

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

M.A. History, Third Semester

Paper V (I.D.) – CULTURAL HISTORY OF INDIA (Inter Disciplinary)

(CORE)

This course will give an overview of the cultural developments in India from ancient to modern times. It will also focus on the various religious reform movements in India.

Module-I: An Introduction to Indian Culture – Culture through Ages – Features of Indian Culture – Growth and Development of Languages and Literature.

Module-II: Religion and Philosophy – Ancient India – Religious Reform Movements in 6th Century B.C. – Hindu and Islamic Religious Reform Movements in Medieval India – Emergence of Composite Culture – Religious Reform Movements in Modern India.

Module-III: Indian Painting – Performing Arts - Music – Dance – Drama – Indian Architecture – Ancient – Medieval – Modern India.

Module-IV: Development of Science & Technology – Ancient – Medieval – Modern India.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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