

**TRUNCATED SYLLABUS,
B.A (HONS), HISTORY
SEMESTER - I**

PAPER I: HISTORY OF INDIA- I

- I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History.[a] Sources and tools of historical reconstruction. Pre-historic hunter-gatherers.
- II. Early Stone Age cultures [a] Palaeolithic cultures
[b] Mesolithic cultures
[c] Neolithic cultures
- III. The Harappan civilization. Origins; settlement patterns and town planning, decline of Harappan civilization
- IV. The Vedic Age: [a] Aryan Debate
[b] Economy, Society and Polity in the Vedic Age

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

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- R. S. Sharma, Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India, 1983.
- R.S. Sharma, Looking for the Aryas, Delhi, Orient Longman Publishers, 1995.
- D. P. Agrawal, The Archaeology of India, 1985.
- Bridget & F. Raymond Allchin, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan, 1983.
- A. L. Basham, The Wonder that Was India, 1971.
- D. K. Chakrabarti, The Archaeology of Ancient Indian Cities, 1997, Paperback.
- H. C. Raychaudhuri, Political History of Ancient India, Rev. ed. with Commentary by B. N. Mukherjee, 1996.
- K. A. N. Sastri, ed., History of South India, OUP, 1966.
- Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, 2008.

Romila Thapar, Early India from the Beginnings to 1300, London, 2002.

Irfan Habib, A People's History-Vol. -1, PreHistory, 2000.

Irfan Habib Vol.-2, Indus Civilization: Including Other Copper Age Cultures and the History of Language Change till 155 B.C., 2002.

PAPER II: SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

- I. The Evolution of humankind; biological and cultural dynamics
- II. Bronze Age Civilizations, with reference to *any one* of the following: i) Egypt (Old Kingdom); ii) Mesopotamia (up to the Akkadian Empire); iii) China (Shang); iv) Eastern Mediterranean (Minoan) with special emphasis upon economy, state structure, religion.
- III. Slave society in ancient Greece: causes, features and impact on Greek economy and polity.
- IV. Polis in ancient Greece: Athenian democracy and Spartan oligarchy

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

Burns and Ralph. World Civilizations.

Gordon Childe, What Happened in History.

G. Clark, World Prehistory: A New Perspective.

B. Fagan, People of the Earth.

Amar Farooqui, Early Social Formations.

M. I. Finley, The Ancient Economy.

Jacquetta Hawkes, First Civilizations.

G. Roux, Ancient Iraq.

Bai Shaoyi, An Outline History of China.

H. W. F. Saggs, The Greatness that was Babylon.

B. Trigger, Ancient Egypt: A Social History. UNESCO Series: History of Mankind, Vols. I - III./ or New ed. History of Humanity.

R. J. Wenke, Patterns in Prehistory.

John Thorley, Athenian Democracy

Thomas Martin, Ancient Greece.

G. E. M. Ste Croix, Class Struggles in the Ancient Greek World.

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300 CE. [DSC]**

1. Sources & Interpretation
2. Harappan Civilization ; Origin, dominant features & decline,.
3. The Vedic Period: Polity, Society, Economy and Religion,
4. Territorial States and the rise of Magadha, Conditions for the rise of Mahajanpadas and the Causes of Magadha's success.
5. Rise of Heterodoxy: Jainism and Buddhism: Origin, Doctrines and Spread

6. Mauryan Age: The Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire; State, Economy, Ashoka's Dhamma,
7. The Sangam Age: Sangam Literature and its features.
8. The age of Shakas: Parthians & Kushanas, Aspects of Polity and Society,

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D.P. Agrawal, D.P., The Archaeology of India.

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Kosambi, D.D., Culture and Civilization of Ancient India.

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G.E.: HISTORY OF INDIA I
(FROM EARLIEST TIMES UPTO 1193CE)
SYLLABUS FOR FIRST SEMESTER STUDENTS B.A.(P)

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II. Harappan Civilization: Dominant features & decline.

III. The Vedic Period: Polity, Society and Economy.

IV. Sixth Century, Conditions for the rise of Mahajanpadas, Jainism and Buddhism: Origin and Doctrines.

V. Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire, Administration and Ashoka's Dhamma.

VI. The Rise & Growth of the Guptas: Society, Economy and Polity

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