St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus
For 4th Semester Courses in History
(June 20, 2013 onwards)

Contents:

Syllabi for Courses:

A.HIS.4.01- An outline history of Early India Part II (200 BCE- 1200 CE)

A.HIS.4.02- Contemporary Issues in Indian Society and Politics.
S.Y. BA __________ Course: A.HIS.4.01

Title: An outline history of Early India Part II (200 BCE- 1200 CE)

Learning Objectives:

- To trace the growth of foreign trade and its cultural impact.
- To understand the political developments that allowed a prosperous economy, remarkable architecture and highest level of contribution in literature.
- To study the era of religious tolerance and declining phase of mighty empires in the north.
- To identify the various styles of architecture the cultural and social impact and to study their changing patterns over a period of time.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1
The Political developments (15 Lectures)

Age of Kanishka, the Vakatakas, Gupta age, political conditions under Harshavardhan and Rashtrakutas.

UNIT 2
Economic conditions (15 Lectures)

Indo-Roman trade, trade with South - East Asia, rise and growth of Indian feudalism.

UNIT 3
Developments in Art and Architecture (15 Lectures)

Schools of art: Gandhara, Mathura and Amravati. Rise and growth of temple architecture: Nagara, Visara and Dravida.

List Of Recommended Reference Books

- Basham, A.L, (ed.) *A Cultural History of India*, OUP, 1975


**References:**


**Continuous internal assessment.**
In each semester, the student will have a quiz /multiple choice questions/Group Presentations and a Mid semester exam with two small essay type questions

**Marks:** 100  
**Weeks:** 15  
**Lectures:** 45  
**Credits:** 3
S.Y. BA __________ Course: A.HIS.4.02

Title: Contemporary Issues in Indian Society and Politics.

Learning Objectives:

- To give an overview of some of the important contemporary issues affecting India.
- To study new perspectives of contemporary issues through government and international reports.
- To develop rational thinking and allow enough scope to discuss the issues with different points of view.
- This paper will update students on developments and challenges of late 20th and early 21st century.

Number of lectures: 45

UNIT 1
Issues related to India: (20 Lectures)


UNIT 2
Government policies and contemporary issues: (15 lectures)

Right to Information Act. Right to Education Act. Employment guarantee schemes. India’s nuclear policy

UNIT 3
Issues related to Mumbai city: (10 lectures)

Migration. The era of textile mills and Trade Unions in Mumbai. Infrastructural policy.

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