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**Scheme of Examination of M.Phil History
Semester System
Session 2013-14**

The entire M.Phil Course shall be of two semesters. The first semester will comprise of three papers and the second semester will have two papers and a dissertation. Each paper has 70 marks in the written examination. There will be internal assessment of 30 marks in each paper based on two assignments and one Seminar. The dissertation will carry a weightage of 200 marks.

The syllabus of each paper shall be divided into five units. The question paper of each shall have ten questions (two from each unit) and the candidate shall have to attempt any five question selecting atleast one question from each unit. All the questions shall carry equal marks.

The Scheme of Examination for First Semester is as follows :-

| Paper | Nomenclature | Full Marks | Assign-Theory | Time |
|---|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| I | Theory and Methodology of History | 100 | 30 | 70 3 Hrs. |
| II | Sources of Ancient Indian History | 100 | 30 | 70 3 Hrs. |
| III | Indian Historiography | 100 | 30 | 70 3 Hrs. |
| The Scheme of Examination for Second Semester is as follows :- | | | | |
| IV | History of Bihar | 100 | 30 | 70 3 Hrs. |
| V | Sources of Medieval & Modern Indian History | 100 | 30 | 70 3 Hrs. |

Dissertation :- Maximum Marks 200 (150 for evaluation of Dissertation and 50 for viva-voce). The student shall have to submit a dissertation in four copies to the Department. The Topics for dissertation shall be approved by the Departmental Committee. The Submission/ evaluation of dissertation shall be as per the M.Phil. Ordinance.

**Syllabus and Courses of Reading
for M.Phil (History)
(Semester I and II)**

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**First Semester
Paper - I**

**Theory, Methodology of History & Computer
Application**

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 70

Internal Assessment : 30

Time : 3 Hrs.

Note : The syllabus of the paper has been divided into five units. The paper setter is required to set 10 questions two from each unit proportionately from all these units. The students are required to attempt 5 questions selecting at least one question from each unit. All the questions shall carry equal marks.

Unit - I

History as a subject

- (a) Its meaning
- (b) Nature and scope
- (c) Causation in History
- (d) Its relation with Political Science, Sociology and Geography.

Unit- II

Sources in History

- (a) Source : Primary and Secondary
- (b) Authenticity of Sources
- (c) Interpretation of Facts

- (d) Objectivity
- (e) Generalisation

Unit- III

Techniques & Execution of Research

- (a) Selection of subject
- (b) Collection of material
- (c) Presentation of evidences
- (d) Hypothesis, Synopsis, Chapterisation
- (e) Documentation and references.
- (f) Bibliography

Unit- IV

Basics of Computer

- (a) Computer System: An overview, Basic Applications of Computer in different fields
- (b) Functional components of a computer
- (c) Benefits and limitations of Computers
- (d) Operating System-Features, accessories, control panel
- (e) Internet browsing, email, downloading, attachment, Log in& Log off

Unit- V

Computer Application

- (a) Introduction to M.S. Office
- (b) Features of M.S. Word
- (c) Features of M.S. Excel
- (d) Features of M.S. Powerpoint
- (e) Features of M.S. Excess

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Books Recommended :

1. Carr, E. H. What is History (London: Macmillan, 1961)
2. Collingwood, R.C. Idea of History (London: Oxford University Press, 1967)
3. Elton, G.R., Practice of History
4. Marwick, Aurther The Nature of History (London: Macmilan, 1982).
5. Butterfield, H. Man on his Best (London: G. Bell, 1968).
6. Childe, V.G. What happened in History (Hormondsworth: Penguin, 1946)
7. Gardiner, Ratrick (ed.) Theories of History (New York: Free Press, 1959).
8. Walsh, W.H. An Introduction to the Philosophy of History (London: Hutchinson, 1967)
9. Cornfoth, Maurice Historical Materialism (London: Lawerence & Wish art, 1953)
10. Thomson, D. The Aims of History (London : Thames and Hudson, 1969).
11. Renier, G.J. History: Its Purpose and
12. Webster, John C.B.
13. Postan, M.M.
14. Left, G.
15. Hockett, H.C.
16. Vasina, Jan
17. Barzun J. & Graff H.P.
18. Plekhnov, G.V.
19. Ghosh S.
20. Low, D.A. (ed)
- Method (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1950).
- An Introduction to History (Meerut: Macmillan, 1967).
- Fact and Relevance: Essays in the Historical Methods (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1971)
- History and Social Theory (London: Macmilan, 1967)
- The Critical Method in Historical Research and Writing (New York: Macmilan, 1966)
- The Oral Tradition- A Study in Historical Methodology (New Burnswick: Aldine Transcation, 2006).
- The Modern Researcher (New York Harcourt, 1970).
- Fundamental Problem of Marxism (New York: Inter national Publishers, 1944).
- Archieves in India (Calcutta, Firma, 1963).
- Archieves in South Asia

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First Semester

Paper- II

Sources of Ancient Indian History

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 70

Internal Assessment : 30

Time : 3 Hrs.

21. Vincent, John M.
(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1969)
Historical Research: An outline of Theory and Practice.
22. Ausubal, Herman
Historians and their Craft
(New York: Russell and Russell, 1967)
23. Hexter, J.H.
Reappraisals in History
(London: Longman, 1961).
24. Rissavousky, A.V., and Rizink, V.
Generalisation in Historical writing (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1963).

Note : The syllabus of the paper has been divided into five units. The paper setter is required to set 10 questions two from each unit proportionately from all these units. The students are required to attempt 5 questions selecting at least one question from each unit. All the questions shall carry equal marks.

Unit - I

Archaeological Sources of India

- (a) Stone Tools
- (b) Pottery
- (c) Coins
- (d) Inscriptions
- (e) Mounments.

Unit- II

Literary Sources of Ancient Indian History-1

- (a) Vedic Literature, Smriti Literature
- (b) Epics, Puranas

Unit- III

Literary Sources of Ancient Indian History-2

- (a) Buddhist Tripitakas & Jatakas
- (b) A Brief Survey of Jain Literature.

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(c) Secular Literature- Arthasashttra, Rajatrangini

Unit- IV

- (a) Biographies and Semi-Biographies,
Harsacarita, Prithviraj Raso
(b) Foreigners' Accounts: Megasthenes,
Fa-hein, Hieun-Tsang, Al-Beruni

Unit- V

Oral Sources & Myths as components of Ancient India

- (a) Folk Songs
(b) Folk Tales
(c) Proverbs
(d) Customs

Books Recommended :

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|------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Sankalia, H.D. | Stone Age Tools, their Techniques and Uses (Poona, 1964) | 14. Winternitz, M | History of Indian Literature (Translated by Mrs. S. Ketkas New Delhi, 1977) |
| 2. Shastri, Krishna H. | South Indian Inscriptions (2nd Vol.) (Archaeological Survey of India) | 15. Law, B.C. | India as Described in the Early Texts of Buddhism and Jainism. |
| 3. Ramesh, K.V. | Indian Epigraphy | 16. Elliot & Downson | History of India as Told by its own Historians (8 Vols.) |
| 4. Brown, P. | Indian Paintings | 17. Sivaramurti, C. | Indian Sculpture (New Delhi, 1964) |
| 5. Kramrisch, S. | Indian Sculptures (London, 1955) | 18. Aggrawal, V.S. | Studies in Indian Art (Varanasi, 1965). |
| 6. Kramrisch, S. | Art of India through the Ages (London, 1965) | 19. सिंह, वीरेन्द्र कुमार | कामन्दकीय नीतिसार में राजनीतिक विचार एवं संस्थाएँ |
| 7. Coomarswamy, A. | History of Indian and Indonesian Art (London, 1927) | | राष्ट्र पब्लिकेशन, नई दिल्ली |

8. Sircar, D.C.

Indian Epigraphy (Calcutta, 1967)

9. Sircar, D.C.

Select Inscriptions

10. Pargiter, F.E.

(Calcutta, 1942)
Dynasties of Kali Age (Reprint New Delhi, 1982)

11. Puri, B.N.

India as Described by Early Greek Writers.

12. Majumdar, R.C.

Classical Age, Vol. II (Vidya Bhawan Series)

13. Krishna Macharia, M

History of Classical Sanskrit Literature (2 Vols.) (n.d.)

14. Winternitz, M

History of Indian Literature

(Translated by Mrs. S. Ketkas New Delhi, 1977)

15. Law, B.C.

India as Described in the Early Texts of Buddhism and Jainism.

16. Elliot & Downson

History of India as Told by its own Historians (8 Vols.)

17. Sivaramurti, C.

Indian Sculpture (New Delhi, 1964)

18. Aggrawal, V.S.

Studies in Indian Art (Varanasi, 1965).

19. सिंह, वीरेन्द्र कुमार

कामन्दकीय नीतिसार में राजनीतिक विचार एवं संस्थाएँ

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**First Semester
Paper- III**

Indian Historiography

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 70

Internal Assessment : 30

Time : 3 Hrs.

Note : The syllabus of the paper has been divided into five units. The paper setter is required to set 10 questions two from each unit proportionately from all these units. The students are required to attempt 5 questions selecting at least one question from each unit. All the questions shall carry equal marks.

Unit - I

General Trends and Interpretations

- (a) Ancient
- (b) Medieval
- (c) Modern

Unit - II

Imperialist and Orientalist Writings

- (a) Sir William Jones
- (b) James Mill
- (c) W.W. Hunter
- (d) V.A. Smith

Unit - III

Regional Historical Writings - Salient Features

- (a) South Asia
- (b) Maratha History

- (c) Panjab History

Unit -IV

Historical Approaches

- (a) Cambridge School
- (b) Nationalist School
- (c) Marxist School
- (d) Subaltern School

Unit -V

Ethics in History

- (a) Utility of History
- (b) History as moral discipline
- (c) Post Modernist approach of deconstruction
- (d) Post-Post Modernist approach of reconstruction

Books Recommended :

1. Philips, C.H. Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, (London: Oxford University Press, 1962)
2. Gopal, S. and Thapar, R. Problems of Historical writing in India
3. Sen S.P. (ed.) History and Historiography in Modern India. (Calcutta: Institute of Historical Studies, 1973)
4. Majumdar, R.C. Historiography in Modern India (Bombay: Asia Publishing, 1970)
5. Sastri Nilkanatha K.A. Indian Society: Historical & Ramanna, H.S. Indian Society: Historical Probings.
6. Thapar, Romilla The Past and Prejudice (New Delhi: Publications Division, 1973)

7. Hardy, P. Historians of Medieval India (London: Luzac, 1966)
8. Hassan, Mohibul Historians of Medieval India
9. Grewal, J.S. Medieval India: History and Historians (Amritsar, G.N.D., University, 1975)
10. Grewal, J.S. Muslim Rule in India: The Assessment of British Historians. (Calcutta: Oxford University Press, 1970)
11. Rosenthal, F. A History of Muslim Historiography
12. Singh, Fauja (ed.) Historians and Histrography of the Sikhs. (New Delhi: Orient Publishers, 1978)
13. Ahmed, Sir Shafaat History and Historians of British India
14. Sengupta, K.K. Recent Writings on the Revolt of 1857: A Survey. History and Contemporary India.
15. Webster, John C.B. Ideas in History
16. Prasad, Bisheshwar A Marxian Glimpses of History. (New Delhi: People's Publishing House, 1975)
17. Sarkar, Susobhan Bibliographical Syrvey of
18. Sarkar Sumit
19. Indics
20. Sina, Jan Van
21. Marx and Engles
22. युक्ता, पी० के०

Social Reform Movements in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. (Indian Historical Research Institute Silver Jubilee Volume)
The Oral Tradition: A Study in Historical Methodology. (New Brunswick: Aldine Translation, 2006)
Selected Writings (Oxford University Press, 1977)
इतिहास लेखन की विभिन्न दृष्टियाँ, ग्रंथ शिल्पी

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Second Semester
Paper- IV
History of Bihar

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 70

Internal Assessment : 30

Time : 3 Hrs.

Note : The syllabus of the paper has been divided into five units. The paper setter is required to set 10 questions two from each unit proportionately from all these units. The students are required to attempt 5 questions selecting at least one question from each unit. All the questions shall carry equal marks.

Unit - I

Introcuttion

- (a) Historical Geography
- (b) Linguistic and Cultural Regions.

Unit - II

The Beginnings

- (a) Pre- Historic Cultures,
- (b) Settlement of Aryan Groups and Formation of State
- (c) Rise of Territorial States

Unit- III

Polity, Religion and Society

- (a) Sultane Period

- (i) Extension of Muslim Rule in Bihar
- (ii) Local Kingdoms of Mithila and Nuahari: their relations with Delhi Sultanate.
- (b) Bihar under the Mughals and Local Elements in Mughal Administrative System in Bihar.

- (C) Sufism and Syncretic Cults
- (D) Social Composition and Stratification
- (E) Punji System of Mithila
- (F) Education

Unit- IV

Economic Growth & Cultural Development

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Crafts and Industry
- (c) Trade and Commerce
- (d) Urbanization
- (e) Literature
- (f) Philosophy
- (g) Art and Architecture
- (h) Science and Technology

Unit- V

Select Intellectuals of Bihar

- (a) Yajnavalkya,
- (b) Kautilya
- (c) Aryabhatta
- (d) Vidyapati.

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Books Recommended :-

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|------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| 1. Diwakar, R.R. | Bihar Through the Ages | 19. Mishra, J.K. | History of Maithili Literature, Allahabad, 1951. |
| 2. Choudhary, R.K. | History of Bihar | 20. Mazumdar, R.C. | Corporate Life in Ancient India, Calcutta University, 1922. |
| 3. Witsen, Minden | History of Bihar | 21. Tripathi, R.S. | History of Nanaui, Banares, 1937. |
| 4. Regmi, D.R. | Ancient and Medieval Nepal | 22. Thakura, J. | Mithila Daka, Darbhanga, 1949. |
| 5. Stewart, Charles | History of Bengal | 23. Thakur, U. | History of Mithila |
| 6. Sharma, Ram Pravesh | Mithila Ka Itihaas | 24. Thomas | History of Pathan Kings of Delhi. |
| 7. Roy, P.K., | The Quit India Movement in Bihar with Special Reference to Old Division of Bhagalpur, Capital Publishing House, New Delhi, 1992) | 25. Tripathi, R.P. | Some Aspects of Muslim Administration, Allahabad, 1936. |
| 8. Singh, S.N. | History of Tirhut | | |
| 9. Dayal, P. | Bihar in Maps. | | |
| 10. O'Malley, I.S.S. | History of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, Calcutta, 1925 | | |
| 11. Ray, N.N. | Early Annals of the English in Bihar and Orissa. | | |
| 12. Roberts, P.E. | British India, Oxford, 1920. | | |
| 13. Foster | Travels in India | | |
| 14. Grierson | Bihar Peasant's Life, 1885 | | |
| 15. Marshall, John | Travels in India | | |
| 16. Tavernier, G. | Travels in India | | |
| 17. Sarker S.C. & | Modern Indian History | | |
| Datta K.K. | Vol. I | | |
| 18. Sinha, B.P. | Decline of the Kingdom of Magadha, Patna, 1955 | | |

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Second Semester Paper- V

Source of Medieval and Modern Indian History

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 70

Internal Assessment : 30

Time : 3 Hrs.

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Unit - I

Sources of Medieval Indian History

- (a) Minhaj-us-Siraj: Tabqat-i-Nasiri
- (b) Ziauddin Barani- Fatwa-i-Jahandari
- (c) Ibn Batuta: Rehla
- (d) Sharns-i-Siraj Afif: Tarikh-Firoz Shahi

Unit- II

Sources of Mughal Period (1526-1757)

- (a) Babur : Babur Nama
- (b) Gulbadan Begam : Humayun Nama
- (c) Abul Fazl : Ain-i-Akbari (3 Vols.) Akbar Nama (3 Vols.)

- (d) Francois Bernier : Travels in the Mughal Empire
- (e) Dargah Quli Khan : Muraqqa-I Delhi.

Unit- III

Sources of Modern Indian History

- (a) Archival Records
- (b) Private Papers- Officials and Non-officials

Unit- IV

- (a) Newspapers and Periodicals
- (b) Oral Traditions.

Unit- V

Oral Tradition & Myths

- (a) Folk Songs
- (b) Folk Tales
- (c) Proverbs

Books Recommended :-

1. Siraj, Mainhaj-us
Tabaqat-i-Nasiri, Eng., Tr.
H.G., Revery.
2. Barani, Ziauddin
Fatawa-i-Jahandari Eng.,
Tr. M. Habib and Afsar
Khan, Delhi, 1957.
3. Barani, Ibn-i-Hasan
Maqalat-i-Barani, Karachi,
n.d.
4. Akbar S. Ahmed
Discovering Islam: Making
sense of Muslim History
and Society, New Delhi,
1990.

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5. Elliot, Sir H.M. & J. Dowson
History of India as told by its own.
History of Muslim Historiography, London, 1952.
6. Rosenthal, F.
History of History Writing in Medieval India, Calcutta, 1977
7. Sarkar Jagdish Narayan
Ideas of History in Medieval India' Quarterly Review of Historical Studies Vol. 4, Nos. 1 and 2, 1964-65
8. Sarkar Jagdish Narayan
'Survey of Medieval Indian Historiography'. The Quarterly Review.
Muslim Rule in India: The Assessment of British Historians. (Calcutta: Oxford University Press, 1970).
Medieval India : History and Historians (Amritsar, G.N.D., University, 1975).
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Muslim Rule in India: The Assessment of British Historians. (Calcutta: Oxford University Press, 1970).
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11. Grewal J.S.
Medieval India : History and Historians (Amritsar, G.N.D., University, 1975).
12. Ibn, Khaldun
Mugaddiman : An introduction to History, Eng Tr. EroFranz Rosenthal, London, 1958.
13. Majumdar, R.C.
'Indian Historiography :
Some Recent Trends' in S.P. Sen (ed.) Historians and Historiography in Modern India, Bombay, 1970.
Historians and Historiography During the Reign of Akbar, New Delhi, 1976.
Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, London, 1961
History of Muslim Historiography, London, 1952.
Communalism and the Writing of Indian History, New Delhi, 1969.
On Historiography, Bombay, 1964.
Life and Condition of the People of Hindustan, New Delhi, 1969.
Cultural Heritage of India, Calcutta, nd.
History of India, London, 1889.
Muslim Political Issues and National Integration, New Delhi, n.d.
14. Mukhia, Harbans
Philips, C.H. (ed.)
Rosenthal, F.
Thaper, Romila,
Harbans Mukhia & Bipan Chandra
Tikekar, S.R.
Ashraf, K.M.
Ashraf, K.M.
Elphinstone, M.
Gani, H.A.

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23. Hardy, Peter
Historians of Medieval India, London, 1959.
24. Lal, K.S.
Studies in Medieval India, History, Delhi, 1966.
25. Lal, K.S.
Twilight of the Sultanate 2nd ed. Delhi, 1980.
26. Mahdi Hussain
Critical Study of the Sources for the History of India (1320-1526) Islamic Culture Vol. XXXI, No. 1, Hyderabad, Jan, 1957.
27. Nizami, K.A.
Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century 2nd. Delhi 1974.
28. Nizami, K.A.
Studies in Medieval Indian History and Culture, Allahabad, 1966.
29. Nizami, K.A.
Supplement to Elliot and Dowson's History of India Vols. II & III. Delhi, 1981.
30. Rizvi, S.A.A.
Adi Turk Kallen Bharat, Aligarh, 1956.
31. Rizvi, S.A.A.
Khalji Kaleen Bharat, Aligarh, 1955
32. Rizvi, S.A.A.
Tughlaq Kaleen Bharat, 1957

Suggested Reading for Modern Indian History :

1. Gazetter of India, Vol. II
2. "Indian Archives", Journal of National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi.
3. Census Reports, 1881-1941.
4. Settlements Reports of different Districts.
5. Districts Gazetteers of the Colonial Period.
6. Contemporary News papers and periodicals.
7. Oral Transcripts of interview with Eminent Personalities, N.M.M.L. Teen Murti House, New Delhi.
8. Private Papers of Eminent Personalities, N.M.M.L. Teen Murti House, New Delhi.
9. Jan Vansina : The Oral Tradition : A study of Historical Methodology.
10. Reports of Various Commissions appointed by British Indian Govt.
11. Reports of I.N.A. Trial Cases.
12. Reports of Various Important Political Cases.
13. Barrier, N.G., The Census in British India : New Perspectives (Delhi, 1981).
14. Shukla, V.N., Rebellion of 1942, H.K. Publisher, New Delhi
15. Shukla, V.N., Soviet Revolution and Indian National Movement, H.K. Publisher, New Delhi
16. Singh, Birendra Kumar, Encyclopedia of Indian Freedom Fighters, 10 Volumes, Centrum Press
17. Singh, Birendra Kumar, Rise and Growth of Left Movement in Modern India