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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Teaching Plan 2022-2023[UG-History (Honours)] 2nd, 4th, 6th Semesters

Semester	Paper/Course	Unit/Module	Teacher	No. of lectures	To be completed by
2 nd Semester	HISH-CC-T-3: Ancient India from the Maurya to Late Gupta period.	Unit-1: The Maurya rule in Magadha - Asoka's Dhamma and administration – the policy of cultural conquest.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: The post-Maurya India of the Kushanas, Satavahanas and Tamil powers, Chera, Chola and Pandya - new trends in economy and society – peasantization of tribes and changes in the caste system ; spread of megalithic culture - splits in Jainism and Buddhism - Vaishnavism, Saivism and Tantricism.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Age of the Guptas - consolidation of Second Magadhan empire - 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	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month

		emperor.			
		Unit-4: Early India in retrospect – society and culture and environment - literature and philosophy - art and architecture - science, technology and guild - trade and industry.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
2nd Semester	HISH-CC-T-4: History of Early Medieval India.	Unit-1: Sources of History and historiography of the period - contemporary texts and travelogues- indigenous literature and archaeology.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: From centralized to decentralized India - The Rajputs of North India - Palas and Senasins Bengal - Kingdoms of the South – The Pallavas, Rashtrakutas, Chalukyas and Cholas.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Condition in the pre-Sultanate period - Polity, Society, Economy, Religion and Culture - towards transition.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Northern India under the Delhi Sultanate - the Turkish invasions from 997 to 1206 AD - consolidation of the Sultanate from 1206 to 1286 AD - the Khalji Revolution and the omnipotent state under the Khaljis - The Tughluq period of reforms and counter reforms - decline of the Delhi Sultanate.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
2nd Semester	HISH-GE-T-2C: History of Medieval India.	Unit-1: Northern India under the Delhi Sultanate - consolidation of the Sultanate from 1206 to 1286 AD; the Khalji Revolution and the omnipotent state under the Khaljis; The Tughluq period of reforms and counter reforms; decline of the	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month

		Delhi Sultanate - the successor states of Bijohnagar, Bahmani and Bengal - society, economy, art, architecture and literature.			
		Unit-2: Delhi on the eve of the Mughal ascent - Timur's invasion - the Sayyids and Lodis - Babu's adventure - Babur's central Asian connection - Humayun's misfortune - Sher Shah Sur and Afghan rule in India - Making of the Mughal State from Akbar to Aurangzeb.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit -3: Agrarian crisis and the decline of the Mughal Empire - regional polity – the Marathas under <i>Shivaji</i> and the <i>Peshwas</i> ; the Sikh challenge - emergence of successor states – Bengal, <i>Awadh</i> , Mysore and Hyderabad.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit – 4: Mughal India in retrospect - state and religion; evolution of the administrative system– mansab and jagir - management of land and agriculture – features of urban economy, trade and industry - society and culture – religion of the masses - language, music and literature; art and Architecture.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4th Semester	HISH-CC-T-8: History of Mughal India.	Unit-1: Survey of sources and different aspects of historiography of Mughal India – reading of the texts of AbulFazal, Badauni, Abdul Hamid Lahori and Bernier - Studies in the writings of Sir Jadunath Sarkar and historians from Delhi and Aligarh schools.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Making of the Mughal State from Akbar to Aurangzeb - state and religion – management of land and agriculture - evolution of the administrative system - mansab and jagir - the Mughal ruling classes -	Jaydeb Mandal	10	2 nd month

		nobility and zamindars - the peasants and village community.			
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Trade, commerce, and monetary system - routes of trade and commodity pattern of internal transactions - overseas trade and commodity pattern - markets and monetary system.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Urban centres - morphology of cities - urban economy – crafts, technology and industry -imperial <i>karkhanas</i> - urban social structure, merchant communities, bankers, artisans, craftsmen and labourers.	Jaydeb Mandal	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4th Semester	HISH-CC-T-9: History of Late Medieval India.	Unit-1: Society and culture – religion of the masses - language, music and literature - art and architecture.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Regional polity – the Marathas under <i>Shivaji</i> and the <i>Peshwas</i> - the Sikh challenges.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Decline of the Mughal Empire - agrarian crisis and the eighteenth-century debate.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit -4: Emergence of successor states – Bengal, <i>Awadh</i> , Mysore and Hyderabad.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4th Semester	HISH-CC-T-10: Rise of Modern Europe.	Unit-1: Historiography – studies in the writings of Alfred Cobban, Lefebvre, Eric Hobsbawm, E.P.Thompson, David Thomson and A.J.P. Taylor.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: The eighteenth-century background to the French Revolution - society, economy, and polity; the philosophers and the ideological revolution.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month

		Class Test			
		Unit-3: People in the French Revolution – aristocracy, bourgeois, peasants and workers – the Constituent Assembly and its achievements - Girondins and Jacobins - the Reign of Terror and the Rise and fall of the Jacobin Republic - the Thermidorian reaction and the Directory; the Napoleonic Era - interpreting the French Revolution.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The unity and disunity in Europe in 1815 - the Vienna Congress and rise of Metternich - struggle between forces of continuity and change.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4th Semester	HISH-SEC-T-2A: The Bengal Music.	Unit-1: History of Music in Bengal – influence of Vaishnava poetry of the 13 th – 14 th century – mixture of Hindu and Islamic trends – patronage of Nawabs and big landlords particularly the Baro Bhuiyans.	Arunava Sinha	06	1 st month
		Unit-2: Consolidation of the elite society in Bengal and growth of different forms of music in the 18 th , 19 th and early 20 th centuries – Bishnupur Gharana – Rabindrasangeet, Nazrulgeeti, Dwijendrageeti, AtulprasadiRajanikanter Gaan – swadeshi and nationalist songs.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Aspects of folk culture and folk music of Bengal – Baul, Bhatiali, Bhawaiya, Dhamali, Gambhira, Jhumur, Kavigaan and Jatra.	Arunava Sinha	06	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Modern Bengali Music – post-colonial western influences – middle class romanticism and transformation of Bengali music –	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month

		leftist movements and new forms of music – media and music – Bengali music in theatre and film – globalization and changes in musical forms – rock and band music.			
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
4th Semester	HISH-GE-T-4: History of Europe from the Fifteenth to the Twentieth Century.	Unit-1: Renaissance and Reformation - socio-economic roots - secularism and humanism - art, architecture, science and literature - the printing revolution.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Seventeenth century crisis - Glorious Revolution in England and great changes in political, economic and state structure - American War of Independence, birth of new democratic politics - from scientific to Industrial Revolution - rise of industrial societies in Europe – the transition debate.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: The French Revolution; society, economy, and polity; the philosophers and their ideological revolution – the Napoleonic era – the Vienna Settlement and the Metternich system -revolutions of 1830 and 1848 – birth of the united nation states of Germany and Italy – Karl Marx and the socialist challenge in Europe.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Roots of European imperialism, Nazism and Fascism - the World Wars as the total wars- from the League of Nations to the UNO - the Cold War after 1945 - various military and economic alliances; regional conflicts in the bi-polar world, Vietnam, Korea, Cuba, the middle East and Afghanistan.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
6th	HISH-CC-T-	Unit-1: The age of Revolutions – the	Arunava	10	1 st month

Semester	13: Modern Europe: From Nationalism to Socialism.	national revolutions (1830-1850) - the liberal revolutions and the transformation of Russian society - remaking of eastern Europe.	Sinha		
		Unit-2: The economic revolutions, consolidation of capitalism and formation of big national states in Germany and Italy - imperial advances before and after Bismarck – developments in eastern Europe - the new balance of power in Europe - Europe divided.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Politics of democracy - industrial society and its critics - new concept of welfare state and revolution in medical science - reason, social change and social reform - the new woman -arts transformed.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The socialist challenge - from utopian to Marxian socialism - the German, French and Russian variety of socialist politics.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
6th Semester	HISH-CC-T-14: Trends in World Politics from the First to the Second World War.	Unit-1: Different theories of world politics - the Marxist and non-Marxist approaches.	Arunava Sinha	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Roots of European imperialism and the World Wars as the total war - impact of war on European mind - Peace settlement of 1919 and search for the collective security - the League of Nations.	Arunava Sinha	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: Aspects of the war economy in the inter-war period - the depression and new theories of mixed economy - the collapse of the Weimer state in Germany and the rise of the Nazis to power- fascism in Italy.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: The World after 1945 - theories of the Cold War and the	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month

		division of Europe – the emergence of the American and Soviet spheres of influence - various military and economic alliances - regional conflicts in the bi-polar world, Vietnam, Korea, Cuba, the middle east and Afghanistan.			
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
6th Semester	HISH-DSE-T-1: History of Bangladesh from Liberation to the present day.	Unit-1: The genesis – issues of conflict between Pakistani non-Bengali elite group and the rising Bengali middle class of East Pakistan.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Political transformation in East Pakistan – emergence of linguistic nationalism since 1952 – resistance against Pakistani militarism – rise of Sheikh Mujibur Rahaman as the new mass leader – Awami League Movement, 1966 to 1970 – Bangladesh liberation movement of 1971 – birth of Bangladesh in 1972.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month
		Class Test			
		Unit 3: Bangladesh after independence – society, economy and politics.	Arunava Sinha	10	3 rd month
		Unit 4: Foreign policy of Bangladesh – relations with India – role of Bangladesh in the SAARC and ASEAN.	Arunava Sinha	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month
6th Semester	HISH-DSE-T-3: History of Women in India	Unit-1: Women in the Indian tradition – different socio-religious movements in pre-colonial India and women's position re-defined.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	1 st month
		Unit-2: Feminism revisited in the Indian context – the women's question in 19 th century India during	Ajoy Ghosh	10	2 nd month

		colonial modernization – the debates on Sati and Purdah.			
		Class Test			
		Unit-3: The nationalist resolution on the women's question – women in the freedom movement in India.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	3 rd month
		Unit-4: Emerging new woman in post-colonial India – women's organizations and fight against their marginalization – women in Indian literature and performing art.	Ajoy Ghosh	10	4 th month
		Class Test			
		Revision and preparation for university exam			5 th month