

**Detailed CBCS Syllabus**  
**CORE COURSE ; SEMESTER-I, B.A (Hons), History**  
**PAPER I: C.C.I - HISTORY OF INDIA- I**  
**Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

**I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History**

- [a] Early Indian notions of History
- [b] Sources and tools of historical reconstruction.
- [c] Historical interpretations (with special reference to Environment and regions).

**II. Pre-historic hunter-gatherers**

- [a] Paleolithic cultures- sequence and distribution; stone industries and other technological developments.
- [b] Mesolithic cultures- regional and chronological distribution; new developments in technology and economy; rock art.

**III. The advent of food production**

Understanding the regional and chronological distribution of the Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures: subsistence, and patterns of exchange

**IV. The Harappan civilization**

Origins; settlement patterns and town planning; agrarian base; craft productions and trade; social and political organization; religious beliefs and practices; art; the problem of urban decline and the late/post-Harappan traditions.

**V. Cultures in transition**

settlement patterns, technological and economic developments; social stratification; political relations; religion and philosophy;

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

- R.S. Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, New Delhi, OUP, 2007  
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.  
D. K. Chakrabarti, *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology*, New Delhi, 2006.  
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*, 2001,  
----Vol.-2, *Indus Civilization: Including Other Copper Age Cultures and the History of Language Change till 155 B.C.*, 2002

**Suggested Readings**

- Uma Chakravarti, *The Social Dimensions of Early Buddhism*. 1997.  
Rajan Gurukul, *Social Formations of Early South India*, 2010.  
R. Champakalakshmi, *Trade. Ideology and urbanization: South India 300 BC- AD 1300*, 1996.

**CORE COURSE ; SEMESTER-I, B.A (Hons), History**  
**PAPER II: C.C.II- SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS**  
**OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**

**Time – 3hrs    F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ]    Credit- 6**

**I. Evolution of humankind; Paleolithic and Mesolithic cultures.**

**II. Food production:** beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry.

**III. 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) economy, social stratification, state structure, religion.

**IV. Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia;** advent of iron and its implications

**V. Ancient Greece:** Athens and Sparta; Greek Culture.

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

Burns and Ralph. World Civilizations.  
Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. I.  
V. 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.  
BaiShaoyi, 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.

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

G. E. M. Ste Croix, Class Struggles in the Ancient Greek World.  
J. D. Bernal, Science in History, Vol. I.  
V. Gordon Childe, Social Evolution.  
Glyn Daniel, First Civilizations.  
A. Hauser, A Social History of Art, Vol. I.

**CORE COURSE ; SEMESTER-II, B.A (Hons), History  
:C.C.III- HISTORY OF INDIA II**

**Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

**I. Economy and Society (circa 300 BCE to circa CE 300):**

- [a] Expansion of agrarian economy: production relations.
- [b] Urban growth: north India, central India and the Deccan; craft Production: trade and trade routes; coinage.
- [c] Social stratification: class, Varna, jati, untouchability; gender; marriage and property relations

**II. Changing political formations (circa 300 BCE to circa CE300):**

- [a] The Mauryan Empire
- [b] Post-Mauryan Polities with special reference to the Kushanas and the Satavahanas; Gana-Sanghas.

**III. Towards early medieval India [circa CE fourth century to CE750]:**

- [a] Agrarian expansion: land grants, changing production relations; graded Land rights and peasantry.
- [b] The problem of urban decline: patterns of trade, currency, and urban Settlements.
- [c] Varna, proliferation of jatis: changing norms of marriage and property.
- [d] The nature of polities: the Gupta empire and its contemporaries: post- Gupta polities -Pallavas, Chalukyas, and Vardhanas

**IV. Religion, philosophy and society (circa 300 BCE- CE 750):**

- (a) Consolidation of the brahmanical tradition: dharma, Varnashram, Purusharthas, samskaras.
- (b) Theistic cults (from circa second century BC): Mahayana; the Puranic tradition.
- (c) The beginnings of Tantricism

**V. Cultural developments (circa 300 BCE ù CE 750):**

- [a] A brief survey of Sanskrit literature. Scientific and technical treatises
- [b] Art and architecture & forms and patronage; Mauryan, post-Mauryan, Gupta, post-Gupta

**ESSENTIAL READINGS**

- B. D. Chattopadhyaya, The Making of Early Medieval India, 1994.
- D. P. Chattopadhyaya, History of Science and Technology in Ancient India, 1986.
- D. D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the Study of Indian History, 1975.
- S. K. Maity, Economic Life in Northern India in the Gupta Period, 1970.
- B. P. Sahu (ed), Land System and Rural Society in Early India, 1997.
- K. A. N. Sastri, A History of South India.
- R. S. Sharma, Indian Feudalism, 1980.
- R.S.Sharma,UrbanDecayinIndia,c.300-C1000,Delhi,Munshiram Manohar Lal,1987
- RomilaThapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas, 1997.
- Susan Huntington, The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain, New York, 1985.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

- N. N. Bhattacharya, *Ancient Indian Rituals and Their Social Contents*, 2nd ed., 1996.  
J. C. Harle, *The Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent*, 1987.  
P. L. Gupta, *Coins*, 4th ed., 1996.  
KesavanVeluthat, *The Early Medieval in South India*, New Delhi, 2009  
H. P. Ray *Winds of Change*, 1994.  
RomilaThapar, *Early India: From the Origins to 1300*, 2002.

### **CORE COURSE ; SEMESTER-II, B.A (Hons), History : C.C.-IV- SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE MEDIEVAL WORLD**

**Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

**I. Roman Republic**, Participate and Empire & slave society in ancient Rome: Agrarian economy, urbanization, trade.

**II. Religion and culture in ancient Rome & Crises of the Roman Empire.**

**III. Economic developments in Europe from the 7th to the 14th centuries:** Organization of production, towns and trade, technological developments. Crisis of feudalism.

**IV. Religion and culture in medieval Europe:**

**V. Rise of Islamic State-**

**a. The caliphate and the Sultanate**

**b. Urbanisation & Trade**

**c. Rise of Sufism**

### **ESSENTIAL READINGS**

- Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*.  
Marc Bloch, *Feudal Society*, 2 Vols.  
Cambridge History of Islam, 2 Vols.  
Georges Duby, *The Early Growth of the European Economy*.  
Fontana, *Economic History of Europe*, Vol. I (relevant chapters).  
P. K. Hitti, *History of the Arabs*.  
P. Garnsey and Saller, *The Roman Empire*.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

- S. Ameer Ali, *The Spirit of Islam*.  
J. Barrowclough, *The Medieval Papacy*.  
*Encyclopedia of Islam*, 1st ed., 4 vols.  
M. G. S. Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam*.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE ; SEMESTER- I / III, B.A History (Inter-disciplinary**

**GE-I: Landmarks in Indian History**

**Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

**Unit-I**

1. Geographical background
2. First Urbanisation – Harappan Culture
3. The Vedic Civilisation

**Unit-II**

1. Religious reform movement, Buddhism & Jainism
2. Mauryan Empire – Chandragupta Maurya – Achievements, Ashoka – Kalinga War, Dhamma, Administration
3. The Kushanas- Kaniska, Importance of the Kushana rule

**Unit-III: The Gupta Empire**

1. Chandragupta, 2. Samudragupta 3. Culture of Gupta Age

**Unit- IV:**

1. Arab Invasion of Sind
2. Invasion of Md. Gazni
3. Establishment of Delhi Sultanate, Iltutmish, Babar, Allauddin Khilji, Mohammad Bin Tughlaq
4. Establishment of Mughal Empire – Babar, Akbar, Aurangzeb

**Unit-V:**

1. Advent of Europeans and Foundation of British Empire – Robert Clive
2. Consolidation of British Empire and British administrative policy
3. Socio- Religious Movements  
Raja Ram Mohan Roy  
Dayananda Saraswati  
Swami Vivekananda  
Theosophical Society  
Adi- Aligarh Movement
4. The great Indian Revolt of 1857  
Character, Causes, effects
5. Growth of national Consciousness and foundation of Indian National Congress- Moderates and extremists
6. Gandhian age
  - a. Non- Cooperation movement
  - b. Civil Disobedience movement
  - c. Quit India Movement
7. Mountbatten Plan, Indian Independence Act. And achievement of Indian Independence

**GENERIC ELECTIVE ; SEMESTER- II / IV, B.A History(Inter-disciplinary  
GE-II : Glimpses of History of Odisha (261 B.C.E – 1936 CE  
Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

### **Unit-I**

- a) Kalinga War: Causes & Effects
- b) Kharavela: Achievements – Hatigumpha Inscription

### **Unit-II**

**Ganhas: Chudagangadeva&Narasinghadeva**

**Gajapati's: Kapilendradeva, Purusottamdeva&Prataprudradeva**

**Political decline of Odisha, Jagannath cult**

### **Unit-III**

**Administrative System in Odisha**

**a. Mughals b. Marathas c. British Conquest of Odisha**

### **Unit-IV**

- a) Khurda Revolt of 1817 &BuxiJagabandhu
- b) SurendraSai& Revolt of 1857
- c) Famine of 1866-67

### **Unit-V**

- a) National Movement in Odisha: Role of Madhusudan Das &Gopabandhu Das
- b) Formation of Odisha as a separate Province: Role of Madhusudan Das & Krishna Chandra Gajapati
- c) Princely States of Odisha & their integration

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE ; SEMESTER- I, B.A, History**

**DSC.-I:- History of India from earliest Times up to 300 CE**

**Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

#### **UNIT – I Sources & Interpretation**

**A broad survey of palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures.**

Harappan Civilization; Origin, Extent, dominant features & decline, Chalcolithic age.

**UNIT – II** The vedic Period; Polity, Society, Economy and Religion, Iron age with reference to PGW & Megaliths.

Territorial States and the rise of Magadha; Conditions for the rise of Mahajanpadas and the causes of Magadha's success

Iranian and Macedonian Invasions, Alexander's Invasion and impact

**UNIT – III** Jainism and Buddhism; causes, Doctrines, spread, Decline and Contributions

The Satvahanas phase; Aspects of political History, Material Culture, Administration, Religion

**UNIT – IV** Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire; State, Administration, Economy, Ashok's Dhamma, Art & Architecture

**UNIT – V** The Sangam Age; Sangam Literature, The three early kingdoms, Society & the Tamil Language

The age of Shakas; Parthians & Kushanas, Aspects of polity, Society, Religion, Arts & crafts, coins, commerce

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE ; SEMESTER- II, B.A, History  
DSC.II - : History of India from. C.300 to 1206**

**Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [ 80 (End sem) +20 (Int) ] Credit- 6**

**UNIT - I. The Rise & Growth of the Guptas:** Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Literature, and Science & Technology.

**UNIT - II. Harsha & His Times:** Harsha's Kingdom, Administration, Buddhism & Nalanda

**. South India:** Polity, Society, and Economy & Culture

**UNIT - III. Towards the Early Medieval:** Changes in Society, Polity Economy and Culture with reference to the Pallavas, Chalukyas and Vardhanas..

**UNIT - IV. Evolution of Political structures of Rashtrakutas, Pala & Pratiharas.**

**. Emergence of Rajput States in Northern India:** Polity, Economy & Society.

**UNIT - V. Arabs in Sindh: Polity, Religion & Society.**

. Struggle for power in Northern India & establishment of Sultanate.

**References:**

R. S. Sharma: Indian Feudalism

-India's Ancient Past

B. D. Chattopadhyaya: Making of Early Medieval India

Derryl N. Maclean: Religion and Society in Arab Sindh

K. M. Ashraf: Life and Conditions of the People of Hindustan

M. Habib and K.A. Nizami: A Comprehensive History of India Vol.V

Tapan Ray Chaudhary and Irfan Habib (ed.)

: The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.I

Peter Jackson: Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History

Tara Chand: Influence of Islam on Indian Culture

Satish Chandra: A History of Medieval India, 2 Volumes

Percy Brown, : Islamic Architecture