

SYLLABUS

B.A.
Part I, II & III

(Revised 2011)



**Department of Ancient History,
Culture and Archaeology**

COURSE STRUCTURE

B.A. -I

Paper I	: Early Cultures and Civilization of India	75 Marks
Paper II	: History of India up to the Guptas (C.600 B.C. – C. 600 A.D.)	75 Marks

		Total : 150 Marks

B.A. -II

Paper I	: Outline of Ancient World Civilization	75 Marks
Paper II	: History of Ancient India (C.600 AD – C. 1200 AD)	75 Marks

		Total : 150 Marks

B.A. -III

Paper I	: Indian Culture	75 Marks
Paper II	: Concept and Currents in History	75 Marks
Paper III	: Ancient Indian Art and Architecture	75 Marks

		Total : 225 Marks

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B.A. Part -I

Paper -I	Early Cultures and Civilizations of India
Unit -I	: Definition of Archaeology and relation with other disciplines; Palaeolithic Cultures : Salient features, Geographical distribution, Belan Valley, Son Valley
Unit-II	: Mesolithic Cultures: Salient features, Geographical distribution – Vindhya, Ganga Plains, Neolithic Cultures: Salient features, Geographical distribution –South India, Vindhya and Ganga Plains
Unit-III	: Harappan Civilization : Origin and extent, salient features, chronology and decline
Unit-IV	: Chalcolithic Cultures- (a) Central India and Deccan: Kayatha Culture, Ahar Culture, Jorwe Culture (b) Copper-Hoards and Ochre Colour Pottery (OCP)
Unit-V	: (a) Iron Age : Antiquity of Iron ; (b) PGW and NBPW Cultures (c) Sites: Atranjikhhera, Hastinapur, Kausambi, Taxilla, Arikamedu

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, Yibha : *Age of Iron in South Asia*

Thaplyal, K.K. : *सिन्धु सभ्यता*

Varma, R.K. : *भारतीय प्रागैतिहासिक संस्कृतियों*

: *पुरातत्व अनुशीलन भाग – I, II*

: *The Indus Civilization, 3rd edition*

Wheeler, R.E.M.

: *The Indus Civilization, 3rd edition*

B.A. Part – I

Paper-II : History of India upto the Kushanas (C. 600 B.C. – C. 319 A.D.)

Unit –I : Sources : Literary
Indian and Foreign sources
Epigraphic
Numismatic
Archaeological sources

Unit-II : Early State Formation
The Mahajanapadas ; Rise of Magadha from Bimbisara to Mahapadma Nanda, Persian Invasion, Alexander's Invasion, bases and features of monarchical states; Nature of Republics

Unit-III : Mauryan Empire and its Decline
Magadhan Expansion in the time of Chandragupta Maurya – administration, society and economy in the Mauryan Period;
Asoka and his Dhamma;
Decline of the Mauryan Empire.

Unit-IV : Political Fragmentation C. 200 BC – AD 300
Early History of Sungas and Satavahanas-
Achievements of Pushyamitra Sunga and Gautamiputra Satkarni
Saka-Satavahana Struggle, Decline of Satavahana dynasty

Unit-V : Foreign Invasions and Dynasties : Indo-Greeks, Sakas, Pahlavas, and Kusanas : Kaniska -I : date and achievements

Books Recommended :

- Antonova, K,
Bongard-Levin, G
& Kotovasky, G. : *A History of India*
Basak, R.G. : *History of North Eastern India*
Chattopadhyay, S : *Early History of Northern India*
Jha, D.N. : *Ancient India*
Jha, D.N. and Shrimali, K.M. : *प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास*
Kulke, H. and Rothermund, D : *A History of India*
Majumdar, R.C & others : *The Age of Imperial Unity*
Raychaudhuri, H.C. : *Political History of Ancient India*
Thapar, Romila : *A History of India*
: *Early India from the Origins to AD 1300*
Sharma, R.S. : *प्रारम्भिक भारत का परिचय*
Srivastava, K.C. : *प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास, भाग-1*
Yazdani, G. (Ed.) : *Early History of the Deccan*
(Hindi Version : *दकन का प्राचीन इतिहास*)

B.A. Part -II

Paper-I : Outline of Ancient World Civilizations

- Unit -I** : Earliest Civilizations-I
Egyptian Civilization: Political development under the Pharaohs; Egyptian Religion, Art and Intellectual Achievements
- Unit-II** : Earliest Civilizations-II:
Mesopotamian Civilizations: Salient features
Sumerian Civilization
Babylonian Civilization
Assyrian Civilization
Chaldean Civilization
- Unit-III** : Greek Civilization
Homeric Age
Periclean Age : Contribution of Pericles
Salient features of Hellenic and Hellenistic Civilizations
- Unit-IV** : Roman Civilization
Julius Caesar and Augustus – Their contributions
Roman Culture : Law, Art, Literature, Religion and Science; Roman Legacy
Development of Christianity under Roman Empire.
- Unit-V** : Ancient Palestine, Iran and China :
Achaemenid Empire; Zarathustra and his reforms
Parthian Civilization, Sassanian Civilization
Chou and Chin Periods : Cultural Achievements
Confucius & Lao-Tzu

Books Recommended :

- Burns, E.M. et al. : *World Civilizations*, vol. A
 Breasted, J.H. : *The Conquest of Civilization*
 Bury, J.B. : *A History of Greece*
 Cary, M. & Scullard, H.H. : *A History of Rome down to the Reign of Constantine*
 Durant, Will : *Caesar and Christ*
 : *Our Oriental Heritage*
 Ghirshman, R. : *Iran*
 Goyal, Sriram : *प्राचीन विश्व की सभ्यताएँ*
 Grant, M. & Kitzinger, R. (eds) : *Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean : Greece and Rome*
 Latourette, K.S. : *Chinese, Their History and Culture*
 Lucas, H.S. : *A Short History of Civilization*
 Maspero, G.C.C. : *Manual of Egyptian Archaeology*
 Pandey, R.N. : *प्राचीन विश्व की सभ्यताएँ*
 Roy, U.N. : *विश्व सभ्यता का इतिहास*
 Swain, J.E. : *A History of World Civilization*
 Tarn, W.W. & Griffith, G.T. : *Hellenistic Civilisation*, 3rd ed.
 Tiwari, G.S. : *विश्व सभ्यता का वैज्ञानिक इतिहास*

B.A. Part -II**Paper -II : History of Ancient India (C 319 AD to 1200 AD)**

- Unit -I** : Gupta Dynasty
 : Gupta Rulers their achievements: Chandragupta-I, Samudragupta, Chandragupta-II, Kumargupta I, Skandagupta and the Huna invasion, Decline of the Guptas

- Unit-II** : Vakataka-Gupta Relation, Huna invasion, Maukharis, Later Guptas

- Unit -III** : Harsha Career and achievements, relation with contemporary rulers, (Harsha's relationship with Pulakesin -II), visit of Hiuen Tsang

- Unit -IV** : Gurjara-Pratihara, Pala, Rastrakuta Political History of Gurjara Pratihara, Pala and Rastrakuta, Tripartite struggle, Cultural Achievements

- Unit-V** : Pallava Dynasty Political and Cultural Achievements of Pallavas Chalukya Dynasty Political and Cultural Achievements of Chalukyas of Vatapi, Vengi and Kalyani Chola Dynasty Political History, Administration, relations with contemporary powers, Cultural achievements

Books Recommended :

- Gupta, P.L. : *गुप्त साम्राज्य*
 Majumdar, R.C. & Altekar A.S. : *The Vakataka-Gupta Age*
 Majumdar, R.C. & others : *The Classical Age*
 : *वाकाटक राजवंश और उसका युग*
 Roy, U.N. : *गुप्त सम्राट और उनका काल*
 Antonova, K. Bongard-Levin, G : *A History of India*
 Basak, R.G. : *History of North Eastern India*
 Chatterjee, G.S. : *हर्षवर्धन*
 Devahuti, D. : *Harsha - A Political Study*
 Dubey, H.N. : *दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास*
 Majumdar, R.C. (Ed) : *Age of Imperial Kannauj*
 : *Struggle for Empire.*

B.A. Part -III

Paper -I : Indian Culture

- Unit-I :** Foundation of Indian Culture
Sources of Study
Definition and Characteristics
Harappan Civilization
Vedic Culture
- Unit-II :** Main Features of Ancient Indian Society
Varnasrama System
Ancient Indian Education System, Taxila, Nalanda and
Vikramashila
Position of Women
Guilds and their roles
- Unit-III :** Ancient Indian Religions
Saivism
Vaisnavism
Jainism
Buddhism
- Unit -IV :** Socio-Spiritual Streams
Sankaracharya
Bhakti Movement
Interaction between Islam and Indian Society with
special reference to impact on Indian society.
- Unit-V :** Social and Religious Movements in Nineteenth Century
India

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. : *A Syllabus of Indian Civilization*
- Luniya, B.N. : *Evolution of Indian Culture*
- Michaels, Alex : *Hinduism*
- Mishra, G.S.P. : प्राचीन भारतीय समाज एवं अर्थव्यवस्था
- Misra, Jai Shankar : प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास
- Pande, G.C. : *The Meaning and Process of Culture;*
Foundations of Indian Culture 2 Vols.
: शंकराचार्य : विचार और सन्दर्भ
: वैदिक संस्कृति
: भारतीय संस्कृति (with Sushmita Pande)
- Pandey, J.N. : सिन्धु सभ्यता
- Srivastava, K.C. : भारत की संस्कृति
- Yadava, B.N.S. : *Society and Culture in Northern India in
the Twelfth Century A.D.*

B.A. Part -III

Paper -II : Concepts and Currents in History

- Unit -I** : Nature and characteristics of history, objectivity and subjectivity in history, causation in history, history is science or art.
- Unit-II** : Introduction to approaches of history - Oriental, (Colonial), Nationalist, Marxist
- Unit-III** : Philosophy of history with special reference to Hegel, Ranke, Karl Marx, Spengler, Toyanbee
- Unit-IV** : Nationalism : Germany, Italy, India
- Unit-V** : Imperialism and colonialism : World War-II and Revolutions - Russian and Chinese

Books Recommended :

- Ali, B. Sheikh : *History : Its Theory and Method.*
Macmillan India Ltd.
- Buddhaprakash : *इतिहास दर्शन*
- Burns, E.M. & others : *World Civilization* vol. A
- Carr, E.H. : *What is History*, London
Macmillan

- Chaubey, Jharkhand : *इतिहास दर्शन*
- Collingwood, R.G. : *The Idea of History*, Oxford.
Oxford University Press.
- Evans, J. Richard : *In Defence of History.*
London : Granta Books
- Guha Ranjit (ed.) : *Subaltern Studies*, Vol. I-IV:
Oxford University Press, Delhi
- Hezen : *Europe Since 1815*
- Jenkins, Keith : *Re-thinking History*
- Kaushik, K.B. : *इतिहास दर्शन*
- Majumdar, R.K. & Srivastava, A.N. : *Historiography*
- Marwick, Arthur : *The New Nature of History*
- Pathak, V.S. : *Ancient Indian Historians*, London
: Asia Publishing House
- Pandey, G.C. : *इतिहास : स्वरूप एवं सिद्धान्त*
- Rai, S.K. & S. Shekhar : *आधुनिक विश्व : एक अध्ययन*
- Sreedharan, E. : *A Textbook of Historiography.*
500 BC to AD 2000 (Orient
Longman, Hyderabad)
- Thomson, David : *Europe Since Napoleon*
- Toynbee, Arnold Joseph : *A Study of History*. 2 Vols.
- Verma, Devaki Nandan : *यूरोप का इतिहास*
- Verma, L.B. : *इतिहास के बारे में*
- Walsh, E. : *Philosophy of History*
- Webster, John C.B. : *An Introduction to History*

B.A. Part -III

Paper -III : Ancient Indian Art and Architecture

- Unit-I** : Beginnings of Indian Art
Characteristic Features of Ancient Indian Art
Pre-historic Art
Harappan Art & Architecture
- Unit-II** : Mauryan, Sunga and Kusana Art :
Asokan Pillars, Capital Figures, Folk Art
Stupa : Bharhut, Sanchi, Amrawati
Rock-cut Cave Architecture (Chaitya/Vihara)-Karle,
Bhaja
Kusana Art : Evolution of Buddha Images Mathura Style
Gandhara Style
- Unit-III** : Gupta Art : Essential features
Beginning of temple Architecture-Bhitargaon temple,
Deogarh temple
Ancient Indian Paintings with special reference to Ajanta
Temple architectural styles : Nagara, Dravid, Besara
- Unit-IV** : Art & Architecture under :
Chalukyas : Aihole, Pattadakal
Chandela : Khajuraho temples
Orissan Temples : Lingaraja and Konark
- Unit-V** : Art & Architecture under :
Rashtrakutas : Kailash Temple of Elora
Pallavas : Rathas of Mahabalipuram
Cholas : Brihadishwara Temple of Tanjavur

Books Recommended :

- Agrawal, V.S. : भारतीय कला
Bajpayee, K.D. : प्राचीन भारतीय वास्तुकला
Coomaraswamy, A.K. : History of Indian and Indonesian Art
Dahejia, Vidya : Indian Art
Gupta, R.S. : Hindu, Buddhist and Jaina Iconography
Harle, J.C. : The Art and Architecture of the Indian
Subcontinent
Kramrisch, Stella : The Art of India
: The Hindu Temple, 2 vols.
Krishna Deva : Temples of North India
Mishra, I. : भारतीय मूर्ति विज्ञान
Pandey, J.N. : प्राचीन भारतीय कला
Rowland, B. : The Art and Architecture of India
Roy, U.N. : भारतीय कला
Srivastava, K.C. : कला तथा पुरातत्व
Tomori : A History of Fine Arts in India and the
West.
Upadhyay, B.S. : भारतीय कला का इतिहास
Zimmer, H. : The Art of Indian Asia, 2 vol