

PAPER II: THE MEDIEVAL INDIA (A.D.1206 – 1757)

Section – A

- I. The Delhi Sultanate: Slave dynasty – Qutub-ud-din Aibak- Iltutmish – Razia – Balban – consolidation of the Sultanate.
- II. The Khaljis and Tughlaqs : The Sultanate under Alaudin Khalji – internal reforms – agrarian policy and market experiments – Muhammed-bin-Tughlaq – his experiments – Firuz Tughlaq and the road to disintegration.
- III. Economy, society and polity under the Delhi Sultanate : Economic and social life – Nobles: the ‘forty’ slaves - social movements –Bhakti movement – Sufi tradition– The nature of administration – art and architecture.

Section – B

- IV. Establishment of Mughal supremacy: Afghan-Mughal struggle – Babur –Battle of Panipat – Battle of Khanwa – Humayun – Sher Shah – the “Sur interregnum” – administration.
- V. Consolidation of the Mughal Empire :Akbar - his conquests - Rajput policy – Deccan policy –Religious policy – Jahangir and Nur Jahan – Shah Jahan and his religious policy
- VI. Polity and Society : The king and the nobility – the mansabdari and jagirdari system revenue system – Todarmal – provincial and local governments – economy – agriculture and trade– society and culture – literature, architecture, music and painting.
- VII. Decline and fall of the empire: Aurangzeb – his Rajput policy –Religious attitude – Deccan policy –End of the Mughal empire.

Section – C

- VIII. South Indian kingdoms :
 - a. Vijayanagara: Sources and Historiography – Epigraphical sources:Literary sources – Archaeology – foreign accounts – Historical approaches – Sewell – Burton Stein.
 - b. The Formation of the Vijayanagara state: The origin of Vijayanagara – the Vidyaranya factor – the Sangamas – the Saluvas – the Tuluvas – Krishnadeva Raya – relations with the Bahmanis – the climacteric at Talikota – the Aravidu dynasty.
 - c. Administration and Social life – Central Government under Vijayanagara – Provinces and the *Nayankara* system – Revenue administration – agriculture and irrigation – artisanal activities – trade – inland and foreign. The Portuguese intervention – Society and religion – *Haridasa* Movement – Literature – Vijayanagara Art and Architecture.

- d. Deccan under the Bahmanis and After – The origin of the Bahmani kingdom – expansion – the Bahmani relations with Vijayanagara and the Portuguese – the work of Mahmud Gawan – the break-up of the Bahmani kingdom – administration under the Bahmanis – Military system – The successor states of the Bahmanis – the Adil Shahis of Bijapur – the kingdoms of Bidar, Golconda, Berar and Ahmednagar – Contributions to art-architecture – painting and music. Religion – the Sufi tradition in the Deccan.

Map Study:

1. India at the end of the fourteenth century :
(Peshawar, Delhi, Agra, Daulatabad, Prayaga)
2. South India under Vijayanagara and Bahmanis :
(Hampi, Golconda, Ahmednagar, Goa, Tanjavur, Talikota, Mangalore, Barkur)
3. India at the end of seventeenth century : a) Mughal b) Maratha dominions
(Kabul, Panipat, Fatehpur-Sikri, Patna, Surat, Pune, Raigarh, Bangalore)
4. Early European Settlements in India :
(Calicut, Cochin, Bombay, Madras, Pondicherry, Mahe, Hooghly, Calcutta)

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3. *History and Culture of the Indian People*, Vol.V and Vol.VI, (Bhavan's Series).
