UNIT-I THE 19TH CENTURY TRADITION OF HISTORY WRITING

- 1. Enlightenment and Positivism
- 2. Marxism
- 3. Structuralism

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- 4. The Annales
- 5. Post-Modernism
- 6. Feminism
- 7. Causation
- 8. Objectivity
- 9. Generalisation

UNIT-III

PERSPECTIVES ON INDIAN HISTORY WRITING

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- 11. Nationalist History Writing
- 12. Communalist History Writing
- 13. Marxist History Writing
- 14. The Cambridge School
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- 1. Social change in Medieval India: Historiographical perspectives
- 2. Social composition of ruling elites during the sultanate and Mughal periods; regional and local ruling elites- zamindars, watandars and nayakas.

UNIT-II

MIDDLE CLASSES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

- 3. Different concepts of middle class, revenue officials, *Hakims* and *Vaids* (Physicians), Merchants, Brokers and Mahajans. A case study of the social formation of *kayasthas*.
- 4. Religious classes and their Social background: Sanskrit intellectuals- circulation and patronage networks, *Ulema*, Sufis, Bhakta Saints.

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- 2. Understanding gender through normative texts: Humayunnama; Stridhanapadhati; Bihisht-I Zewar

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- 3. Status of women in pre-colonial India an overview and defining categories: problems of recovering women's history; Sati; widow; prostitutes; witches; women's subordination.
- 4. Power relations and gender political structure; family; patriarchy; marriage; harem

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- 5. Women and Religious traditions Vedic traditions; Brahmanism; Jainism; Buddhism; Islam; Sikhism; Christianity; Sufi and Bhakti saints.
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- 2. Common heritage and shared political traditions
- 3. Brief historical sketches; decline of the empires

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- 4. Political, administrative and military institutions, core and periphery
- 5. The legitimacy of monarchs and theories of kingship
- 6. Trade and commercial networks and exchange

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IMPERIAL CULTURES AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

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- 8. Religious policies and non-Muslim subjects
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- The Process of Nation-Building: Unity in Diversity and Diversity in Unity, Secularism, the Problem of Linguistic identity and the issue of official Language; The Reorganization of States; concerns for Tribal and Scheduled castes; Regionalism versus National integration; Development of Education, Science and Technology; Panchayati Raj and Community Development Projects.
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- 5. The Era of Lal Bahadur Shastri and Indira Gandhi, 1964-1977: Conflicts with Pakistan, 1965 and 1971; Origin of coalition politics and Governments; Politics in the States; Congress split 1969: the J. P. Movement and the Emergency.
- 6. The Janata Experiment and the Re-emergence of Indira Gandhi: Crisis in Janata Party; Revival of the Congress; The Punjab Crisis.

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- 7. The Rajiv Gandhi Years: the vision of New Millennium; Bofors and its Political implication; the issue of Babri Masjid and Ram Janam Bhumi campaign.
- 8. V.P. Singh and the National Front Government; growth of caste politics and revival of communalism.
- 9. Indian Economy: Five Year Plans; Zamindari Abolition; Ceiling and Bhoodan Movement; Mixed Economy, Grow More Food Campaign; Green Revolution; agrarian unrest after independence; Economy since 1991.
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- 6. Advice Literature for Women and Domesticity
- 7. Motherhood and Mother India
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- 10. Partition and the Gendered Wars
- 11. Gender and the New Nations
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- 3. Ethnic/Romantic nationalism: Germany
- 4. Early theorists: Rousseau, Jefferson, Herder, Renan

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- 5. The nation as a historically constructed entity: the invention of tradition and the imagining of community.
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- 7. Critiques of and alternatives to the nation-state and nationalism: Marxism and Pan-Islamism.
- 8. Modern Western theorists: Stalin, Weber, Gellner, Hobsbawm, Anderson,

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- 9. Non-Western nation states and the templates of Western nationalism.
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- 11. Indian nationalism as the exception to the Andersonian rule
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