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PAPER NO. 8**POLITICAL HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA: MID 16TH TO MID 18TH CE****COURSE ID:**

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UNIT I**THE MUGHAL EMPIRE**

1. Sources for the study of Mughal Empire
2. Babur's conquest of northern India
3. Mughal-Afghan conflict and the Sur interregnum
4. Mughal expansion and consolidation under Akbar, Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb; new military technology.

UNIT II**POLITICAL CENTRALIZATION, THEORY OF KINGSHIP AND FORMS OF POLITICAL LEGITIMACY**

5. Administrative centralization under Akbar; the Mansab and Jagir systems; changing composition of Mughal nobility.
6. Mughal theory of kingship and forms of political legitimation
7. State and religion with special reference to Akbar and Aurangzeb
8. Relations with Ottomans, Safavids and Uzbeks

UNIT III**EMERGENCE OF REGIONAL POWERS**

9. The rise of Marathas, Maratha state under Shivaji and the Peshwas
10. Nature of Rajput polity during the Mughal period
11. Rise and growth of Sikh Power
12. Political structure of Deccan kingdoms and post-Vijaynagar Nayaka states

UNIT IV**REBELLIONS, DECLINE AND DISINTEGRATION**

13. The crisis in agrarian and jagir systems; agrarian revolts of the late 17th and the early 18th centuries
14. The Rajput revolt of 1679
15. Disintegration of the Mughal Empire in the first half of the 18th century
16. The nature of Mughal successor states in the 18th century

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1. Catherine B. Asher and Cynthia Talbot, *India before Europe*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2006.
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3. Irfan Habib, *Medieval India: The study of a Civilization*, NBT, Delhi, 2007.
4. Irfan Habib, *The Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1556-1707*, 2nd revised edition, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1999.
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12. M. Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2006.
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14. Muzaffar Alam, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and the Punjab, 1707-1748*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1986.
15. Muzaffar Alam, *The Languages of Political Islam in India, c. 1200-1800*, Permanent Black, Delhi, 2004.
16. Iqtidar Alam Khan, *Gun Powder and Fire Arms: Warfare in Medieval India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2004.

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21. J. S. Grewal, *The Sikhs of Punjab*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1994.
22. G. D. Sharma, *Rajput Polity*, Manohar, Delhi, 1977.
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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA

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UNIT I

STATE AND ECONOMY DURING THE SULTANATE PERIOD

1. Socio-economic consequences of the establishment of the Delhi Sultanate; centralization of power and the *iqta* system.
2. The currency system; trade: internal and external.
3. System of agrarian taxation and rural classes under the Sultans.

UNIT II

AGRARIAN ECONOMY AND SOCIETY DURING THE MUGHAL PERIOD

4. Structure of rural society; peasants and *zamindars*- stratification; ownership in land during the Mughal period.
5. Methods of assessment and collection of land revenue under the Mughals.
6. Village community

UNIT III

URBAN ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

7. Urbanization and growth of urban towns- Sultanate and the Mughal period.
8. Non-agricultural production and organization of urban production.
9. Impact of European Technology on Indian Technique of production

UNIT IV

TRADE AND COMMERCE

10. Internal and external trade during the Mughal period.
11. Merchants and brokers; currency system.
12. Potentialities of economic growth in the medieval Indian economy.

Reading List

Books

1. A. J. Qaisar, *Indian Response to European Technology and Culture: 1498-1707*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1982.
2. Ashin Das Gupta, *India and the Indian Ocean World*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2004.
3. H. C. Verma, *Dynamics of Urban Life in Pre-Mughal India*, Munshiram Manoharlal, Delhi, 1986.
4. Harbans Mukhia, *Perspectives on Medieval History*, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1993.
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PAPER NO. 10

**HISTORY OF THE EARLY MODERN WORLD: FROM THE RENAISSANCE
TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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UNIT I

1. The Renaissance in Italy
2. The Age of Explorations and early colonial conquests
3. The Reformation in Europe

UNIT II

4. The transition from feudalism to capitalism
5. The rise of absolutist states in Europe
6. The Scientific Revolution

UNIT III

7. The Enlightenment
8. Mercantilism in the eighteenth century
9. Society and culture in early modern Europe

UNIT IV

10. The agricultural revolution in Britain
11. The coming of the Industrial Revolution
12. The American Revolution

Reading List:

1. Alfred W. Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange: Biological and cultural consequences of 1492*, Greenwood Publishing Group, 2003.
2. Arvind Sinha, *Europe in Transition from feudalism to industrialisation*, Manohar, Delhi, 2010.
3. Carlo M. Cipolla, ed., *Fontana Economic History of Europe*, vols. II & III, The World of Books, London, 1972.
4. Christopher Hill, *A Century of Revolution: 1603-1714*, Nelson, New York, 1982.
5. E. J. Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London, 1968.
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10. Peter Burke, *Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe*, 2nd edn., Hans, Aldershot, 1994.
11. Rodney Hilton (ed.), *The Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*, Aakar Books, Delhi, 2006.
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