



2025

(2nd Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA - 202

(Medieval India: Socio-Religious, Polity and Economy)*Full Marks : 60**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**Answer any five (5) questions*

1. a) Give a critical review on the concepts of feudalism in historiographical context. 12

Or

- b) Trace the circumstance in the development of land grants and feudal beginnings in India. 12

2. a) Ideas of R.S. Sharma, Harbans Mukhia and Irfan Habib on the debate of Indian feudalism. 4+4+4

Or

- b) Write a note on the following:
- i) Burton Stein's Segmentary nature of State 4

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- ii) B.D. Chattopadhyaya and Hermann Kulke's idea of Integrative Polity. 4+4
3. a) Examine the philosophies of the Alvars and Nayanars. Trace the circumstance in the emergence of Bhakti in Northern India. 6+6
- Or*
- b) Write a brief note on: 6+6
- i) Sankaracharya and Ramanuja.
- ii) Women in Bhakti.
4. a) Assess the extent of Urbanization under the Mughals. 6
- b) Mughal-Rajput relation: the complexities of Rajput loyalties towards the Mughal rulers. 6
- Or*
- c) Critically examine the life and condition of the people under the Mughal rule. 6
- d) *Jagidari System*: Crisis and its relevance to the downfall of the Mughal Empire. 4+4
5. a) Elucidate the nature of state of the Sultans of Delhi emphasizing on the Islamic theory of kingship. 12
- Or*
- b) Write a note on: 3x4
- i) *Zenana* system.
- ii) Alaudin Khilji's market regulations.
- iii) Urban growth, trade and commerce under the Sultans of Delhi.

