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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Teaching Plan: 2018-2019 [UG-History (Honours)]

1st Semester

Semester	Paper/Course	Unit/Module	Teacher	No. of lectures	To be completed by
1 st Semester	HISH-CC-T-1: History of Early India, from remote past to the end of the Vedic Polity	Unit-1: Historiography of early India – historical interpretations - imperialist vs nationalistschool - leftist vs liberal school - secular vs religious school.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Evolution from paleolithic to neolithic cultures - chalcolithic societies from Baluchistanto Gujrat - growth and decline of pre-state non-iron urban culture - the Harappan Civilization;problem of the Indus script - journey from proto-historic to historic India.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Legacy of the Harappan Culture - the Aryan penetration and the Anglo-Oriental debate;beginning of iron age and settled agriculture - patterns of settlement and cultural changes -emergence of caste society, organized religion and state territoriality - the Vedic literature.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The non-Vedic political economy	Arunava	10	4 th month

		of the 16 Mahajanapadas - spread of protestantreligions – Ajivikism, Jainism and Buddhism; commercial and urban growth of India - rise ofMagadha as an imperial power.	Sinha		
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
	HISH-CC-T-2 Social Formation and Cultural pattern of the Ancient and early Medieval World	Unit-1: Pre-historic and proto-historic cultures beyond India – beginning of agriculture andanimal husbandry – searches into the history of Africa, the Aztec Civilization and the Inca Society.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Bronze Civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, China and eastern Mediterranean lands.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: The Polis and slave society of ancient Greece - rise of ancient Rome – decline of theRoman Empire – agrarian economy and trade – the Church and the question of religion.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3rd month
		Unit-4: Societies in Central Islamic Lands - spread of Islam – the Ummah, Caliphite State,Shariah and Sufi culture.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
1st Semester	HISH-GE-T-1B History of India from the Earliest times to the Early Medieval Period	Unit-1: Sources and interpretation – broad survey of paleolithic, mesolithic and neolithiccultures – the Harappan Civilisation – journey from the Vedic state to the 16 Mahajanapadas – from the age of the Vedas to the age of Jainism and Buddhism.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: The Maurya rule in Magadha - Asoka’s Dhamma and administration - The post-Maurya India of the Kushanas, Satavahanas and Tamil powers, Splits in Jainism and Buddhism - Vaishnavism, Saivism.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month

		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Age of the Guptas; consolidation of Magadhanempire; debates on golden age, brahminical revival and growth of feudalism ; decline of the Gupta power and beginning of political decentralization of India ; assessing Harshavardhana as the last great emperor.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: From centralized to decentralized India - The Rajputs of North India - Palas and Senasins Bengal - Kingdoms of the South – The Pallavas, Rashtrakutas, Chalukyas and Cholas –changes in Polity, Society, Economy, Religion and Culture - towards transition.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month