

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

Syllabi and Courses of Reading

PAPER : HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE PUNJAB FROM
THE EARLIEST TIMES TO 1849

Max. Marks	:	50
Theory	:	45
Internal Assessment	:	05
Time	:	3 Hours

Objectives : To introduce the students to the history of the Punjab region.

Pedagogy : Lectures, library work and discussions.

UNIT - I

1. Harappan Civilization: Extent and town planning and socio-economic life.
2. Life in Vedic Age: Socio-economic and religious.
3. Growth of Jainism and Buddhism in Punjab in the region.

UNIT - II

4. Society and Culture under Maurayas
5. Society and Culture under the Guptas
6. Cultural Reorientation: Main features of Bhakti; origin and development of Sufism

UNIT - III

7. Evolution of Sikhism: Teachings of Guru Nanak; Institutional Development - Manji, Masand, Sangat and Pangat.
8. Transformation of Sikhism: Martyrdom of Guru Arjun; martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur; impact.
9. Institution of Khalsa : New Baptism; significance

UNIT - IV

10. Changes in Society in 18th century : Social unrest; Emergence of Misls and Institutions-Rakhi, Gurmatta, Dal Khalsa.
11. Society and Culture of the people under Maharaja Ranjit Singh
12. MAP (of undivided physical geographical map of Punjab) : Major Historical Places : Harappa, Mohenjodaro, Sanghol, Ropar, Lahore, Amritsar, Kiratpur, Anandpur Sahib, Tarn Taran, Machhiwara, Goindwal, Khadur Sahib.