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Semester: I

B.A.LL.B. –Hons. (FYIC)

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INDIAN HISTORY: POLITY AND SOCIETY

Brief Introduction:

The study of history is essential to any student of law as legal principles and legal institutions develop in a particular socio-economic context over a period of time. The primary objective of the paper is to answer the question as to how and why the present has evolved from the past in the manner it has. The way we perceive our past constructs our identity in the present and also has a bearing on our future. Thus, in this course, the students are introduced to the study of history and its methodology.

Objectives of the course:

The course is devised primarily to achieve following objectives:

1. To make students aware about the significance of study of history and its relevance for law students;
2. To enable students to understand the evolution and development of administrative structures and policies from Indus Valley Civilization to Gupta reign.
3. To imbibe insights about the socio-economic framework during ancient times.
4. To make students understanding of administration of justice and structure there for;
5. To make students acquainted with various nationalistic movements that helped in accomplishing freedom.

Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of the syllabus, students will be aware about:

1. Analyse and gain familiarity with the study of history and its methodology.

2. Acquire knowledge about the evolution and development of administrative structures and policies from Indus Valley Civilization to Gupta reign.
3. To gain insights into the evolution of societal and economic framework during ancient times.
4. To acquire understanding of concept of justice and judicial institutions in ancient India. To gain familiarity with the administrative structures and judicial institutions under the Delhi Sultanate.
5. To acquire knowledge and information about various nationalistic movements that helped in acquiring freedom from the colonial rule.

MODULE-1

ANCIENT INDIA

- 1.1 The Indus Valley Civilization- Urban Centres, Economy, Decline;
- 1.2 Vedic and Later Vedic age–Polity, Economy, Society, Condition of Women;
- 1.3 Buddhism and Jainism;
- 1.4 Age of Mahajanapadas- Emergence of State Systems and Economy;
- 1.5 The Maurya and Post Mauryan period- Ruler's, Administration and Ashoka's Dhamma.

MODULE-2

MEDIEVAL INDIA

- 2.1 The Gupta and the post Gupta period- Political developments, Society;
- 2.2 The Harsha Period- Polity and Society;
- 2.3 Muhammad Ghori and Sultanate Period;
- 2.4 Political Consolidation under Iltutmish, Problems of Policies and Balban, Nobility during the thirteenth Century, Agrarian and Market Reforms of Alauddin Khalji;
- 2.5 Mughal Administration- Political & Economic Policies under Babur, Hamayun and Akbar.

MODULE-3

Medieval and Modern India

- 3.1 Administration under Sher Shah Suri;
- 3.2 Mansab System and Land Revenue System under Akbar, Mughal Rajput Relations;
- 3.3 The Vijay Nagar and Bahamani Empire;
- 3.4 Expansion of British Dominion in India;
- 3.5 The uprising of 1857 – Causes, Spread, Nature and Aftermath.

MODULE-4

MODERN INDIA

- 4.1 Economic Changes –British Commercial policies and The Impact on the Trade Balance, Destruction of Indigenous Industries;
- 4.2 Socio Religious Movements – Brahma Samaj, Arya Samaj, Prathna Samaj, Theosophical Society, Aligarh Movement;
- 4.3 Indian National Congress, Revolutionary Terrorism, Partition of Bengal;
- 4.4 The Gandhian Era – Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, Quit Indian Movement;
- 4.5 Partition and Independence.

A. Presecribed Readings:


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2. Bayly, C.A. (2014). *Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
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15. Sarkar, Sumit. (2014). *Modern India, 1885-1947*. New Delhi: Pearson Education India.
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