

**CORE- IV: SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS
OF THE MEDIEVAL WORLD**

Unit-I: Roman Republic: Polity and Empire in ancient Rome: Agrarian economy, urbanization, trade.

Unit-II: Religion and culture in ancient Rome; Crises of the Roman Empire- Rise and fall of Julius Caesar

Unit-III: Economic developments in Europe from 7th to 14th centuries:

[1] Organization of production, towns and trade,

[2] Technological developments.

[3] Feudalism- Origin, growth and decline

Unit-IV: Religion and culture in medieval Europe: Medieval Church, Monastic Communities, and Papacy

Unit-V: Societies in Central Islamic Lands:

[1] The tribal background, *ummah*, Caliphate state; rise of Sultanates

[2] Religious developments: the origins of shariah, Sufism

[3] Urbanization and trade

Reading List:

Perry Anderson, Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism.

Marc Bloch, Feudal Society, 2 Vols.

Cambridge History of Islam, 2 Vols.

Georges Duby, The Early Growth of the European Economy.

Fontana, Economic History of Europe, Vol. I (relevant chapters).

P. K. Hitti, History of the Arabs.

P. Garnsey and Saller, The Roman Empire.

SUGGESTED READINGS

S. Ameer Ali, The Spirit of Islam.

J. Barrowclough, The Medieval Papacy.

Encyclopedia of Islam, 1st ed., 4 vols.

M. G. S. Hodgson, The Venture of Islam.