Paper VI: History and Culture of Punjab (1799-1849)
Maharaja Ranjit Singh and the Sikh Empire
Course Code: DHCP6

Max. Marks: 100
External: 70
Internal: 30
Pass: 40%
Credits: 5

Course Objective:

This course has been developed with the following objectives:

1. To understand the rise and expansion of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's empire.
2. To examine the administrative structure and governance under Ranjit Singh.
3. To analyze the military organization and modernization of the Sikh army.
4. To study the diplomatic and political relations with the British.
5. To evaluate the role of successors and internal conflicts after Ranjit Singh's death.
6. To understand the causes and consequences of the Anglo-Sikh Wars and annexation of Punjab.

Course Outcomes:

After completing this course, learners will be able to:

CO1: Explain the rise and consolidation of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's empire.
CO2: Analyze the administrative and revenue systems of the Sikh Empire.
CO3: Understand the military organization and strength of Ranjit Singh's army.
CO4: Evaluate the relations between the Sikh Empire and the British.
CO5: Assess the role of successors and internal political struggles.
CO6: Examine the causes and impact of the Anglo-Sikh Wars and annexation of Punjab.

Instructions for the Paper Setter/ Examiner:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The Question Paper will have 70 MCQs with four options. Each question carries 1 mark.
3. Equal distribution of questions: 35 from Section A and 35 from Section B.
4. Clear instructions must be provided to candidates.
5. Duration: Two hours.

Instructions for the Students:

The question paper shall consist of 70 MCQs. All questions are compulsory, each carrying 1 mark. There will be no negative marking. Students must answer using OMR sheets.

Section-A

1. Sources for the Study of Ranjit Singh's Era
2. Early Conquests: Unification of Central Punjab
3. Expansion: Conquests of Attock, Multan, Kashmir, and Peshawar
4. Nature of Government: Centralized Authority and Secular Policy
5. Civil Administration: Ministers, Provinces, and Revenue System

Section-B

1. Military Organisation of Ranjit Singh's Army (Fauj-i-Khas)
2. Relations with the British (1800–1839)
3. Successors of Ranjit Singh and Court Factions
4. Role of Maharani Jinda and the Anglo-Sikh Wars (1845–49)
5. Annexation of Punjab (1849): Causes and Consequences

Suggested Readings:

- Fauja Singh (ed.), *A Short History of the Sikhs*, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1983.
- G.S. Chhabra, *The Advanced History of the Punjab, Vol. II*.
- Hari Ram Gupta, *History of the Sikhs, Vol. III: Maharaja Ranjit Singh*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1991.
- J.S. Grewal & Indu Banga, *Early Nineteenth Century Panjab,* Guru Nanak University, Amritsar, 1975.
- Jean-Marie Lafont, *Maharaja Ranjit Singh: Lord of the Five Rivers*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2002.
- Khushwant Singh, *A History of the Sikhs, Vol. II*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1991.
- Kirpal Singh, *Hardinge Papers Relating to Punjab*, Punjabi University, Patiala, 2002.
- Kirpal Singh, *The Historical Study of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Times*, National Book Shop, Delhi, 1994.
- L.M. Joshi, *A Short History of the Sikhs*, Publication Bureau, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1983.
- N.K Sinha, *Ranjit Singh*, Natraj Publishers, 2023