

Second Semester

Paper No :HSH. 452 (Hard Core)

STATE, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY IN MEDIEVAL INDIA – C.E. 1206 - 1757

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To know the circumstances that led to the formation of Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal rule in India.
2. To know the strategies adopted by the foreign invaders to consolidate their authority.
3. To know the nature of state, society and economy during the medieval India.

LEARNING OUT COMES

After completing the paper the students will come to know the following :

1. Realise the existence of different types of sources for the study.
2. Understand the causes of the rise and fall of the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire
3. Realise the strategies adopted by the rulers in administration.
4. Understand to nature of state, society and economy under Delhi Sultanate and the Mughals.

Unit 1: Introduction , Historiography and Sources : The condition of India during 12th century- colonial writings: Vincent Smith and Moreland – Nationalist writings: Jadunath Sarkar and others – Marxist writing: Irfan Habib, Satish Chandra and others– sources.

Unit II: State and Society under the Delhi Sultanate: The composition and nature of Delhi sultanate – Iqta system – the Forts – Military organization – Central administration –Economic activities: agriculture and irrigational networks – Land revenue system – Trade and commerce – Price control and market regulations – Urbanization –State and religion – the Bhakti movements and Sufism in 14th century.

Unit III: The Mughal State and Society: The establishment and consolidation of Mughal power in India– the character of Sur Interregnum – the Mughal state under Akbar; centralization of administration – Mansabdari system – State and religion; Din-illahi – Economy: the agrarian system – agrarian trade and commerce – situating Akbar in the history of Medieval India

Unit IV: The Mughal State after Akbar: The Religious policy – the Rajput policy – the Deccan policy – the European trading companies and the Mughals – society under the Mughals.

Unit V: The Maratha State: The composition and nature of the Maratha state – Shivaji and Swarajya – the nature of Economy State under the Peshwas.

Reading List:

- Andre Wink, *Al Hind: The Making of the Indo-Islamic World*, 2 vols. (vol.I 7th – 11th centuries. vol.II. 11th – 13th centuries)Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 1999.
- Nilakanta Sastri, *The Colas*, Madras University Publications
- Burton Stein (ed), *Essays on South India*, Vikas Publishing House, new Delhi
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- N. Karashima, *State and Society in South India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- Mohd. Habib, *Politics and Society in Medieval India*.
- I.H. Quereshi, *Administration of the Mughal Empire*.
- M.Aalthar Ali, *Moghul Nobility under Aurangazeb*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- John F. Richards, *Mughal Empire*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- Musaffar Alam & Sanjay Subrahmaniyan, *The Mughal State*, Oxford University Press
- Irfan Habib, *An Atlas of the Mughal Empire*, Oxford University Press
- Satish Chandra, *Parties and Politics of the Mughal Court*, Oxford University Press.
- Stewart Gordon, *Marathas*, Oxford University Press
- Richard Fox, *Kin, Clan, Raja and Rule*, Oxford University Press.
- Nicholas.B. Dirks, *The Hollow Crown*, Oxford University Press
- Rao, Shulman & Sanjay Subrahmanyman, *Symbols of Substance*, Oxford University Press
- Iqtidar Hussain Siddiqui (Ed.), *Medieval India*, New Delhi, 2003.
- Sanjay Subramaniyan (ed.), *Money and the Market in India 1100 – 1700*, Delhi, 1994.
- Richard B. Barnett : *Rethinking Early Modern India*, New Delhi, 2002.
- Jagadish Narayan Sarkar : *Mughal Polity*, Delhi, 2009.
- Saran P. : *The Provincial Government of the Mughals 1526 – 1658*, Delhi, 1988.
- Sri Ram Sharma : *The Religious Policy of the Mughal Emperors*, Delhi, 1940.
- Mughal Government and Administration.
- : *Studies in Medieval Indian History*.


