

# Syllabus for History Master's

## Section 1: Subject Knowledge

Please Note: A Total of 40 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

### Unit I: Ancient India

Archaeological sources, Indus/Harappa Civilization, Vedic Period, Mauryan Empire, Rise of Regional Powers, Heterodox Sects, Gupta Period.

### Unit II: Medieval India

Kingdoms in Deccan, South India, Eastern India, Western India, North India, Characteristics of Early Medieval India, Sufism, Bhakti Movement, Delhi Sultanate, Vijayanagara and the Bahmanis.

### Unit III: Modern India

Colonial Economy, Rise of British, Revolt of 1857, India under the British, Rise of Indian nationalism, Towards Independence and Partition.

### Unit IV: Rise of Europe

Renaissance, French Revolution, English Revolution.

### Unit V: Rise of Modern West

Industrialization and Capitalism, Liberal Democracy, American Revolution.

### Unit VI: Historical Method, Research, Methodology and Historiography

Scope and Importance, Objectivity and Bias in History, Recent Trends in Indian History, Beginnings of Historical Writings – Greek, Roman, and Church.

## Section 2: Fundamental Research Skills

Please Note: A Total of 31 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

1. Research Methodology
2. Reading and Writing
3. Qualitative analysis