

II SEMESTER

History, society and Culture: Medieval period

OBJECTIVES

- To help the students to acquire knowledge about the social, economic and cultural aspects of India during the Medieval Period
- To provide foundation for the study of other branches of history
- To develop analytical and reasoning skills.

UNIT 1:

Introduction - Advent of Islam.

The Delhi Sultanate: Foundation and Consolidation - The Slave Dynasty (Qutubud din Aibak, Iltutmish, Razia Sultan) Balban.

The Khiljis - Ala ud din's Policy of Expansion - Administration - Economic Reforms.

Tughlaqs - Political and Economic Experiments of Mohammed bin Tughlaq - Economic Measures of Feroz Shah Tughlaq. Sultanate art and architecture (20 hours)

UNIT II:

The Mughals - Founding of Empire - Babur - Administration and Reforms of Shresha. Consolidation under Akbar - Akbar's Rajput Policy and Religious Policy - Mughal Administration - Land Revenue Policy - Mansbadari System - Religious and Deccan

Policy of Aurangzeb - Factors for the decline of Mughal Empire.(20 hours)

UNIT III:

Socio-economic and cultural contributions of the Mughals :Bhakti and Sufi Movements (Mira, Chaitanya, Kabir, Nanak, Ramananda, Ramdas, Moin-ud-din Chisti) art and architecture

UNIT IV:

Rise of Marathas - Shivaji – Administration.

MAP WORK (5 hours)

PLACES OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE:

1. Delhi 2. Devgiri 3. Warangal 4. Dwarasamudra 5. Agra 6. Surat 7. Panipat, 8. Rameshwaram 9. Shivner 10. Poona 11. Ahmednagar 12. FatehpurSikri 13. Chittor 14. Haldighat 15. Amritsar 16. Ajmer 17. Mathura 18. Dwaraka 19. Lahore 20. Golkonda.

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE:

1. Ishwari Prasad: Medieval India
2. Mohd. Habib & K.A. Nizami: Comprehensive History of India. Vol.V& VI
3. A. L. Srivastava: Sultanate of Delhi
4. Tapan Ray Chaudhri& Irfan Habib: Cambridge Economic History of India Vol. I
5. R. C. Majumdar: The Mughal Age
6. R.S. Tripathi: Decline and fall of Mughal Empire.

7. Jadunath Sarkar: The Maratha Polity
8. Irfan Habib: Agrarian System in Mughal India.
9. I. H. Qureshi: The Sultanate of Delhi.
10. Moreland: India from Akbar to Aurangzeb.
11. Abraham Eraly: Gem in the Lotus Legacy of the Peacock Throne.