

Paper IV: History of ideas

Max. Marks 100

Unit I

Ideas of Polity Monarchy, Diarchy and proto republicanism:

1. Ancient.
2. Medieval.

Unit II

Colonialism and the emergence of new political ideas:

1. Liberalism., Democracy
2. Utilitarianism.
3. Positivism.
 - i. Nationalism and Socialism.
 - ii. Communalism and Secularism, Social ideas.

Unit III

Social ideas:

1. Formation of early ideas on hierarchy.
2. Rationalization and justification of hierarchy
 - i. Varna
 - ii. Jati
 - iii. Family.
 - iv. Women.
3. Anti Caste Movements during the Colonial Period, Satya Shodhak Samaj, Sree Narayana Movement, Self Respect Movement.

Unit IV

Formation of religious ideas in early India

- i. Vedas, Upanishads & Vedantas.
- ii. Six schools of Indian philosophy.
- iii. Jainism.
- iv. Buddhism.

Unit V

- i. Ideas of dissent and protest-heterodox sects.
- ii. Forms of religious thought and cultural synthesis
 - a. Bhakti Movements, Sheivite and Vaishnavites Regional developments.
 - b. Sufism.
 - c. Sikhism
- iii. Reforms and Revivalism – Brahma Samaj, Prathana Samaj, Aligarh Movement.

Books Recommended:

1. Spenglar : Decline of the west.
2. Toybee's : Study of history
3. Preto : Mind and Society
4. Berd Charis : The Rise of American Civilization
5. Carr E.H. : What is History
6. Lenin : Materialism and Empiro-criticism
7. Collingwood R.G. : Ideas of History
8. Sorokin : Culture and cultural dynamics
9. Marx, Karl. : Das Capital
10. Gandhi : My Experiments with truth
11. Montesquieu : Sprit of the Laws
12. Smith Adam : Wealth of Nations
13. Bucklers Thomas : History of Civilization in England
14. Kautilya : Arthashastra
15. Kalhan : Raj Tarangani
16. Mookerjee R.K. : Fundamental Unity of India
17. Ali Sheikh : History - its purpose and Methods