Detailed Syllabi of Interdisciplinary Courses (IDCs)

IDC 108

Introduction to Indian History

Course Objectives

- This course is an introductory course intending to introduce Indian history to the learners
- To give a brief idea about the different sources of Indian history
- To discuss important political events of Indian history throughout the ages

Course Outcomes

After completing this course

- Learners are expected to have a fair knowledge about the history of India
- Learners will able to understand different sources of Indian history
- Learners will be able to analyse major political events of India from different historical perspectives

Syllabus

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY

What is History, Scope and Meaning of History, Relationship of History with other Social Sciences

UNIT 2: SOURCES OF ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

Literary Sources, Archaeological Sources, Foreign Sources

UNIT 3: EARLY INDIAN CIVILIZATIONS

Harappan Civilization, Vedic Civilization

UNIT 4: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDIEVAL INDIA

The Delhi Sultanate, Advent of the Mughals and Second Afghan Empire

UNIT 5: SOCIETY, ECONOMY, RELIGION AND CULTURE IN MEDIEVAL INDIA

Social Condition, Economy, Bhakti Movement and Sufi Movement; Art, Architecture and Literature of the Sultanate Period, Social Condition in the Mughal Period, Economy in Mughal India, Religious Conditions during Mughal Rule, Cultural Activities under the Mughals

UNIT 6: ADVENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BRITISH RULE IN INDIA (UP TO 1857)

Foundation, Expansion and Consolidation of the British Empire, Constitutional and Administrative Changes, British Economic Policy, revolt of 1857

UNIT 7: SOCIO-RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS
Causes of the Socio-Religious Movements, Socio-Religious Movements under Colonial rule, Movement for emancipation of Women

UNIT 8: EMERGENCE OF NATIONALISM AND FOUNDATION OF INC
Emergence of Organised Nationalism, Different Political Associations, Foundation of Indian National Congress, Uprising of different peasant and tribal Movements

UNIT 9: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT UP TO 1916
Partition of Bengal and Swadeshi Movement, Revolutionary National Movements

UNIT 10: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT FROM 1916 TO 1939
Rise of Gandhi and his Ideology, Non-Cooperation Movement, Khilafat Movement Civil Disobedience Movement and Government of India Act 1935

UNIT 11: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT FROM 1939 TO 1947
August Offer and Quit India Movement, Subhas Chandra Bose and Indian National Army

UNIT 12: PARTITION AND TRANSFER OF POWER
Post-War Development-Change in British Attitudes, Communal Policies and Partition

Reading List

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Chandra, Sathish(2007) A History of Medieval India, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi

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