

Department of History & Punjab Historical Studies

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Syllabus for Ph. D. Entrance Test for Session 2024-25

Section-A

(Research Methodology)

1. History: Definition, Nature and Scope
2. Historical Evidence: Categories of primary sources, the questions of authenticity and reliability
3. History's Relation with other Social Sciences: Geography, Economics, Political Science and Sociology
4. Historical Explanation: Causation in history, problems of determinism and chance in historical causation, generalization, problems of value judgement and objectivity in history
5. Some approaches to history: Colonial, Nationalist, Marxist, Subaltern, Feminist
6. Value of history

Section B

(Subject)

HISTORY OF THE PUNJAB

1. Sufism and its Impact
2. Age of Guru Nanak: Political, Social and Religious Conditions
3. Consolidation and Development of Sikhism up to 1606.
4. Concept of Martyrdom in Sikhism and its impact on Sikh movement.
5. Guru Gobind Singh's relations with Mughals and Hill Rajas, Creation of Khalsa and its significance, the *Zafarnama*
6. Rise of the Sikhs into Political Power: Banda Singh Bahadur (1708-16)
7. Continuation of Sikh confrontation with the Mughal Governors (1716-52); Sikh Triumph over the Afghans (1752-65)
8. Role of Dal Khalsa, Gurmata, Misl and Rakhi in the Political struggle
9. Civil and Military system of Ranjit Singh; Anglo-Sikh Wars and its consequences
10. Colonial Framework: New Administration, New Means of Communication, Agrarian Policy, Western Education
11. Socio-Religious Reform movements: Brahmo Samaj, Arya Samaj, Singh Sabha
12. Revolutionary Activities: the Babbar Akalis; Kirti Kisan Party; Bhagat Singh and the Naujawan Bharat Sabha; Bhagat Singh and the HSRA (Hindustan Socialist Republic Party)
13. Punjab Politics (1935-47): the elections of 1937 and the Unionist Government; the 'Pakistan Resolution of the Muslim League (1940); Political Developments up to Independence, Partition of the Punjab