

Allahabad State University Allahabad
Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology

Course Structure

B.A. 1st Year

Paper	Course Title	Max Marks
First	Political History of India (From B.C. 600-A.D. 606)	100
Second	Ancient World Civilization and Culture	100

B.A. IInd Year

Paper	Course Title	Max Marks
First	Political History of India (From A.D. 606-A.D. 1206)	100
Second	Elements of Indian Archaeology	100

B.A. IIIrd Year

Paper	Course Title	Max Marks
First	Political History of South India (From A.D. 600-A.D. 1320)	100
Second	Socio-Economic and Religious Life in Ancient India	100
Third	Outline of Medieval and Modern History of India	100

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Syllabus

B.A. Part-I

Paper I: Political History of India (600 B.C. – A.D. 606)

Unit –I

1. Sources of Ancient Indian History
2. Political Condition of Northern India during 6th century B.C.
 - a) Sixteen Mahajanapadas
 - b) Ten Republics
3. Persian and Alexander's Invasion on India and its Impact
4. Rise of Magadhan Empire
 - a) Haryanka dynasty: Bimbisara, Ajatshatru and his successors
 - b) Saisunaga dynasty
 - c) Nanda dynasty

Unit-II

1. The Mauryas (Origin, Early Life and Conquests of Chandragupta Maurya, Bindusara, Ashoka, conquests, Extent of empire, Dhamma Policy, Successors and cause of Downfall)
2. The Sungas, the Kanvas

Unit-III

1. King Kharvela of Kalinga
2. The Indo-Greeks
3. History of Satvahanas, Western Shakas: Kshatrapas
4. The Kushanas: Kuzul and Vima Kadphysis, Kanishka I

Unit-IV

1. The Guptas: Chandragupta I, Samudragupta, Historicity of Ramagupta, Chandragupta II, Kumargupta I, Skandagupta, Successors and Cause of Downfall
2. Brief History of the following:
 - a) The Vakatakas
 - b) The Maukharis
 - c) The Later Guptas
3. Huna invasions on India

Books Recommended :

Antonyova, K.	:	
Bongard-Jevin, G	:	
& Kotovasky, G.	:	<i>A History of India</i>
Basak, R.G.	:	<i>History of North Eastern India</i>
Chattopadhyay, S	:	<i>Early History of Northern India</i>
Gupta, P.I.	:	<i>गुप्त साम्राज्य</i>
Jha, D.N.	:	<i>Ancient India</i>
Jha, D.N. and Shrimali, K.M.	:	<i>प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास</i>
Kulke, H. and Rothermund, D	:	<i>A History of India</i>
Majumdar, R.C & others	:	<i>The Age of Imperial Unity</i>
Raychaudhuri, H.C.	:	<i>Political History of Ancient India</i>
Roy, U.N.	:	<i>गुप्त सम्राट और उनका काल</i>
Thapar, Romila	:	<i>A History of India</i>
	:	<i>Early India from the Origins to AD 1300</i>
Sharma, R.S.	:	<i>प्रारम्भिक भारत का परिचय</i>
Srivastava, K.C.	:	<i>प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास, भाग-1</i>
Yazdani, G. (Ed.)	:	<i>Early History of the Deccan</i> (Hindi Version : <i>दकन का प्राचीन इतिहास</i>)

Paper II: Ancient World Civilization and Culture

Unit I

1. Indus Civilization: Origin, Extent and its salient features.
2. Vedic Civilization: Literature, Society, Religion and Economy
3. Culture of the Sangam Age

Unit-II

1. Egyptian Civilization: Religion, Art and Society
2. Mesopotamian Civilizations: Sumerian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Chaldean

Unit-III

1. Greek Civilizations: Homeric Age, Periclean Age
2. Salient features of Hellenistic Civilization

Unit-IV

1. Roman Civilization: Law, Religion and Art
2. Ancient Civilization of Iran
 - i. Sassanian
 - ii. Parthian *Iranian*
 - iii. Zoroaster
3. Ancient Civilization of China: Chou and Chin Periods - Cultural Achievements.
Confucius

Books Recommended :

Burns, E.M. et al.	:	<i>World Civilizations, vol. A</i>
Breasted, J.H.	:	<i>The Conquest of Civilization</i>
Bury, J.B.	:	<i>A History of Greece</i>
Cary, M. & Scullard, H.H.	:	<i>A History of Rome down to the Reign of</i> <i>Constantine</i>
Durant, Will	:	<i>Caesar and Christ</i>

	:	<i>Our Oriental Heritage</i>
Chirshman, R.	:	<i>Iran</i>
Goyal, Sriram	:	<i>प्राचीन विश्व की सभ्यताएँ</i>
Grant, M. & Kitzinger, R. (eds)	:	<i>Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean : Greece and Rome</i>
Latourette, K.S.	:	<i>Chinese, Their History and Culture</i>
Lucas, H.S.	:	<i>A Short History of Civilization</i>
Maspero, G.C.C.	:	<i>Manual of Egyptian Archaeology</i>
Pandey, R.N.	:	<i>प्राचीन विश्व की सभ्यताएँ</i>
Roy, U.N.	:	<i>विश्व, सभ्यता का इतिहास</i>
Swain, J.F.	:	<i>A History of World Civilization</i>
Earn, W.W. & Griffith, G.L.	:	<i>Hellenistic Civilisation, 3rd ed.</i>
Hiwari, G.S.	:	<i>विश्व सभ्यता का वैज्ञानिक इतिहास</i>

B.A. Part-II

Paper I: Political History of India (A.D. 600 – A.D. 1206)

Unit –I

1. Pushyabhuti dynasty: Prabhakarvardhana, Rajyavardhana II
2. Contemporary powers: Shashank, Bhaskarvarman and Harshvardhana
3. Yashovarman of Kannauj

Unit II

1. Origin of Rajputas
2. The Gurjara Pratiharas – Origin and their homeland, Nagabhatta I, Vatsaraja, Nagabhatta II, Mihirbhoja
3. The Palas – Dharmapala and Devapala
4. The Senas – Origin and Early History, Vijaysena, Lakshmansena

Unit III

1. Chandellas – Yashovarman, Dhanga and Vidyadhara

2. The Parmaras (Munja, Bhoja)
3. The Chalmanas (Arnoraja, Vighararaja IV, Prithviraja III)
4. The Gahadwalas (Govindachandra, Jayachandra)

Unit IV

1. The Kalchuris (Gangeyadeva, Lakshmikarna)
2. The Western Chalukyas (Jayasimha, Siddharaja, Bhima II)
3. Muslim Invasions:
 - a) Arab Invasion on Sindh
 - b) Excursions of Mahmud of Ghazni
 - c) Invasion of Mohammad Gauri
 - d) Causes of the defeat of the Rajputas

Books Recommended :

Antonova, K. Bongard-Levin, G	:	<i>A History of India</i>
Basak, R.G.	:	<i>History of North Eastern India</i>
Chatterjee, G.S.	:	<i>हर्षवर्धन</i>
Devahuti, D.	:	<i>Harsha – A Political Study</i>
Dubey, H.N.	:	<i>दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास</i>
Majumdar, R.C. (Ed)	:	<i>Age of Imperial Kannauj</i>
	:	<i>Struggle for Empire.</i>

Paper II: Elements of Indian Archaeology

Unit –I

1. Salient features of Pre and Proto History
 - a) Stone Age Cultures: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic
 - b) Chalcolithic Cultures of India

Unit II

1. Field Archaeology
 - a) Archaeology and its relations with other sciences
 - b) Development of Archaeology in India
 - c) Methods of locating ancient sites
 - d) Types and methods of Excavation
 - e) Results of the excavations at:
 - i. Hastinapur
 - ii. Lothal
 - iii. Jhansi
 - iv. Sanchankot
 - v. Ahar

Unit III

1. Epigraphy and Palaeography
 - a) Origin and antiquity of writing in India
 - b) Writing materials in Ancient India
 - c) Inscriptions as a source of Ancient Indian History
 - d) Salient features of Brahmi script

Unit IV

1. Numismatics
 - a) Origin and antiquity of coinage in India
 - b) Authority for issuing coins in Ancient India
 - c) Techniques of manufacture of coins in Ancient India

d) Coins as a Source of Ancient Indian History

Books Recommended :

- Agrawal, D.P. : *Archaeology of India*
- Agrawal, D.P. & Kharkwal J.S. : *South Asian Pre-History*
- Allchin, B. and F.R. : *The Rise of Civilizations in India and Pakistan*
- Bhattacharya, D.K. : *An Outline of Indian Archaeology*
- Chakraborty, D.K. : *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology* ; *The Archaeological Foundations of Ancient India.*
- : *India – An Archaeological History - Palaeolithic, beginnings to early historical formations*
- Dhavalikar, M.K. : *Historical Archaeology of India*
- Fairservis, W.A., Jr. : *Roots of Ancient India*
- Ghosh, A.(ed.) : *Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology, 2 vols*
- Habib, Irfan : *Prehistoric India*
- : *Indus Civilization*
- Misra, V.D. and Pal, J.N. : *Indian Prehistory : 1980*
- Pal, J.N. : *Archaeology of Southern Uttar Pradesh*
- Pandey, J.N. : *पुरातत्व विमर्श*
- : *सिन्धु सभ्यता*
- Possehl, G.L. : *Indus Age ; The Beginnings*
- Sankalia, H.D. : *Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan*
- Sharma, G.R. : *भारतीय संस्कृति का पुरातात्विक आधार*
- Tripathi, Vibha : *Age of Iron in South Asia*
- Uppiyal, K.K. : *सिन्धु सभ्यता*
- Varma, R.K. : *भारतीय प्रागैतिहासिक संस्कृतियाँ*
- : *पुरातत्व अनुशीलन भाग – I, II*
- : *Bharat ki Prastar Yugin Sanskritiyan*
- Wheeler, R.I. M. : *The Indus Civilization, 3rd Edition*

B.A. Part III

Paper I: Political History of South India (600A.D.)

Unit –I

1. Origin of Chalukyas and their early history
2. Chalukyas of Vatapi: Pulkeshin II, Vikramaditya I, Vikramaditya II
3. Rashtrakutas of Manyakheta: Origin of Rashtrakutas, Dantidurga, Dhruv, Govind III, Amoghvarsha, Indra III

Unit II

1. Pallavas of Kanchi: Origin of the Pallavas
2. Mahendravarman I, Narsinghvarman I, Narsinghvarman II, Parmeshwarvarman I, Chalukya-Pallava Struggle
3. The Cholas: Early History, Rajaraja I, Rajendra I, Rajadhiraj, Kulotunga I

Unit III

1. A brief History of Chalukyas of Kalyani (Western Chalukyas)
2. A brief history of Chalukyas of Vengi (Eastern Chalukyas)
3. A brief history of Kak^aliyas of Warangal

Unit IV

1. A brief history of each dynasty: Yadavas of Devagiri, Hoysalas of Dwarasamudra
2. First Pandya Empire
3. Second Pandya Empire

Books Recommended :

Jha, D. N. & Shrimali, K. M. : *Prachin Bharat Ka Itihasa*

Majumdar, R. C. and Others : *The Vakataka-Gupta Age*

Mirashi V.V : *Vakataka Rajavansha Aur Usaka Yuga*

Yazdani, G. (Ed.) : *Early History of the Deccan*
(Hindi Version : *दकन का प्राचीन इतिहास*)

Chatterjee, G.S. : *हर्षवर्धन*

Devahuti, D. : *Harsha -- A Political Study*

Dubey, H.N. : *दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास*

Majumdar, R.C. (Ed) : *Age of Imperial Kanauj*

: *Struggle for Empire.*

Paper II: Socio-Economic and Religious Life in Ancient India

Unit –I

1. General Survey of the origin and development of Varna and Jati
2. Scheme of Ashramas
3. Purusharthas
4. Sanskar
5. Marriage

Unit II

1. Position of Women
2. Education System in Ancient India
3. Slavery in Ancient India

Unit III

1. Agriculture with special reference to Vedic Age
2. Ownership of Land
3. Guild Organization
4. Trade and Commerce with special reference to the 6th century B.C. , Saka-Satvahana period and Gupta period

Unit IV

1. Vedic Religion
2. Buddhism and Jainism
3. Shaivism
4. Vaishnavism

Books Recommended :

- Basham, A.L. : *The Wonder That Was India*
(Hindi Version : *अद्भुत भारत*)
- Bhattacharya, H.(ed) : *The Cultural Heritage of India* (Rama
Krishna Mission : All Vols)
- Chandra, Bipin et al : *India's Struggle for Independence*
- Dev Raj, N.K. : *भारतीय संस्कृति*

Dubey, H.N.	:	भारतीय संस्कृति
Gordon, L.A. & Miller, B.S.	:	<i>A Syllabus of Indian Civilization</i>
Luniya, B.N.	:	<i>Evolution of Indian Culture</i>
Michaels, Alex	:	<i>Hinduism</i>
Mishra, G.S.P.	:	प्राचीन भारतीय समाज एवं अर्थव्यवस्था
Misra, Jai Shanker	:	प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास
Pande, G.C.	:	<i>The Meaning and Process of Culture;</i> <i>Foundations of Indian Culture 2 Vols.</i>
	:	शंकराचार्य - विचार और सन्दर्भ
	:	वैदिक संस्कृति
	:	भारतीय संस्कृति (with Sushmita Pande)
Srivastava, K.C.	:	भारत की संस्कृति
Yadava, B.N. S.	:	<i>Society and Culture in Northern India in the</i> <i>Twelfth Century A.D</i>

Paper III: Outline of Medieval and Modern History of India

Unit-I

1. Delhi Sultanate: Slave dynasty, Kutubuddin Aibak, Razia and Balban
2. Khilji Dynasty: Alauddin Khilji and Jalaluddin Khilji
3. Tughlak Dynasty: Muhammad Bin Tughlak, Firoz Tughlak

Unit II

1. Lodi Dynasty: Ibrahim Lodi and Sikandar Lodi
2. Mughal Dynasty: Babar, Humayun, Akabar, Jahangir and Shahjahan
3. Aurangzeb and causes of downfall of Mughal Dynasty

Unit III

1. Establishment of East India Company in India
2. Social Reformers of the Modern India: Rajaram Mohan Rai, Dayanand Saraswati, Keshavachand, Jotibarao Phule, Acharya Narendradeva

Unit III

1. Freedom Struggle Movement
2. Mahatma Gandhi, Non-cooperation Movement, Chauri-Chaura Kand, Salt (Namak) Movement
3. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Contribution in Freedom Struggle and Foreign Policy
4. Partition of India and Pakistan

Books Recommended :

1. M. Habib and K.A. Nizami : A Comprehensive History of India. Vol. V.
2. M. Habib and K.A. Nizami : दिल्ली सल्तनत
3. Peter Jackson : Delhi Sultanate – A Political and Military
4. A.B. Pandey : Early Medieval India
5. A. B. Pandey : पूर्व मध्यकालीन भारत का इतिहास
6. Satish Chandra : From Sultanate to Mughal (Delhi, 1999)

7. Satish Chandra : सल्तनत से मुगल ।
8. Christopher Bayly : Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire.
9. Ramkrishna Mukherji : The Rise and Fall of the East India Company.
10. R.C. Majumdar, H.C. Raychoudhury & Kalikinkar Datta : An Advance History of India
(हिन्दी अनुवाद - आर०सी० मजूमदार, एच०सी० रायचौधुरी व कालीकिंकर दत्त . भारत का वृहत् इतिहास)
11. S.C. Sarkar & K.K. Datta: Modern India History, Vol. II (हिन्दी अनुवाद-एस०सी० सरकार व के०के० दत्त आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास)
12. Edward Thompson & G.T. Garatt : Rise and Fulfilment of British Rule in India.
13. T.G.P Spear : The Oxford History of Modern India.
14. G.S. Sardesai : New History of The Marathas. & A.R. Desai : Social Background of Indian Nationalism (हिन्दी अनुवाद - ए०आर० देसाई : भारतीय राष्ट्रवाद की सामाजिक पृष्ठभूमि)
15. राम लखन शुक्ल- आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास ।
16. सत्येंद्र संयः भारत में उग्रनिवेशवाद और राष्ट्रवाद ।
17. G.N. Singh : Landmarks in the Constitutional and National Development of India (हिन्दी अनुवाद - गुरुमुख निहाल सिंह - भारत का संवैधानिक और राष्ट्रीय विकास ।)
18. S.C. Sarkar : The Bengal Renaissance (हिन्दी अनुवाद एस०सी० सरकार : बंगाल का नवजागरण ।