

B. A. HISTORY
I Year B. A. Programme (UG) Courses – Under CBCS
SEMESTER – I
Paper – I (Core Paper)

ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY & CULTURE (from earliest times to 600 A.D)

(Indian History and Culture from Earliest Times to 647 A.D)

Unit – I	Survey of Sources: Literary & Archaeological Sources; Influence of Geography on History; Unity in Diversity; Traces of Stone Age Cultures (Circa 3,50,000 B. C to 3,000 B. C); Indus Valley Civilization (Circa 3000 B. C to 1,500 B. C): Origin, Extent, Salient Features.
Unit – II	Vedic Age & Religious Reform Movements (Circa 1500 B. C to 600 B. C): Society, Polity, Economy, Culture during early and later Vedic period; Jainism and Buddhism: Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Importance and Impact.
Unit - III	Transition from Territorial States to Emergence of Empires (Circa 600to Century to 300 B. C): Rise of Mahajanapadas – Causes for Magadha’s Success; Persian and Macedonian Invasions; Mauryan Empire: State, Imperial Administration, Economy, Ashoka’sDhamma, Art & Architecture, Significance & Downfall.
Unit - IV	Conditions during 200 B. C to 300 A. D.: Central Asian Contacts – Kushanas – Aspects of polity, society, Economy, Religion, Art& Architecture; The Age of Satavahanas: Pattern of Administration – Social, Economic, Religious & Cultural Developments; Sangam Age: The Three Early Kingdoms (Chola, Chera& Pandya) – Society, Language & Literature.
Unit – V	India between 300 A. D & 600 A. D.: The Rise and Growth of Guptas: Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Literature and Science & Technology – Decline.

References:

1	A.L. Basham, The Wonder That Was India
2	D.N.Jha, Ancient India
3	D.D.Kosambi, An Introduction to the Study of Indian History
4	D.P.Chattopadhyay, Science and Society in Ancient India
5	B.N.Mukherjee, The Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire
6	K.A. NilakanthaShastri, A History of South India
7	R.C.Majumdar, K.K.Dutta&H.C.RoyChowdhuri (ed.), Advanced History of India
8	Kumkum Roy, The Emergence of Monarchy in North India: eighth to fourth centuries BC
9	RomilaThapar (et. al). India: Historical Beginnings and the Concept of the Aryan
10	M.L.K. Murthy, <i>Pre-and Protohistoric Andhra Pradesh upto 500 B.C.</i> , New Delhi, 2003

Study Tour: Study tour to local museum or at least to nearby historical sites is to be conducted. Students should be asked to prepare an inventory of items preserved in the museum and their usage. Students can be asked to create a calendar charting the dates of key events. This can be applied to an historical event or the sequence of events.

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Semester – II
Paper – II (Core Paper)

EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIAN HISTORY & CULTURE (600 A.D to 1526 A. D.)
(Indian History and Culture from 647 to 1526 A.D)

Unit – I	Harsha & His Times: Administration, Religion – Hiuen Tsang -Polity, Society, Economy and Culture from 7 th to 11 th Century A. D. under Chalukyas of Badami& Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi.
Unit – II	Age of later Pallavas during 7 th & 8 th Centuries A. D.: Contribution to Cultural Development & Art & Architecture; The Chola Empire from 9 th to 12 Century A. D.: Rise of the Empire, Administration and Cultural Life.
Unit - III	Conditions in India on the eve of Turkish Invasions; Early Invasions: Traces of Arab Invasion, Ghazni&Ghori; Delhi Sultanate (1206 to 1290 A.D.) under Slave Dyanasty.
Unit - IV	Delhi Sultanate (1290 to 1526 A.D.): Khaljis: Expansion & Consolidation, Administrative & Economic Reforms - The Tughlaqs - Decline & Disintegration of the Delhi Sultanate; Administration, Society, Economy, Technology, Religion, Art & Architecture under the Sultanate.
Unit – V	Cultural Development in India between 13 th & 15 th Centuries A. D.: Impact of Islam on Indian Society and Culture – Bhakti and Sufi Movements – Emergence of Composite Culture.

References:

1	Basham, A.L (ed) A Cultural History of India
2	Champakalakshmi, R Trade, Ideology and Urbanization : South India 300 BC – AD 1300
3	Chandra, S History of Medieval India (800 – 1700)
4	Chattopadyay, B.D The Making of Early Medieval India. (Delhi, 1994)
5	Habib, Irfan, Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization
6	Habibullah, A.B.M, The Foundation of Muslim Rule in India
7	Kumar Sunil, The Emergence of the Sultanate of Delhi
8	Nizami, K.A. Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India in the 13th c
9	K.A. NilakantaSastri, A History of South India from Prehistoric Times to the Fall of Vijayanagara
10	K.A.NilkantaSastri, The Cholas
11	Shireen Moosvi, The Economy of the Mughal Empire
12	Stein, B Peasant, State & Society in Medieval South India
13	Yazdani, G. (ed) The Early History of the Deccan
14	R.C.Majumdar, The Age of Imperial Kanauj

Project: Students may be asked to prepare a project on influence of Islam and Hinduism in their respective areas.

Encourage students to write their autobiography or biography of their inspiring personalities