

Department of History and Civilisation

PhD Entrance Exam Syllabus

1. Research Methodology

2. Subject paper

Historiography and Historical Methods (Common to All Students Appearing for PhD Entrance Exam in History) Definitions of History, Periodisation and Temporal Context, Concepts of Time, Historical Consciousness and Historical Thinking, Facts in History Writing: Objectivity, Narratives and Perspectives, Causation and Generalization in History, Ideology and/in History, Subjectivity and Objectivity Debate, Different Types of sources and their use, Basics of Archiving and Different Approaches to writing history.

- **Ancient Indian History**

Evolution of social structure, gender and sexuality, political process, agrarian relations, art and architecture, urbanization, trade, religion, sacred geography, philosophy, literary culture, intellectual history, cultural history, and historical geography. Beyond these themes, a comprehensive understanding of the historiographical debates and primary sources.

- **Medieval Indian History**

Political, social, economic, and cultural processes of medieval Indian history. Statecraft, the nature of the state to the evolution and transformation of social structures and identities, cultural traditions, political processes, economic processes, and organization including agrarian and urban processes, and material culture of the medieval period.

Modern Indian History

Different Schools of History of Modern Indian History: National, Marxist, Subaltern. (Historiography), Peasants, Labour, Women, and Caste Movements in India, Indian National Movement, Economic History of India, Post Independence India: partition, implementing the Nehruvian model in Economics, the language debate, caste debate, India in Cold War (Non-Alignment, Bandung, UN)