

Syllabus for Cluster University Srinagar

History UG (semester-I) session 2017 onward

Core Paper-I (ANCIENT INDIA/ANCIENT KASHMIR)

UNIT-I (Pre and Proto History)

- a). Sources
 - i. Archaeological Sources: Epigraphy and Numismatics
 - ii. Literary Sources: Religious, Secular and Foreign Accounts
- b. Pre and Proto History: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures: Features.
- c. Harappan Civilization: Emergence, Features, Decline-Debate.

UNIT-II (From Vedic to Mauryas)

- a) Vedic Age
 - i. Early Vedic Age: Polity, Society.
 - ii. Later-Vedic Age: Changes and Continuities in Polity and Society.
- b). Second Urbanization: Causes.
- c). *Janapadas*, *Mahajanapadas* and the Rise of Magadh.
- d). Mauryas: Empire Building, Administration, Architecture; Decline of the Mauryan Empire -Debate.

UNIT-III (Post-Mauryas up to Harsha)

- a). India between B.C 200- CE 300: Indo-Greeks, Sakas, Pallavas, Kushanas: Impact on the Society, Economy and Culture.
- b). Sangam Age: Society and Culture.
- c). Gupta: Polity, Administration and Decline.
- d). Harshavardhana: Administration.

UNIT-IV (Ancient Kashmir)

- a). Pre-historic Kashmir: Paleolithic and Neolithic Cultures: Features.
- b). Kashmir's Contacts with the Neighboring World and the cultural changes up to 5th century CE.
- c). Karkotas: Empire Building and Architecture.
- d). Utpalas: Economy and Architecture with special reference to Avantivarman.
- e). Loharas: A brief account of Lohara Rulers.
- f). Education: Kashmir as a seat of Learning and Literature.

Unit -V (Tutorial I)

Analysing sources of Ancient India:

- a). A brief appraisal of major archaeological sites and their identification on map.
- b). Observing ancient Epigraphic & Numismatic evidence through Museum visits.

Unit -VI (Tutorial II)

Analysing sources of Ancient Kashmir:



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- a). Archaeological: identification of & reporting on ancient archeological sites through field visits.
- b). Numismatic/Epigraphic: Visit to museums to identify relevant coins & reporting.
- c). Literary: Rajatarangini; A review.

Suggested Readings:

- Agrawal, D.P. and Chakrabarti, D.K. 1979, Essays in Indian Proto-history, New Delhi: B.R. Publishing Corporation.
- Allchin, F.R.A. and Allchin, B. 1995, The Origins of a Civilization. Delhi: Viking.
- Singh, Upinder. 2009. A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India from the stone age to the 12th century. Delhi: Pearson Longman.
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