

**CENTRE OF ADVANCED STUDY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE  
A.M.U., ALIGARH**

**Syllabus for Admission to Ph.D Programme**

**2022-23 onwards**

**Section-B**

1. Pre History
2. The Indus Civilization
3. (i) Early Vedic Phase, c. 1500-1000 BC: Rigveda, Region of Settlements, Society, Polity and Economy; Religion.  
(ii) Late Vedic (c.1000-700 BC)- Later Vedas, Economy, Society, Religion, Advent of Iron. Post Vedic Texts, Panini.
4. Jainism and Buddhism: Doctrines of Mahavira and Gautam Buddha.
5. Alexander's Invasion and its consequences.
6. Mauryan Empire: Chandragupta Maurya, Asoka and his Dhamma; Asokan Inscriptions. Megasthenes, Kautilya; Mauryan Administration.
7. South India: Sangam Texts.
8. Kushanas; Kanishka: Date and Conquests.
9. Gandhara and Mathura Art, Economy: Indo-Roman Trade.
10. The Guptas: Conquests and Political Achievements of Samudragupta, Chandragupta II and Later Rulers of Gupta Dynasty. Administration and Social Life under the Guptas.
11. Art and Architecture of the Gupta Period. Sanskrit Literature. Developments in Science, from Aryabhatta to Brahmagupta.
12. Harsha: Polity and Society.
13. Post-Harsha Period: Rise of Rajput States, Origin of Rajputras.
14. Indian Feudalism.
15. The Cholas and Their Administration.
16. Establishment of the Sultanate; Iltutmish.
17. Economic Measures of Alauddin Khalji.
18. Muhammad bin Tughlaq and his policies.
19. Administration of Sultanate.
20. Vijayanagara Empire.
21. Popular Monotheism: Kabir; Rise of Sikhism.
22. Babur, Humayun and Sher Shah
23. Akbar and his conquests, administration and religious policy.
24. Jahangir and Shahjahan.
25. Aurangzeb and his reign.
26. Mansab and Jagir systems.
27. Composite Culture under the Mughals: Literature and Thought, Akbar, Dara Shukoh.
28. Art and Architecture under Delhi Sultans and the Mughals.
29. Growth of European Sea Trade with India, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Century.
30. Organization of Trade and Banking in Mughal India.
31. State in Medieval India.
32. Decline of Mughal Empire.
33. Sources for the Sultanate and Mughal Empire with special reference to Baram and Abul Fazl.
34. Succession States and Marathas.
35. Rise of European Companies (Dutch, English, French).
36. Establishment of British Rule in South India and Bengal.
37. Anglo-Mysore and Anglo-Marathas Wars.
38. Annexations and Subsidiary Alliance, 1797-1857.
39. Agrarian Settlements: Permanent, Ryotwari, Mahalwari.
40. Social Reform and Modern Education, Early Phase (till 1857).
41. Tribute and the Coming of Free Trade.
42. Revolt of 1857: Nature, Causes and Consequences.
43. Post-1857: Changes in Administration.
44. Social Reform and Modern Education, Post-1857.
45. Early Phase of Indian Nationalism, till 1905.
46. Swadeshi Movement.
47. Career and Thought of Mahatma Gandhi.
48. Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience and Quit India Movements.
49. Agrarian Problem in India, and Problems of Industries before 1947.
50. Last Phase before Independence, 1945-1947.