

B. A. I-History, Semester-II

Faculty	Humanities
Program	BA-History
Course	BA-I
Semester	II
Course Category	Open Elective
Course Name	Study of Select Forts
Course Number	OE-II
Course Code	BAU0325OEL213C
Course Credits	02
Marks	40
	Semester End: 40 + Internal Assessment: 10=Total Marks: 50

Study of Select Forts

Forts were administrative and defensive structures created during the entire history of India. Those worked as headquarters of the surrounding region, at the same time, useful as a shelter for the neighbouring people in the time of distress. With the foreign invasion during Medieval periods, the art of constructing stone-forts introduced to India. Hence, forts created during Medieval period are still standing, comparing to the Ancient ones. During the glorious period of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Maharashtra witnessed brisk fort-building activities, both on hills and in the sea. The study of these Medieval forts is the study of physical reflections of the concepts and thoughts of their creators.

In this semester, by studying some select forts; students would apply the knowledge they received in the first semester regarding the basic nature and components of forts.

Course Outcomes: Students would able to learn....

- CO 1 Location, major components, nature of some select forts in Maharashtra and their role in the historical development.
- CO 2 Architecture and administrative system of the select forts.

Note: Visit to any nearby fort and its report are mandatory for this semester.

MODULE 1. Forts in Maharashtra

(Teaching Hours -15, Credit-01)

- a) Hill Fort: Raigad
- b) Sea Fort: Sindhudurg
- c) Ground Fort: Naldurg

MODULE 2. Forts in India

(Teaching Hours -15, Credit-01)

- a) Red Fort, Agra
- b) Fort at Gwalior
- c) Fort at Gingie

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ACTIVITIES AND EXERCISES SUGGESTED FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT:

- Visit to nearby fort and report of the visit
- Any other exercise/activity approved by concerned teacher**