# **SYLLABUS**

# **SESSION-2022-23**

## **CLASS-XII**

### **SUBJECT- HISTORY**

The Story of the First Cities: Harappan Archaeology:
Broad overview: Early urban centres.
Story of discovery: Harappan civilization. Excerpt:
Archaeological report on a major site.Discussion: How
it has been utilized by archaeologists/historians. Map
work
Political and Economic History: How Inscriptions tell
a story. Broad overview: Political and economic history
from the Mauryan to the Gupta period.
Story of discovery: Inscriptions and the decipherment of
the script. Shifts in the understanding of political and
economic history. Excerpt: Asokan inscription and
Gupta period land grant. Discussion: Interpretation of
inscriptions by historians.
Social Histories: Using the Mahabharata. Broad
overview: Issues in social history, including caste, class,
kinship and gender. Story of discovery: Transmission
and publications of the Mahabharata.
Excerpt: from the Mahabharata, illustrating how it has

	been used by historians. Discussion: Other sources for
	reconstructing social history. Map work
	Home work and project work for summer vacations.
	A History of Buddhism: Sanchi Stupa Broad overview:
	(a) A brief review of religious histories of Vedic
	religion, Jainism, Vaishnavism, Saivism.
CHAPTER 4	(b) Focus on Buddhism. Story of discovery: Sanchi
	stupa Excerpt: Reproduction of sculptures from Sanchi.
	Discussion: Ways in which sculpture has been
	interpreted by historians, other sources for
	reconstructing the history of Buddhism. Map Work
	PART-II
	Medieval Society through Travelers' Accounts -
	Outline of social and cultural life as they appear in
CHAPTER 5	travelers' accounts. Story of their writings: A discussion
	of where they travelled, why they travelled, what they
	wrote, and for whom they wrote. Excerpts: from
	Alberuni, Ibn Batuta, Bernier.
	Discussion- What these travel accounts can tell us and
	how they have been interpreted by historians.
	Religious Histories: The Bhakti-Sufi Tradition -
CHAPTER 6	Broad overview:
	(a) Outline of religious developments during this period.
	(b) Ideas and practices of the Bhakti-Sufi saints. Story
	of Transmission: How Bhakti-Sufi compositions have

	been preserved. Excerpt: Extracts from selected Bhakti-
	Sufi works.
	Discussion on Ways in which these have been
	interpreted by historians.
	New Architecture: Hampi Broad overview:
	(a) Outline of new buildings during Vijayanagar period-
CHAPTED 7	temples, forts, irrigation facilities.
CHAPTER 7	(b) Relationship between architecture and the political
	system. Story of Discovery: Account of how Hampi was
	found.
	Excerpt: Visuals of buildings at Hampi .Discussion: Ways in which historians have analyzed and interpreted these structures. Map work
	Agrarian Relations: The Ain-i- Akbari Broad
	overview:
	(a) Structure of agrarian relations in the 16th and 17th
	centuries.
CHAPTER 8	(b) Patterns of change over the period. Story of
	Discovery: Account of the compilation and translation
	of Ain-i-Akbari.
	Excerpt: from the Ain-i-Akbari
	Discussion: Ways in which historians have used the text
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	Colonialism and Rural Society:
	Broad overview:
	(a) Life of zamindars, peasants and artisans in the late
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	18th century
	(b) East India Company, revenue settlements and
	surveys.
	(c) Changes over the nineteenth century. official
CHAPTER 10	records: An account of why official investigations into
	rural societies were undertaken and the types of records
	and reports produced.
	From Firminger's Fifth Report, Accounts of Frances
	Buchanan-Hamilton and Deccan Riots Report.
	Discussion: What the official records tell and do not tell,
	and how they have been used by historians. Map work.
	REVISION WORK
	MID TERM EXAMINATION
	Syllabus must be completed by 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
	DISCUSSION ON QUESTION PAPER,
	PROJECT WORK
CHAPTED 11	Representations of 1857 Broad overview:
CHAPTER 11	(a) The events of 1857-58. How these events were

	recorded and narrated?
	Focus: Lucknow.Excerpts: Pictures of 1857. Extracts
	from contemporary accounts. Discussion: How the
	pictures of 1857 shaped British opinion of what had
	happened. Map Work
	Mahatma Gandhi through Contemporary Eyes
	Broad overview:
	(a) The Nationalist Movement 1918 - 48.
	(b) The nature of Gandhian politics and leadership.
CHAPTER 13	Focus: Mahatma Gandhi in 1931.
CHAITEK 13	Excerpts: Reports from English and Indian language
	newspapers and other contemporary writings.
	Discussion: How newspapers can be a source of history.
	Map work
	CHAPTER 15- The Making of the Constitution . Broad
	overview:
	(a) Independence and the new nation state.
	(b) The making of the Constitution. Focus: The
CHAPTER 15	Constitutional Assembly debates.
	Excerpts: from the debates.
	Discussion: What such debates reveal and how they can
	be analyzed. Map work, Project Work
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	NOTE: Syllabus must be completed by 15 <sup>th</sup>
	December 2022.

MAP PRACTICE WORK.
NOTE:-WHOLE SYLLABUS WILL BE COVERED IN ANNUAL
EXAMINATION.
PRE BOARD EXAMINATION
BOARD EXAMINATION

#### LIST OF MAPS

#### Book 1

- 1. P-2. Mature Harappan sites: Harappa, Banawali, Kalibangan, Balakot, Rakhigarhi, Dholavira, Nageshwar, Lothal, Mohenjodaro, Chanhudaro, Kot Diji.
- P-30. Mahajanapada and cities :
   Vajji, Magadha, Kosala, Kuru, Panchala, Gandhara, Avanti, Rajgir,
   Ujjain, Taxila, Varanasi.
- 3. P-33. Distribution of Ashokan inscriptions:
  - (i) Kushanas, Shakas, Satavahanas, Vakatakas, Guptas
  - (ii) Cities/towns: Mathura, Kannauj, Puhar, Braghukachchha
  - (iii) Pillar inscriptions Sanchi, Topra, Meerut Pillar and Kaushambi.
  - (iv) Kingdom of Cholas, Cheras and Pandyas.
- 4. P-43. Important kingdoms and towns:
  - (i) Kushanas, Shakas, Satavahanas, Vakatakas, Guptas

(ii) Cities/towns: Mathura, Kanauj, Puhar, Braghukachchha, Shravasti, Rajgir, Vaishali, Varanasi, Vidisha

#### 5. P-95. Major Buddhist Sites:

Nagarjunakonda, Sanchi, Amaravati, Lumbini, Nasik, Bharhut, BodhGaya, Shravasti, Ajanta.

#### Book 2

P-174. Bidar, Golconda, Bijapur, Vijayanagar, Chandragiri, Kanchipuram, Mysore,
 Thanjavur, Kolar, Tirunelveli, Quilon

#### Book 3

1. P-297. Territories/cities under British Control in 1857:

Punjab, Sindh, Bombay, Madras Fort St. David, Masulipatam, Berar, Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Avadh, Surat, Calcutta, Daccan, Chitagong, Patna, Benaras, Allahabad and Lucknow.

2. P-305. Main centres of the Revolt of 1857:

Delhi, Meerut, Jhansi, Lucknow, Kanpur, Azamgarh, Calcutta, Benaras, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Agra, Avadh.

3. P-305. Important centres of the National Movement:

Champaran, Kheda, Ahmedabad, Benaras, Amritsar, Chauri Chaura, Lahore, Bardoli, Dandi, Bombay (Quit India Resolution), Karachi.