

BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 024.

M.Phil. PROGRAMME (HISTORY)

Course Structure

Sem ester	Course	Title of the Paper	Marks			Exam Hours	Credit
			IA	UE	Total		
I	Course I	Research Methodology and Thesis writing	40	60	100	3	4
	Course II	Historiography	40	60	100	3	4
	Course III	Paper on Topic of Research (To be framed by the Guide) *	40	60	100	3	4
	Course IV	Teaching and Learning Skills (Common Paper)	40	60	100	3	4
II	Dissertation	Viva			200		8
		Dissertation					
		50 Marks	150 Marks				
		Total	150	450	600		24

Note: * For Course III the syllabus will be framed by the Guide and the Examination will be conducted by the Controller of Examinations, Bharathidasan University.

Marks

Maximum - 100 marks (passing minimum 50 marks)

External - 60 marks (Passing minimum 30 marks)

Internal - 40 marks (Internal Assessment as per M.Phil Regulations Vide-P.3)

Question Pattern

Written (University) Examination

5 Questions to be asked (5 x12 =60 Marks)

Essay type Questions with internal choice (Questions in either / or Model)

Choosing two questions from each unit.

Course I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND THESIS WRITING

UNIT-I - Meaning and Definition-Significance of Research-Scope of Research in History- Approaches-Types of Approaches in Research: Historical, Analytical and Scientific Approach-Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis.

UNIT -II - Philosophy of History – Phenomenology – Objectivity – Subjectivity – Causation in History.

UNIT-III - Historical Research: Essential Qualities-Objectives-Inductive and Deductive Methods- Formation of Hypothesis-Scientific Enquiry-Limitations of Historical Research-Choice of Research Topic-Criteria for selecting a Topic-Requisites for a Research Scholar.

UNIT-IV -Methods of Historical Research: Research Procedures-Collection of Evidences-Critical Evaluation of Sources-Presentation—Methods of Criticism –External Criticism-Internal Criticism-Assessment.

UNIT –V -Documentation - Footnotes - Bibliography - Tables and Charts - presentation: Basis of Generalisation-Ideas and Imagination as a principle of Presentation- Narrative and analytical presentation -Major Purposes of Documentation-Preparation of Thesis.

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Course –II HISTORIOGRAPHY

UNIT-I- Definition of History and Historiography-Nature and Scope of History- Uses and Abuses of History-Kinds of History-History and Allied disciplines.

UNIT –II- Evolution of the discipline of History: Greco-Roman History – Herodotus-Thucydides –Livy - Church Historiography - St. Augustine -Medieval Arab Historiography: Ibn Khaldun - Enlightenment Historiography – Voltaire – Hegel – Gibbon –Ranke .

UNIT –III- French Historiography: Annales and Mentalities – Mark Bloch- Fernand Braudel - British Marxist Historians – E.P. Thomson – Eric Hobsbawm -Evolution of Quantitative History in France and U.S.A. (Cliometrics – R.W. Fogel) – Prosopography – Impact of Modernism (Namier) – Structuralism (Claude Levi Straus) and Postmodernism (Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault).

UNIT -IV - Ancient Indian Historiographers: Bana, Kalhana – Medieval Indian Historiography: Alberuni, Barani – Foreign Indologists: James Mill,– Vincent Arthur Smith - Modern Indian Historians: K.P. Jayaswal, R.C. Dutt, J.N. Sarkar, D.D. Kosambi, R.S. Sharma - A.L. Basham -South Indian Historians: K.K. Pillai, K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, K. Rajayyan.

UNIT –V- British Imperialist Historiography- James Mill-V.A.Smith- Indian Nationalist Historiography- Cambridge Historiography- Subaltern Studies.

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