

B.A. HONOURS (HISTORY)

SL. No.	Core (14)	AECC (2)	SEC (2)	DSE (4)	GE (4)
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SEMESTER: I

C-1: Introduction to History

Units	Course Contents	Credit
I	Meaning and scope of history: (a) Sources of history (b) Collection and selection of data (c) Objectivity in history	
II	Types of History (a) Economic history (b) Social history (c) Political history (d) Intellectual history (e) Diplomatic history (f) Military history (g) Micro history (h) Total history	
III	History and other disciplines: (a) Archaeology (b) Geography (c) Sociology (d) Economics (e) Anthropology (f) Philosophy (g) Political Science	
IV	Tradition of history writing: (a) Greco-Roman Tradition (b) Chinese Tradition (c) Early Indian Historiography (d) Medieval Indian Historiography (e) Modern Indian Historiography	

Suggested Reading:

1. Sheikh Ali, *History: Its Theory and Methods*.
2. E. Sreedharan, *A Textbook of Historiography 500 BC to 2000AD*
3. N. Subramaniam, *Historiography*
4. E.H. Carr, *What is History*
5. Ernst Bresach: *Hitorigraphy: Ancient, Medieval and Modern*
6. Marc Bloch: *The Historian's Craft*

7. R.G. Collingwood: *The Idea of History*
8. J.W. Burrow: *A History of Histories: Epics, Chronicles, Romance and Inquiries from Herodotus and Thucydides to the Twentieth Century*
9. Eileen K. Cheng: *Historiography: An Introductory Guide*
10. Mark T. Gilderhus: *History and Historians: A Historiographical Introduction*

C-2: History of India (Earliest to 300 A.D.)

Units	Course Contents	Credit
I	Introduction: i) Geographical background ii) Sources: Archaeology Literature (indigenous and foreign) iii) Pre-History Phases: a) Paleolithic, b) Mesolithic and c) Neolithic	
II	Polity, Society, Economy and Religion: a) Harappan Culture and b) Vedic Culture	
III	Mauryan Empire: Economy, Society and Religion and Art	
IV	Post-Mauryan Invasions and their impacts i) Bactrian Greeks, Scytho-Parthians, Kushanas ii) Economic development-Land grants, Urban growth, Crafts, Trade and Trade Routes, Coins and Currency, Indo-Roman Trade. iii) Sangam Age: Literature, Society, Economy	

Suggested Reading:

1. A.L. Basham: *The Wonder that was India*
2. D.S. Kosambi: *The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*
3. H.C. Roychoudhury: *Political History of Ancient India*
4. K. A. N. Shastri: *A Comprehensive History of India Vol. II*
5. N. Shastri: *A History of South India*
6. R.C. Mazumder (ed): *The History and Culture of the Indian People Volumes I-IV*
7. R.K. Mookherjee: *The Gupta Empire*
8. R. S.Tripathi: *History of Ancient India*
9. R.Thapar: *Early India*
10. R. Thapar: *A History of India, Vol. I*

GE-1: Environmental Studies in India

Unit	Course	Credit
I	Geography, Ecology and Cultures in Pre-Colonial India: Land, Forests, Dams, Water.	
II	Colonialism and developments in the Environment: New Regimes of land, Forests, Water and Irrigation.	
III	Environmental Issues in Independent India: Forests, Dams, Displacement, Pollution.	
IV	Environmental Movements in Independent India	

Suggested Readings

1. Mahesh Rangarajan, et al, Environmental Issues in India
2. Anil Agarwal, et al, The State of India's Environment, The Second Citizens' Report, Delhi, 1985.
3. Madhav Gadgil & Ramchandran Guha, This Fissured Land, An Ecological History of India, Delhi, OUP, 1990.
4. ----- Ecology and Equity, the use & abuse of nature in contemporary India, 1995.
5. David Arnold & Ramchandran Guha, eds, Nature, Culture, Imperialism, Delhi, OUP, 1995.
6. Salim Ali, The Fall of a Sparrow, 1985.

SEMESTER: III

C-5: History of India (1206-1526) A.D.

Units	Course Contents	Credit
I	Survey of sources: Persian Tarikh tradition; vernacular histories; epigraphy	
II	Foundation and Consolidation of the Delhi Sultanates: a. Causes of the success of the Turks b. Expansion under the Khaljis: Conquest, Administration and Economic reforms. c. Tughluqs: Muhammad-bin Tughluq and Firoze Shah Tughluq.	
III	Fragmentation of the Sultanate and Rise of Provincial Kingdoms: a. Bahmani and Vijaynagar Kingdoms b. Kingdoms of Gujrat and Bengal c. Rise of Afghans: Sher Shah	
IV	State, Society and Economy: a. Central and Military organization, <i>Iqta</i> , b. Bhakti and Sufi movements c. Agriculture, Trade and Commerce	

Suggested Reading

1. R.C. Mazumdar: *The Delhi Sultanate* (Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan)
2. V.A. Smith: *Oxford History of India* (Relevant Chapters)
3. Iswari Prasad: *Medieval India*
4. K.M. Ashraf: *Life and Conditions of the People of Hindustan (1200-1550 A.D.)*
5. Mohammad Habib: *Comprehensive History of India Vol. I-V* & K.A. Nizami (ed.)
6. J. L. Mehta: *Advanced study in History of Medieval India Vol. I*
7. K.N. Choudhury: *Trade and Civilization in the Indian Ocean: An Economic History from the Rise of Islam to 1750*
8. P. Jackson: *The Delhi Sultanate*

9. Satish Chandra: *Medieval India: From Sultanate to the Mughals Part I, Delhi Sultanate (1205-1526)*

C-6: History of Modern Europe I

Units	Course Content	Credit
I	The French Revolution and Europe: a. Crisis of Ancien Regime. b. Social, Political and Intellectual currents. c. Emergence of social classes d. Napoleonic Empire: Europe.	
II	Restoration and Revolution: 1815-1848 a. Forces of conservatism & restoration of old hierarchies. b. Social, Political and intellectual currents. c. July Revolution of 1830 and February Revolution of 1848.	
III	Socio-Economic Transformation (Late 18 th century to 1914): a. Process of capitalism in industry and agriculture: case studies in Britain, France, German States and Russia. b. Evolution and Differentiation of social classes: Bourgeoisie, Proletariat, land owning classes and peasantry. c. Changing trends in demography and urban patterns. d. Family, gender and process of industrialization.	
IV	Growth of Nationalism and the Remaking of States in the 19 th and 20 th Centuries: a. Intellectual currents, popular movements and the formation of National identities in Germany, Italy, Ireland and the Balkans. b. Specificities of economic development, political and administrative Reorganization—Italy, Germany.	

Suggested Reading

1. Gerald Brennan: *The Spanish Labyrinth: An Account of the Social and Political Background of the Civil War*
2. C.M. Cipolla: *Fontana Economic History of Europe, Volume III: The Industrial Revolution*
3. J. Evans: *The Foundations of a Modern State in 19th Century Europe*
4. T.S. Hamerow: *Restoration, Revolution and Reaction: Economics and Politics in Germany (1815-1871)*
5. E.J. Hobsbawn: *The Age of Revolution*
6. Lynn Hunt: *Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution*
7. James Joll: *Europe Since 1870*
8. David Landes: *Prometheus Unbound*
9. George Lefebvre: *Coming of the French Revolution*
10. George Lichtheim : *A Short History of Socialism*
11. G. Barrowclough: *An Introduction to Contemporary History*
12. Maurice Dobb: *Soviet Economic Development Since 1917*

13. H.J. Hanham: *Nineteenth Century Constitution, 1815-1914*
14. E.J. Hobsbawm: *Nations and Nationalism*
15. Charles and Barbara Jelavich: *Establishment of the Balkan National States, 1840 to 1920.*
16. James Joll: *Origins of the First World War (1989)*
17. Jaon B. Landes: *Women and the Public Sphere in the Age of the French Revolution*
18. David Owenhal: *The Past is a Foreign Country*
19. R.P. Morgan: *German Social Democracy and the First International*
20. J.M. Robert: *Europe 1880 to 1985*
21. Albert Soboul: *History of the French Revolution (in two volumes).*
22. Lawrence Stone: *History and the Social Sciences in the Twentieth Century The Past and the Present (1981)*
23. E.P. Thompson: *Making of the English Working Class*
24. Michel Vovelle: *Fall of the French Monarchy (1984)*
25. H. Seton Watson: *The Russian Empire*
26. Raymond Williams: *Culture and Society*

C-7: History of Ancient Assam (Early to 1228 A.D.)

Units	Course Contents	Credit
I	Sources of Assam: Archaeology and literary (indigenous and foreign)	
II	Early settlements in the Brahmaputra valley: Pragjyotishpur. Dhansriri, Doyang, Kapili	
III	Early political, social and economic structures in the Brahmaputra valley- Varmanas, Palas and Salasthambhas	
IV	Post Pala Political Conditions: i) Invasions from the West: Palas of Bengal; Sultans of Bengal ii) Emergence of petty Chieftains in the Brahmaputra valley	

Reading materials:

1. K.L. Barua :*Early History of Kamrupa*
2. E.A.Gait : *A History of Assam*
3. P.C.Choudhury : *The History of Civilization of the people of Assam*
4. S.L.Barua : *A Comprehensive History of Assam*
5. H.K.Barpujari (ed) : *The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. I*
6. R.G.Basak : *History of North-East India*
7. N.N.Basu : *Social History of Kamrupa Volumes I-III*
8. B.K. Baruah: *A Cultural History of Assam*
9. B.K. Kakati: *Mother Goddess of Kamakhya*
10. DimbeswarSarma(ed.): *Kamrupasasanavali*
11. D.P. Agarwal & D.K. Chakrabarty: *Studies in Pre-History*

12. H.K. Barpujari: *Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. I*
13. M. Momin & C. Mawlong: *Society and Economy in North East India*
14. M.M. Sharma: *Inscriptions of Ancient Assam*
15. N. Lahari: *Pre-Ahom Assam*
16. N.D. Choudhury: *Historical Archaeology of Central Assam*
17. N. N. Vasu: *The Social History of Kamrupa*
18. P.C. Choudhury: *The History of Civilization of People of Assam to the 12th Century A.D.*
19. R. Ray: *Ancient Settlement Pattern of North East India*
20. R.D. Choudhury: *Archaeology of the Brahmaputra valley of Assam*
21. R.G. Basak: *History of North Eastern India*
22. S.K. Chatterji: *The Place of Assam In The History and Civilization of India*
23. Edward Gait: *A History of Assam*
24. Sipra Sen: *Tribes and Caste of Assam*

SEC-1: An Introduction to Archaeology

Units	Course Contents	Credit
I	Definition & Components	
II	Historiographical Trends	
III	Research Methodologies, Definition of Historical Sites & Explorations, Documentation, Codification, Classification, Analysis of findings and publications	
VI	Field Work & Tools of research	

Reading List:

1. John. A. Bintliff: *A Companion to Archaeology*
2. D.R. Chakrabarti: *A History of Indian Archaeology: From the Beginning to 1947*
3. M. Hall & W.S.W. Silliman: *Historical Archaeology*
4. Mathew Johnson: *Archaeological Theory: An Introduction*

GE: III Issues in Contemporary World

Unit	Contents	Credit
I	Colonialism and Nationalism: a Synoptic view; Social Transformation after the Second World War; United Nations.	
II	Perspectives on Development and Underdevelopment: Globalization--a long view	
III	Social Movements in the North and the South: Human Rights issues	

IV	Modernity and Cultural Transformation: Emerging trends in Culture.	
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Reading List:

1. E.J. Hobsbawm, The Age of Extremes, 1914 – 1991, New York: Vintage, 1996_Carter V.
2. Findley and John Rothay, Twentieth-Century World,. Boston:Houghton-Mifflin, 5 th ed. _2003
3. Norman Lowe, MasteringModern World History, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 1997
4. Mark Mazower, The Balkans: A Short History [especially chap. 4], New York: Modern Library, 2000: paperback, 2002
5. Basil Davidson, Modern Africa: A Social and Political History,3rdedn. London / New Jersey: Addison – Wesley, 1995
6. I, RigobertaMenchu, An India Woman in Guatemala [Memoir of1992 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, London: Verso.1987
7. Jonathan Spence, The Gate of Heavenly Peace: The Chineseand Their Revolution, 1895 – 1980, Penguin, 1982

SEMESTER-V

C- 11: History of India (1757-1857) A.D.

Unit	Course Contents	Credit
I	Expansion and Consolidation of colonial Power: a. Mercantilism, foreign trade and early forms of exactions from Bengal. b. Dynamics of expansion, with special reference to Bengal, Mysore, Western India, Awadh, Punjab, and Sindh.	
II	Colonial State and Ideology: a. Arms of the colonial state: army, police and law. b. Ideologies of the Raj and racial attitudes. c. Education: indigenous and modern.	
III	Economy and Society: a. Land revenue systems and forest policy. b. Commercialization and indebtedness. c. De industrialization. d. Drain of Wealth. e. Growth of modern industry	
IV	Popular Resistance: a. Santhal uprising (185-7); Indigo rebellion (1860); Pabna agrarian	

	Leagues (1873); Deccan riots (1875). b. Uprising of 1857	
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Suggested Reading

1. C. A. Bayly: *Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*
2. Bipan Chandra: *Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India*
3. Suhash Chakravarty: *The Raj Syndrome: A Study in Imperial Perceptions*
4. J.S. Grewal: *The Sikhs of the Punjab, New Cambridge History of India*
5. Ranajit Guha, (ed.): *A Subaltern Studies Reader*
6. Dharma Kumar and Tapan Raychaudhuri (ed.): *The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. II.*
7. P.J. Marshall: *Bengal: The British Bridgehead, New Cambridge History of India*
8. R.C. Majumdar (ed.): *History and Culture of Indian People, Vols. IX and X. British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance*
9. Rajat K. Ray (ed.): *Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800- 1947*
10. Eric Stokes: *English Utilitarians and India*

C-12: History of Modern Assam (1826-1947) A.D.

Units	Course Content	Credit
I	Advent of the British a. Administrative Reorganization under David Scott b. Annexation of Lower Assam c. Anti-British uprisings (1826-1830) d. Annexation of Upper Assam e. Repercussions of the Revolt of 1857.	
II	Territorial Expansion: a. Cachar b. Manipur c. Jayantia Hills d. Khasi Hills d. Garo Hills d. Naga Hills e. Lushai Hills.	
III	Changes in the Economic structure: a. Agrarian System b. Growth of modern industries- Tea, Coal and Oil c. Development of Transport and Communication	
IV	a. Political Awakening: Education, Press, Public Associations b. National Movement in Assam-Swadeshi Movement, Non-Cooperation movement, Civil Disobedience movement, Quit India movement, Role of women	

Suggested Reading

1. A.C. Bhuyan and S. Dey (ed.): *Political History of Assam Vol. II & III*
2. E.A. Gait: *A History of Assam*
3. H.K. Barpujari (ed.): *Political History of Assam, Vol. I.*
4. H.K. Barpujari (ed.): *The Comprehensive History of Assam Vol. IV & V.*

5. H.K. Barpujari: Assam in the Days of the Company.
6. K.N. Dutta: Landmarks of the Freedom Struggle in Assam.
7. P. Goswami : Assam in the Nineteenth Century; Industrialization and Colonial Penetration

DSE-1: History of South East Asia in 19th & 20th Centuries

Units	Course Contents	Credit
I	Opening of China and Japan	
II	Popular Agitation in South East Asia: a. Boxer b. Movement c. Taiping Rebellion d. Students' Movement e. War Lordism f. KMT g. PRC Revolution	
III	Emergence of Modern Nation States: a. The Union of Burma (Myanmar), 1948-1962 b. Indonesia c. Sukarno Era, 1949-1965. C. Cambodia under Norodom Sihanouk, 1955-1970	
IV	Movements of Resistance and the making of new identities: a. Peasant resistance b. Radicalism and the Origins of the Vietnamese Revolution, 1920-1946 c. Indonesian Revolution, 1945-1949	

Suggested Reading

1. B. Anderson: Imagined Communities.
2. H. Benda: The Crescent and the Rising Sun.
3. Furnivall: Colonialism and the Plural Society.
4. G. Hart (ed.): Agrarian Transformations: Local Processes and the State in South-East Asia.
5. J. Kemp (ed.): Peasants and Cities, Cities and Peasants: Rethinking Southeast.
6. Milton Osborne: South East Asia: An Introductory History.
7. Nicholas Tarling (ed.), Cambridge History of South-east Asia, Vol. II

DSE-2: Ethno History of the Bodos

Units	Course Content	Credit
I	Sources and concept of Ethno History	
II	Origin, Migration and Settlement of the Bodos	
III	Society of the Bodos	
IV	Economic Life of the Bodos	

Suggested Reading

1. B. K. Barua: *A Cultural History of Assam*
2. Rev. Sidney Endle: *The Kacharis (Bodo)*
3. Bhaben Narji; *Boro-Kacharini Samaj Arw Harimu*
4. Kameswar Brahma: *A Study of Socio Religious Belief Practices and ceremonies of the Bodos*
5. Premalata Devi: *Social and Religious Institutions of Bodos*
6. Oinam Ranjit Singh, *North East India Past and Present, Vol.1*

7. Oinam Ranjit Singh & Sudev Chandra Basumatary (ed.): North East India Past and Present, Vol.2
8. S. K. Chatterji: *Kirata Jana Kriti*
9. W. I. Singh: *The History of Manipur*
10. Gangmumei Kabui; *History of Manipur, Volume One Pre-colonial Period*
11. P. C. Choudhuri: *The History of Civilization of the People of Assam to the Twelfth Century A.D.*