India, II.4), Cambridge, 1998.
19. Stephen F. Dale, *The Muslim Empires of the Ottomans, Safavids and Mughals*, Cambridge University Press, 2010.
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21. J.S. Grewal, *The Sikhs of Punjab*, Cambridge, 1994.
22. G.D. Sharma, *Rajput Polity*, Delhi, Manohar, 1977.
23. Lakshmi Subramanian, *History of India 1707-1857*, Delhi, Orient BlackSwan, 2010.* (relevant chapters)

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Paper 9: Social and Economic History of Medieval India

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UNIT I

1. State and Economy

- (i) Elements of economic continuity and change from the pre-Sultanate to the Sultanate period. Economic consequences of the establishment of the Delhi Sultanate.
- (ii) Centralization of power and the *iqta* system;
- (iii) System of agrarian taxation and rural classes under the Sultans.

UNIT II

2. Agrarian Economy and Society

- (i) Structure of rural society; peasant and *zamindars*- stratification; ownership in land during the Mughal period.
- (ii) Methods of assessment and collection of land revenue under the Mughals.
- (iii) Village community.

UNIT III

3. Urban Economy and Society

- (i) Urbanization and growth of urban towns- Sultanate and the Mughal period.
- (ii) Non- agricultural production and organization of urban production.
- (iii) Impact of European technology on Indian techniques of production.

UNIT IV

4. Trade and Commerce

- (i) Internal trade and foreign trade during the Mughal period.
- (ii) Merchants and brokers.
- (iii) Potentialities of economic growth in the medieval Indian economy.

Reading List

1. Irfan Habib, *The Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1556-1707*, OUP, 1999.

2. –do- , *Essays in Indian History- Towards a Marxist Perception*, Tulika Books, 1995.
3. – do - , *Technology in Medieval India, c. 650- 1750*, Tulika Books, 2008.
4. – do - , *Economic History of Medieval India- 1200- 1500*, PHISPC, volume VIII, part I, Longman – Pearson, 2011.
5. Ashin Das Gupta, *India and the Indian Ocean World*, 2004.
6. Tapan Roychaudhuri and Irfan Habib, *Cambridge Economic History of India*, Vol. I, CUP, 1982.
7. Harbans Mukhia, *Perspectives on Medieval History*, 1993.
8. J. S. Grewal (ed), *The State and Society in Medieval India*, PHISPC, vol. VII, part I.
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10. Burton Stein, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, OUP, 1980.
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14. Irfan Habib, 'Economic History of the Delhi Sultanate, an Essay in Interpretation', *Indian Historical Review*, Vol.IV, No.2, 1978

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Paper 10: History of the Early Modern World: From the Renaissance to the
American Revolution

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UNIT I

1. The Renaissance in Italy
2. The Age of Explorations and early colonial conquests
3. The Reformation in Europe

UNIT II

4. The transition from feudalism to capitalism
5. The rise of absolutist states in Europe
6. The Scientific Revolution

UNIT III

7. The Enlightenment
8. Mercantilism in the eighteenth century
9. Society and culture in early modern Europe

UNIT IV

10. The agricultural revolution in Britain
11. The coming of the Industrial Revolution
12. The American Revolution

Reading List:

Perry Anderson , *The Lineages of the Absolutist State*, 1974

Rodney Hilton, ed., *The Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*, Delhi: Aakar Books, 2006

Arvind Sinha, *Europe in Transition from Feudalism to Industrialization*, Delhi: Manohar, 2010

Christopher Hill, *A Century of Revolution: 1603-1714*, New York: Nelson 1982

E.J. Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*, London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1968.

Peter Burke, *Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe*, 2nd edn. Aldershot, Hans, 1994.

Carlo M. Cipolla, ed., *Fontana Economic History of Europe*, vols. II & III

Stephen J. Lew, *Aspects of European History, 1494-1789*

J.R. Hale, *The Civilization of Europe in the Renaissance*, 1994.

Alfred W. Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange: Biological and cultural consequences of 1492 to 2003*

G.R. Elton, *Reformation Europe, 1517-1559*

Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States*. Harper & Row, (1980).