

Detailed Syllabus
Core Courses-14
B.A Honors and Integrated, History

Sem. I.

PAPER I: HISTORY OF INDIA- I

Unit. I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History

- [a] An outline of Ancient Indian History
- [b] Early Indian Notions of History
- [c] Prominent Sources for Ancient Indian History
- [d] Historical interpretations with special reference to Gender, Environment, Technology and Regions

Unit. II. Pre-historic India

- [a] Paleolithic cultures- sequence and distribution; stone industries and other technological developments.
- [b] Mesolithic cultures- regional and chronological distribution; new developments in technology and economy; rock art.
- [c] Understanding the regional and chronological distribution of the Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures: subsistence, and patterns of exchange

Unit. III. The Harappan civilization

- [a] Origins and Extent
- [b] Main features with special reference to settlement patterns and town planning;
- [c] Agrarian base; craft productions and trade; social and political organization; religious beliefs and practices; art
- [d] Decline-Debate, post-Harappan traditions.

Unit. IV. Cultures in Transition

- [a] North India (circa 1500 BCE-300 BCE)
- [b] The Aryan Problem
- [c] Changes from Early to Later Vedic Period
- [d] Emergence of Territorial States: The *Mahajanapadas* with special reference to Magadha.
- [e] Religion and Philosophy: Jainism and Buddhism

Unit. V. Tutorial-I

- [a] A brief appraisal of major archaeological sites and their identification on map
- [b] Museum visit for epigraphic and numismatic evidence of Ancient India.

Unit. VI. Tutorial -II

- [a] Reading and report writing on literary sources with special reference to
 - (i) Arthashastra of Kautilya
 - (ii) Indica of Megasthenes

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ESSENTIAL READINGS

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