

SECOND SEMESTER, PAPER II
HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA

Programme Name	BA in History	Semester	II
Course Title	History of Medieval India		
Course Code		No. of Credits	5
Contact Hours	60 Hours	Duration of Exam	3 Hours
Formative Assessment Marks	20	Summative Assessment Marks	80

Course Objectives:

- To understand the historical significance of the Arab invasion of Sindh and its impact on the Indian subcontinent, along with the conquests of Mahmud Ghazni and Muhammad Ghori.
- To explore the establishment and consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate, focusing on key rulers and their administrative innovations.
- To present a survey of the administrative structure, cultural contributions, and religious movements during the Delhi Sultanate.
- To study the foundation, expansion, and consolidation of the Mughal Empire, with a focus on key administrative reforms and cultural achievements.
- To understand the rise of the Maratha Kingdom under Shivaji and the nature of Mughal-Maratha relations.

Course Outcomes:

After the successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Analyse the early Muslim invasions of India and assess their influence on subsequent historical developments
- Gain insights into the political and economic strategies employed by the Delhi Sultans, including the market regulations of Allauddin Khilji and the experiments of Mohammad bin Tughlaq.
- Critically evaluate the administrative mechanisms and cultural landscape of the Delhi Sultanate, including the Sufi and Bhakti movements.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Mughal administrative systems and appreciate the artistic and architectural contributions of the Mughal era.
- Analyse the administrative policies of Shivaji and the dynamics of Mughal-Maratha relations.

UNIT I: Introduction: Arab Invasion of Sindh- Mahmud Ghazni and Muhammad Ghori

[10 HOURS]

UNIT II: Delhi Sultanate I: Qutub-ud-din Aibak- Iltutmish- Razia Sultan- Balban's Theory of Kingship- Allauddin Khilji and his Market Regulations- Experiments of Mohammad bin Tughlaq- Firoz Shah Tughlaq- Economic Reforms.

[15 HOURS]

UNIT III: Delhi Sultanate II: Administration of Delhi Sultanate- Sufi and Bhakti Movements

[10 HOURS]

UNIT IV: Mughal Empire: Foundation, Expansion and Consolidation

Afghan Interlude: Sher Shah Suri, Administration- Akbar: Administration- Mansabdari System, Land Revenue Reforms. Religious Policy- Economy- Art and Architecture- Aurangzeb's Policies.

[12 HOURS]

UNIT V: Rise of the Marathas: Shivaji- Administration- Mughal-Maratha relations

[08 HOURS]

MAP WORK:

[05 HOURS]

PLACES OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE:

1) Delhi 2) Devagiri 3) Ajmer 4) Dwarasamudra 5) Agra 6) Surat 7) Panipat 8) Rameshwaram 9) Ahmednagar 10) Fatehpur Sikri 11) Chittore 12) Sasaram 13) Amritsar 14) Madurai 15) Mathura 16) Ranathambore 17) Raigarh 18) Shivaner 19) Lahore 20) Warangal

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