

# **Master of Philosophy**

## **Group A**

### **History Paper -1**

#### **Research Methodology and Philosophy of History**

##### **Objectives:**

This paper aims to provide the research student with essential information about historical methods of research. It also aims to provide an understanding of the Philosophical base of the discipline of History.

##### **Unit 1 : Concept of History and Historical Research**

- a. History Meaning, Scope and Nature
- b. Nature and Scope of Historical Research
- c. Evidence in History

##### **Unit 2 : Research Methodology**

- a. Preliminary Operations
- b. Analytical Operations
- c. Synthetic Operations
- d. Concluding Operations

##### **Unit 3 : Philosophy of History**

- a. Critical
- b. Speculative

##### **Unit 4 : Approaches to History : Ancient Age**

- a. Greco-Roman
- b. Indian
- c. Chinese

##### **Unit 5 : Approaches to History : Medieval Age**

- A. Christian
- B. Arabic
- C. Persian
- D. Indian

## **Unit 6 : Approaches to History : Modern Age**

- a. Idealist
- b. Positivist
- c. Romanticist
- d. Historical Materialism

## **Unit 7 : Cyclical and Civilisational Approaches**

- a. Toynbee
- b. Spengler
- c. Huntington

## **Unit 8 : Annales School**

- a. Mar Bloch
- b. Fernand Braudel
- c. Lucien Le Fabvre

## **Unit 9 : Subaltern Studies School**

## **Unit 10: Post Modernism and History**

### **Select Reading:**

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**Journals:**

1. Gender and Society, Sage Publications (Twice a Year)
2. Gender, Technology and Development – Sage Publications (Thrice a Year)
3. History and Theory : Quarterly
4. History and Theory : Studies in the Philosophy of History (Journal), Wesleyan University, USA.
5. Studies in History: Sage Publications (Twice a Year)
6. The Indian Economic and Social History Review - Sage Publications (Twice a Year)
7. The Indian Journal of Gender Studies
8. The Medieval History Journal – Sage Publications (Twice a Year)

## History: Paper 2

### Debates in Indian History

#### **Objectives:**

The paper aims to make the student aware of a number of debates in Indian history, with a view to encourage analytical and creative thinking

#### **Course content:**

##### **First term:**

1. The Aryan Problem
2. The Mauryan state
3. Urbanization and Urban decay
4. Feudalism
5. The State in Medieval India

##### **Second term:**

6. The 18<sup>th</sup> century Debate
7. De - industrialization and Industrialization
8. '1857' in Indian history
9. Nationalism
10. Textbook controversies

#### **Reference books:**

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2. Ratnakar, S., *The end of the great Harappan tradition*, Manohar Publications, 2000
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