

SEMESTER III

I. MAJOR COURSE- MJ 3:

(Credits: Theory-06)

Marks: 25 (S Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

Instruction to Question Setter for

Semester Internal Examination (SIE 20+5=25 marks):

There will be two group of questions. Question No.1 will be **very short answer type** in Group A consisting of five questions of 1 mark each. Question No.2 will be **short answer type** of 5 marks. Group B will contain **descriptive type** two questions of ten marks each, out of which any one to answer.

The Semester Internal Examination shall have two components. (a) One Semester Internal Assessment Test (SIA) of 10 Marks. (b) Class Attendance Score (CAS) of 5 marks. Conversion of Attendance into score may be as follows. (Attendance Upto 45%, 1mark; 45<Attd.<55, 2 marks; 55<Attd.<65, 3 marks; 65<Attd.<75, 4 marks; 75<Attd, 5 marks)

End Semester Examination (ESE 75 marks):

There will be two group of questions. Group A is **compulsory** which will contain three questions. Question No.1 will be **very short answer type** consisting of five questions of 1 mark each. Question No.2 & 3 will be **short answer type** of 5 marks. Group B will contain **descriptive type** six questions of fifteen marks each, out of which any four are to answer.

Note: There may be subdivisions in each question asked in Theory Examinations.

EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA (FROM 550 TO 1200 AD)

Theory: 90 Lectures

Course Objectives & Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will learn and analyze the transitional phase between early historic centuries to the early medieval age.
2. They will be able to delineate changes in the realm of polity and culture, the Puranic religion; the growth of vernacular languages and newer forms of art and architecture.

Course Content:

UNIT- I: Emergence of New Powers and Age of Decentralization

1. Decline of Gupta Power
2. Huna Invasion and its impact
3. Pushyabhati Dynasty and Kannauj ; State, Society and Culture in the period of Harsh.
4. Origin of Rajputs : Various theories.

UNIT- II: Decentralization and Emergence of Regional Power

1. North Western India: Dynasties of Kashmir; Sindh; Arab Invasion.
2. Central India: Maukharies, Pratihars, Gahadwals, Chahman, Chandela, Kalchuri, Parmara and their Political and cultural achievements.
3. South Western India: Chalukya and Solanki and their political and cultural achievements.
4. North Eastern India: Pal, Sen of Bengal, Dynasty of Kamroop and their political and cultural achievements.

UNIT- III: Regional Powers of South and Deccan:

1. Rashtrakutas of Manyakhet: History, Foreign Policy, Religion, Art and Architecture.
2. Cholas of Kanchi : History, Administration, Art and Architecture.
3. Other Regional Powers: Pallava, Pandya, Chera, Kaktiya, Gang, Kadamba

UNIT- IV: Decline of Rajputs

1. Tripartite Struggle
2. Fall of Rajput Power
3. Establishment of Muslim Rule
4. Muslim Rule in Delhi and Impact of Muslim Rule on India. Theories of Truth - Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatism.

UNIT- V: Culture of Pre Medieval India

1. Disintegration of Political Power
2. Society and Religion in Pre Medieval India
3. Fine Arts in Pre Medieval India: Architecture, Sculpture, Paintings. Emergence and Spread of Bhakti movement in India.

Reference Books:

1. Majumdar RC and Pusalkar A.D (edited): *The History of Indian People*, vol. V, *The Struggle for Empire*
 2. Majumdar R.C. and Pusalkar A.D (edited): *The History of Indian People*, Vol. IV, *The Age Imperial Kanauj*
 3. Majumdar, R.C. and Altekar, A.S Vakataka: *Gupta Age*
 4. Pathak Vishudhanand: *Uttar Bharat ka Rajnitik Itihas (600-1200 A.D)*
 5. Sastri, K.A. Nilkanta: *A History of South India, from Prehistoric times to the fall of Vijaynagar*, Oxford University Press, 1955, also, in Hindi translation
 6. Sastri, K.A. Nilkanta: *Studies in Chola History and Administration*
 7. Singh, Upinder: *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, from Stone Age to Early Medieval India*, Pearson, New Delhi, 2008. (Also in Hindi)
 8. Tripathi, R.S: *History of Kannauj to the Moselm conquest*
 9. Vaidya, C.V.: *Early History of Rajputs (750 to 1000 A.D)*
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