St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabi
For 3rd Semester Courses in History
(June 20, 2013 onwards)

Contents:

Syllabi for Courses:

A.HIS.3.01 - An outline history of Early India Part I (3500 BCE-200 BCE)
A.HIS.3.02 – History of China and Japan (1900-1960)
S.Y. BA Course: A.HIS.3.01

Title: An outline history of Early India Part I (3500 BCE-200 BCE)

Learning Objectives:

- To give students a broad understanding of the main political trends, social formations and economic systems of early India.
- To give a perspective on the main philosophical ideas, other cultural developments and spiritual principles of early India.
- To initiate a spirit of inquiry into the early history of India.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1 Patterns of early urbanization (15 Lectures)

Harappan Civilization, town planning and the networks of trade, script and art, factors for the decline of the Harappan civilization and debates in the light of recent discoveries.

UNIT 2 Socio-Cultural Transitions (15 Lectures)

Literary sources: The Vedas, The Epics, Puranas and Dharmasastras, Buddhist and Jain Literary texts. Jana to Varna: pastoral to settled agriculture, rise of heterodox sects and factors for the rise of Buddhism and Jainism

UNIT 3 Political Transitions (15 Lectures)

Sources, sabha, samiti, janapada, mahajanapada. Emergence of Mauryan Empire: administration, Asoka’s Dhamma, decline of the empire.

List Of Recommended Reference Books


• Thapar Romila: *Cultural Pasts: Essays in Early Indian History*, Oxford University press, New Delhi, 2008.


**References:**


**Continuous Internal Assessment.**

In each semester, the student will have a quiz (multiple choice questions), presentations/field trip and a mid semester exam with two small essay type questions.

*Marks: 100*

*Weeks: 15*

*Lectures: 3 lectures per week*

*Credits: 3*
S.Y. BA  
Course: A.HIS.3.02  
Title: History of China and Japan (1900-1960)

Learning Objectives:

- To trace the impact of imperialism on China and Japan.
- To study the phases of revivalism in Japan: from Meiji to Militarism.
- To study how the two nations responded differently to the challenges of imperialism in the late 19th century and early 20th century.
- To study the emergence of new political developments and diverse ideology in China post World War I.
- To identify the various factors that led to reemergence of the two nations after World War II.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1  
Political developments in China and Japan in the late 19th and early 20th Century  
(15 Lectures)


UNIT 2  
Socio-Political transitions in China  
(15 Lectures)

Rise of Communism, Kuomintang and Chinese Communist party conflict, establishment of the People's Republic of China, political-economic experiments under Chairman Mao-Zedong and the Cultural Revolution.

UNIT 3  
Japan as an imperialist power  
(15 Lectures)

Japan and World War I, rise of militarism, Japan and World War II. Post war recovery and restoration.

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