



## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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## SYLLABUS

## Ph.D. COURSE WORK

UNIT	CONTENT	MARKS
Unit 1.	Scientificity and Objectivity in Historical Research:  The Positivists View :Sources and Nature of Historical Explanation , Its Limitations.  The Whig Tradition: Nature of Historical Explanation and Eurocentric view of History.	10
Unit 2.	The Economic Approach: Marxist History. The Materialist view – Historical Materialism.  Economic Determinism – The Base –Superstructure Model.  Phases of History and Historical Change: Dialectical Materialism.  Critique of the Approach  Determinism and the scope of Marxist Histories. Variations of The	10

	<p>Marxist Approach.</p> <p>A History from Below: The British Marxist Historians .</p> <p>The Subaltern Perspective: Meaning and scope of Subaltern Studies .</p>	
Unit 3.	<p>Other recent approaches of Historical Research:</p> <p>Gender History.</p> <p>Environment History: Time and Historical Change.</p> <p>Micro-history, Local History, Ethno History.</p> <p>Oral History: Theory and methods</p>	<b>10</b>
Unit 4.	<p>The Annales School : Total History</p> <p>The 1st Generation : Lucien Febvre and Marc Bloch</p> <p>The 2nd Generation :Fernand Braudel and the structuralist Approach.</p> <p>3rd Generation : Annales Historians. History of Mentalities Contribution to History and Weaknesses .</p>	<b>10</b>
Unit 5.	<p>The Post – Modernist Approach: Foucault and History.</p> <p>Beyond Conventional History .</p> <p>The Margins of History . Review of Concerns and Approach : The Works of Michel Foucault</p> <p>Critique of the View .</p>	<b>10</b>
Unit 6	<p>Sources:</p> <p>Literary : Itihasa Purana Tradition, Archival, Private Papers , News papers and magazines etc.</p> <p>Archaeological : Material Remains, Epigraphy, Numismatics</p> <p>Oral : Folklore, Myths, Legends, folk- tradition etc</p> <p>Digital Archives , Films,</p>	<b>10</b>

	Assessment of Source Materials and Related Issues, Internal and External Criticism, Interpretation and generalization of sources.	
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To do:

Text of major historians-Book Review