

Raiganj University
Department of History
Syllabus of Ph.D/ M.Phil Course

Starting from academic session – 2016 - 2017.

M.Phil & Ph.D First Semester: Course-work

Paper I - Historiography – 50 Marks (Written Examination will be held)

Paper II - Research Methodology - 50 Marks (Written Examination will be held)

Paper III - Overview of Literature – 50 Marks (Home Assignment)

Paper IV - Computer Applications – 50 Marks (Written Examination will be held)

(Details of the abovementioned four Papers are attached herewith)

M.Phil. Second Semester:

Any two papers from the following are to be opted, each carrying total 100 marks. This total 100 marks will be divided into three parts – Written Examination: 50 Marks, Presentation of Project – 25 and submission of the same project in written form with proper references – 25. Candidates can choose any two papers depending on the particular papers offered in that academic session.

Paper – I – Ancient India

Paper – II- Medieval India

Paper –III – Modern India with special emphasis on Society, Economy, Culture, Science and Technology, Medicine, Environmental History, Gender

Paper IV- Modern World (1789-1945)

Paper V – Major Debates and Ideologies in History

Paper VI- Regional History: Concept, Regions of Bengal, North Bengal

After successful completion of first two Semesters, the M.Phil students will have to submit a Dissertation.

Dissertation – Duration one year. Total Marks -100. Number Division – Project -75 + Viva – voce -25.

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Paper – I: Historiography: (50 marks)

1. Paradigms & Approaches to History:-

- a) Definition of Paradigm, Importance of Paradigm, Paradigm Shift

2. Different Schools of Historiography

- i. (a) Orientalist School
(b) Imperialist School
(c) Cambridge School
(d) Nationalist School
(e) Marxist School
(f) Subaltern School
(g) Postmodern School
(h) Alternative School of Historical Study & Research: Voices of the African and the Indian Indigenous People
- ii. (a) Sense of History and Historiocity of Texts in Ancient India
(b) Different Approaches to Study of Ancient Indian History

Paper – II: Research Methodology: (50 marks)

1. Meaning & Characteristics of Research
2. Formulation of Research Design & Proposal
3. Research Language & Hypotheses
4. Methods of Research
 - (a) Experimental
 - (b) Survey
5. Historical Method of Research
6. Organization, Analysis and Interpretation of Data (i.e. Questionnaires, Case Studies, Interviews etc.)
7. Techniques of Data Analysis
8. Causation, Objectivity and Bias in Historical Research
9. Techniques and Principles in Thesis Writing
10. Modern Trend in Historical Research
11. Application of Statistics in Historical Research

Paper – III: Overview of Literature: (50 marks)

A. Ancient India & Early Medieval India

1. General Idea:

Early India – An Overview of Literature Vedic, Upanisadic, Buddhist & Jain Literature, Dharmashastras, Smritis, Arthashastra, Nitishastra, Brihat Samhita, Vamshavalis, Biographical Writings, Itihas Purna tradition, Regional Literature, Foreign Accounts

2. (a) Problem Specific:

Extensive Review of Conceptual Literature, Secondary Books, Articles in the Journals, Conference Proceedings related to the research Problem

(b) Procedure of writing

B. Medieval India:

Beginning of the multi-linguity in Historical Literature of Medieval India: Court Historians of the Imperial and provincial Darbar – Rise of Vernacular Historical Writings – Maratha Bakhr and Assam Buranji – Non-Indian Historians, Visitors, Merchants, Travellers' Accounts, Pilgrims, Religious Preachers' Writings – Autobiography – Biography – Memoirs etc. – Numismatic Sources – Non-English European Sources – Manuscript Sources

C. Modern India:

Definition of the Archive – Foundation of the National Archives of India – Proliferation of the Vernacular Historical Writings – Queens Language Historical Writings – Oral & Traditional Knowledge in History – Ideological & Racial Infiltration in Historical Writings – Newspapers & Periodicals - Memoirs, Diaries, Autobiographies, Biographies – Radio News & Commentary Foreign Language Records on Imperial India – Independent India's Government Records of both the Centre and the States – Interviews – Oral History – Field Works etc.

Paper IV: Computer Application: (50 marks)

Unit –I -MS Word 2003/ 2007 / 2010 – Tables, Graphs, Clip Arts, MS Excel, MS Power Point

Unit- II - Use of Internet, E-mails, Blog, Searching of Websites, Downloads, Uploading, IT applications in R&D Affairs, Components of IT in Research, Online Database and Research Prospects, Information Networks in Research, Plagiarism, SEO tools and Plagiarism Checkers with Practical, IT possibilities in History and allied subjects , Multimedia Applications in Research

Unit – III- PDF File – Conversion, Scanning & Printing