

# UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

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### THREE-YEAR HONOURS & GENERAL DEGREE COURSES OF STUDIES



**Ancient Indian & World History 2010**

## Ancient Indian & World History (Honours)

### Paper-I

#### **Unit-I**

#### **Changing Relationship between people and landscape, from hunter-gatherers to post Harappan cultures in the Indian subcontinent**

##### **Module I**

- 1.1 The importance of understanding archaeological cultures viz a` viz landscape features
- 1.2 Hunter Gatherers to Early Pastoralists and Agriculturists

##### **Module II**

- 2.1 An over view of archaeological cultures in the subcontinent
- 2.2 Pre-Mehrgarh , Mehrgarh and contemporary to Mehrgarh
- 2.3 Early/Pre Harappan Cultures-Prelude to Harappan Civilization

##### **Module III**

- 3.1 Harappan civilization: Origins and Nature
- 3.2 Urban Form, Architecture and Town planning
- 3.3 Trade, exchange, craft and technology
- 3.4 The Indus script, art and religion

##### **Module IV**

- 4.1 Pastoralist/Early agriculturist Cultures contemporary to the Harappan
- 4.2 Various Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures of the Indian subcontinent

##### **Module V**

- 5.1 Decline of the Harappan civilization
- 5.2 Late/Post Harappan Cultures
- 5.3 Understanding Social formation from archaeological evidence a) Cemetery H phase, b) Gandhara Grave phase, c) Lustrous Red Ware.

#### **Suggested Readings**

1. Irfan Habib, Vol. 1 *Pre-history*, Bengali Translation: *Prak-Itihas*, N.B.A, Kolkata, 2002.  
-----Vol. 2 *The Indus Civilisation*, Bengali Translation: *Sindhu Sabhyata*, N.B.A, Kolkata, 2004.
2. G.L. Possehl, ed. *Harappan Civilization- A Recent Perspective*, Delhi, 1993 (second edition).
3. Shireen Ratnagar, *Understanding Harappa*, Delhi, 2001.  
Bengali Translation: *Harappa Sabhyatar Sandhane*, N.B.A, Kolkata, 2003.  
*The End of the Great Harappan Tradition*, Delhi, 2000

## **Unit-II**

### **Some early civilizations**

#### **MODULE I**

##### **Egyptian civilization (C.3100 B.C.E - 2180 B.C.E)**

- 1.1 Formation of Old Kingdom (C.3100 B.C. - 2180 B.C) in Egypt- Beginning of dynastic history.
- 1.2 Outline history of the Old Kingdom- from First Dynasty to Eight Dynasty- The role of early Egyptians rulers- their achievements.
- 1.3 Socio - Economic life of Egypt.
- 1.4 Religion , Funerary Customs and Eschatological belief- Construction of Pyramids.

#### **MODULE II**

##### **Mesopotamian civilization (C.3300 B.C.E - 2350 B.C.E)**

- 2.1 The Geographical Setting- Origin of Mesopotamian civilization
- 2.2 Urban developments in Mesopotamia during the Uruk Period (C. 3300 B.C. - 3100 B.C.) and the Jemdet Nasr or Proto- Literate Period (C.3100B.C. – 2800 B.C.)
- 2.3 The Sumerian problem – their origin- the Sumerian Pantheon – Appearance of temple or construction of Ziggurats.
- 2.4 The earliest period of Mesopotamian history- dynasties of Supermen- the story of Gilgamesh- its historical importance.
- 2.5 Sumerian City- States
- 2.6 Sargon of Akkad- His career and achievements- Akkadian influence on Mesopotamian history

#### **MODULE III**

##### **Aegean civilization (C.2800 B.C. – 1050 B.C)**

- 3.1 Geographical background of the Aegean civilization- the principal sites.
- 3.2 Development of their material culture throwing light on their socio- economic- religious life- funerary customs- script, etc.
- 3.3 The maritime activities of the Aegean people.

#### **MODULE IV-**

##### **Mycenaean Civilization (C.1600 B.C. - 1100 B.C.)**

- 4.1 Geographical background of the Mainland Greece.
- 4.2 Growth of the Mycenaean Civilization in Late Helladic Period at mainland Greece-
- 4.3 The principal sites- their social structure- economy- , appearance of writing) in their material culture-4.4 Religion and funerary Customs.

#### **Suggested Reading: (Chief Features of the First Civilizations)**

- Stuart Piggott ed; The Dawn of Civilization. Thames and Hudson, London, 1961.  
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James Henry Breasted, History of Egypt. London, 1941  
John Ruffle, Heritage of the Pharaohs. Oxford, 1977.  
Samuel Sharpe, The History of Egypt. (From The Earliest Times Till the Conquest by the Arabs A.D. 640) Vol.I & II. London, 1859.  
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 H.W.F. Saggs, The Greatness that was Babylon, 1969  
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 Leonard W. King. A History of Babylon & Assyria. From the Foundation of the Monarchy to The Persian Conquest. London, 1919.  
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## **Paper-II**

### **Political History of Early India**

#### **Unit-I (c.1500BCE-600CE)**

##### **Module I**

- 1.1 Sources & their interpretation
- 1.2 Understanding the nature of the sources for each period
- 1.3 Classification and importance of both Literary and Archaeological sources
- 1.4 Historiography

##### **Module II**

#### **The Vedic Corpus and transition to the age of Janapadas and Mahajanapadas (c.1500BCE-400 BCE)**

- 2.1 Geographical Spread of settlements -Political situation
- 2.2 Aryan Debate
- 2.3 Archaeological cultures beyond the Vedic milieu—Ochre coloured pottery, Black & Red Ware and Painted Grey Ware
- 2.4 Transition from chiefdom to kingdom- the Ganasangha tradition- sixteen mahajanapadas- Pre-eminence of Magadha

##### **Module-III**

#### **Mauryan India (c. 400BCE-200CE)**

- 3.1 Nature and extent of the Mauryan empire
- 3.2 Asoka's Dhamma
- 3.3 Administrative organization of the Mauryas
- 3.3 Decline of the Empire

##### **Module IV**

#### **Post- Mauryan India (c.200BCE-300CE)**

- 4.1 Changing perception of the post Mauryan period-rise of regional power centres.
- 4.2 Central Asian intervention in north Indian politics focusing on the Indo-Greeks and the Kushanas
- 4.3 The Satavahanas and their struggle with the Saka Kshatrapas of western India
- 4.4 Kings and chieftains –the Cheras, Cholas and Pandyas- Sangam literature and archaeological evidence

##### **Module V**

## **The Age of the Guptas (300CE-600 CE)**

- 5.1 Historical situation of India in 300CE—Emergence of the Gupta empire
- 5.2 The Empire in its mature form- Political achievements of the rulers-disintegration of the empire
- 5.3 Administrative structure of the empire with special reference to Bengal
- 5.4 Notion of Classical age and Threshold times
- 5.5 An introduction to the contemporary dynasties like the Vakatakas, the Kadambas etc.,

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1. A.L.Basham, *The Wonder That Was India*, London, 1954. Bengali Translation: *Ateeter Ujjwal Bharat*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2005.
2. Ranabir Chakravarti, *Bharat Itihaser Adi Parva*, Kolkata, 2007 (in Bengali)
3. Irfan Habib (general editor), *A People's History of India* (Relevant volumes), New Delhi.
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5. Vol. 2 *The Indus Civilisation*, Bengali Translation: *Sindhu Sabhyata*, N.B.A, Kolkata, 2004.
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7. D.N.Jha, *Ancient India: An Introduction*, New Delhi, 1998.
8. *Aadi Bharat: Ekti Sankshipta Itihas*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata. (in Bengali)
9. D.D.Kosambi, *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*, Bombay, 1956.
10. Bengali Translation: *Bharat Itihas Charchar Bhumika*, K.P.Bagchi & Co, Kolkata, 2002.
11. ----- *Combined Methods in Indology and Other Writings, Edited and Introduced by B.D.Chattopadhyaya.*, 2007 (revised edition)
12. R.C.Majumdar (general editor), *The History & Culture of the Indian People*, volumes I-III, Bombay, 1951, 1968,1970
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16. H.C. Raychaudhuri, *Political History of Ancient India with a commentary by B.N.Mukherjee*, New Delhi, 1996 (8<sup>th</sup> edition)
17. Bengali Translation: *Prachin Bharater Rajnaitik Itihas*, Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata.
18. R.S.Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, New Delhi, 2005.
19. Upinder Singh. *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*. Delhi, 2008.
20. Frits Staal, *Discovering the Vedas: Origins, Mantras, Rituals, Insights*, New Delhi, 2008.
21. Romila Thapar, *Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300*, London, 2002.
22. *Bharatbarser Itihas*, Orient Longman, Kolkata. (in Bengali)

### **Unit-II**

#### **Political History of Early India c. 600CE-1300 CE**

## **Module I**

- 1.1 Survey of sources – understanding the change in the nature of sources
- 1.2 Historiography
- 1.3 Recent debates

## **Module-II**

### **Emergence of regional kingdoms and their geographical location (600CE-800CE)**

- 2.1 Ganga valley and Eastern India
- 2.2 Western India : Emergence of Gurjara Pratiharas and other Rajput dynasties- Arab invasion of Sind
- 2.3 Rise of Kashmir as an important power
- 2.4 Deccan and Far south-Chalukya - Pallava conflict, Eastern Chalukyas and rise of the Rashtrakutas

## **Module III**

### **Major Power formations (800-1300CE )**

- 3.1 Conflict between the Gurjara-Pratiharas, Palas and Rashtrakutas
- 3.2 Gradual rise and importance of the Rajputs in the west and Kashmir valley in the north
- 3.3 Central Indian powers: Chandella, Kalachuri and Paramara
- 3.4 Eastern India: Assam, Bengal-Bihar and Orissa
- 3.5 Ghaznavid and Ghorid invasions: nature and impact

## **Module IV**

### **Major Power formations (800-1300CE )**

- 4.1 Rise of the Chola Empire
- 4.2 Consolidation and expansion under Rajaraja I and Rajendra I
- 4.3 Fall of the Rashtrakutas and rise of the Western Chalukyas
- 4.4 The Pandya and Chera kingdoms
- 4.5 Decline of the western Chalukyas and formation of three powerful kingdoms : Yadavas and Hoysalas in Maharashtra and Karnataka, Kakatiyas in Andhrapradesh- Dissolution of the Chola empire.

Chattopadyay, BD

The Making of Early Medieval India.  
Aspects of Rural Settlements and Rural Society in Early  
Medieval India

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- Karashima, N. South Indian History and Society : Studies from inscriptions  
Towards a New Formation : South Indian Society under  
Vijaynagar
- Kulke, H. The State in India (1000 – 1700)  
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- Kumar Sunil  
Majumdar R.C. et al History and Culture of the Indian People Vol. IV and Vol. V  
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- Mukherjee B.N. Post-Gupta Coinages of Bengal (Calcutta, 1989)  
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- Pollock Sheldon The Language of the Gods in the World of Men. Sanskrit,  
Culture and Power in Premodern India (New Delhi, 2006)
- Ray H.C. Dynastic History of Northern India (New Delhi, 1973)
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- Sastri, K.A. Nilakanta A History of South India from Prehistoric Times to the Fall of  
Vijaynagar  
(ed) A Comprehensive History of India Vol. II
- Sharma, R.S. Indian Feudalism  
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Co, Kolkata)
- Shastri K.A.Nilkantha Shastri The Cholas (Madras, 1975 [reprint])
- Stein, B Peasant, State & Society in Medieval South India

Veluthat, K  
Yadava, B.N.S.  
Yazdani, G.  
(ed)

The Political Structure of Early Medieval South India  
Society & Culture in North India in the 12<sup>th</sup> c  
The Early History of the Deccan

### **Paper-III**

#### **History of Bengal (Pre-history to 1300CE)**

##### **Unit I**

###### **Module I**

- 1.1 Sources and their interpretations
- 1.2 Historiography

###### **Module II**

- 2.1 Archaeological Cultures of Bengal
- 2.2 Introduction to the subregions of Bengal
- 2.3 Nature of Pre-Gupta Bengal

###### **Module III**

- 3.1 Gupta rule in Bengal
- 3.2 Rise of Gauda as a regional power under Sasanka
- 3.3 Minor ruling powers in the sixth and seventh centuries

###### **Module IV**

- 4.1 Rise of the Palas in Bengal and Bihar
- 4.2 Extent of the Pala territory during the time of Dharmapala to Devapala
- 4.3 Mahendrapala to Ramapala –An overview of the reign of the Pala rulers
- 4.4 Occupation of Varendra- Kaivarta rebellion-Divine of the Pala rule.

###### **Module V**

- 5.1 Local power formations in Southeastern Bengal from eighth centuries onwards
- 5.2 Rise of the Chandras as regional power
- 5.3 Formation of the Sena rule –their origin
- 5.4 Vijaysena to Vallalasena
- 5.5 Lakshmansena- Turkish invasion- later Sena rulers.

##### **Unit II**

###### **Module-I**

###### **Society**

- 1.1 Beginning of Varna hierarchy in the Gupta period
- 1.2 Presence of Brahmana settlements



- 1.3 Conversion of Professional groups in to caste groups in the early medieval period- the case of the Karana Kayasthas
- 1.4 Vaidyas, Kaivartas and other lower caste groups.
- 1.5 Aspects of Rural society

## **Module II**

### **Economy**

- 2.1 Process of urbanization and urban centres
- 2.2 Trade and traders
- 2.3 Monetization
- 2.4 Beginning of the system of land grants
- 2.5 Crystallization of the agrahara system and its impact on the economy

## **Module III**

### **Religion**

- 3.1 Jainism in different phases
- 3.2 Buddhism –evolution of Mahayanism: Mantrayana, Vajrayana, Sahajayana and Kalachakrayana.
- 3.3 Introduction to Brahmanical religion with the coming of the Guptas
- 3.4 Emergence of Puranic religious cults: Vaishnavism, Saivism, Shakti and Saura cult
- 3.5 Religious centres-Buddhist Viharas and Brahmanical mathas

## **Module IV**

### **Art & Architecture**

- 4.1 Terracotta art in Bengal
- 4.2 Sculptural art of the Pala-Sena period
- 4.3 Sculptural art of Southeastern Bengal
- 4.4 Paintings: Manuscript painting
- 4.5 Brahmanical and Buddhist architectural tradition in Bengal.

## **Module V**

### **Systems of Knowledge**

- 5.1 Scripts and languages used in epigraphy and literature
- 5.2 Sanskrit literature : different genres; beginning of regional literary tradition
- 5.3 Technical and scientific literature
- 5.4 Educational institutions
- 5.5 Development of science, technology and medicine.

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-----Pal Sen Yuger Vamsanucharit

## **Paper IV**

### **TRANSFORMATION OF EUROPE (15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES)**

#### **UNIT-I (50 marks; 40 lectures)**

##### **Module 1**

Nature of the Feudal Society and its regional variations – Crisis of Feudalism – Transition Debate.

##### **Module 2**

Economic Crisis and the commercial decline in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Europe – the urban decay and the epidemics.

##### **Module 3**

Impact of the fall of Constantinople. Development of National Monarchy.

##### **Module 4**

Economy in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Europe – Economic expansion of Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century – Proto-industrialisation – the rise of new merchants – Price Revolution – Agricultural Revolution and the Enclosure Movement.

##### **Module 5**

Printing Revolution – Revolution in war techniques – the exploration of the new world – Portugese and Spanish voyages.

##### **Module 6**

Renaissance – renaissance humanism – rediscovery of classics – Italian renaissance and its impact on art, culture, education and political thought – Northern humanism.

#### **UNIT-II (50 marks; 40 lectures)**

##### **Module 1**

The formation of early modern state – the empire of Charles V of Spain – New Monarchy in England.

##### **Module 2**

Reformation movements – Origins & courses – Martin Luther & Lutheranism – John Calvin & Calvinism – Radical reformation: Anabaptists and Huguenots – English reformation and the role of the state – Counter Reformation.

##### **Module 3**

The economy of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Europe.

#### **Module 4**

Origins of modern science – Scientific Revolution – emergence of scientific academies – Origins of Enlightenment.

#### **Module 5**

Peace of Westphalia (1648) and the emergence of modern European state system.

#### **Module 6**

The English Civil War of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century – the political ideas of the Civil War – The Settlement of 1688 and the ideas of John Locke and the concept of liberalism.

#### **Suggested Readings**

1. Anderson, Perry, The lineages of the Absolutist States.
2. Aston, T.H. and Philipin C.H.E. (eds.), The Brenner Debate: Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe, Cambridge University Press. 2005.
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## Paper V

### HISTORY OF EUROPE FROM 1789 TO 1918 CE

#### UNIT-I (50 marks; 40 lectures)

##### Module 1

Understanding the 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe – Enlightened despotism – Socio – economic and political background of the French Revolution – philosophers.

##### Module 2

Trends in the French Revolution – Aristocratic revolt – bourgeois popular and peasant – the Constituent assembly and its achievements – Girondins and Jacobins – the reign of Terror and the rise and fall of the Jacobin republic – the Thermidorian reaction and the Directory – Interpreting the French Revolution – (Role of women in French Revolution)

##### Module 3

Napoleon Bonaparte: the revolution legacy – the reorganization of France and Europe – fall of Bonaparte – Conflicting estimation of Napoleon's character and achievements.

##### Module 4

1815 – 1879 A.D. – The Vienna Congress – Metternich and the Conservative order – an overview of the revolution of 1830 and 1848 – Pattern of insurrection in France and at other central European countries – collapse of the revolution.

##### Module 5

The emergence of nation states in Central Europe – unification of Italy and Germany – Russian modernization – France under the Second Empire.

#### UNIT-II

##### Module 1

A. Industrialisation in Europe – difference in the industrialization process between England and the Continent – France, German and Russian industrialization – rise of the working class movements and the Socialist thought (utopian Socialism, Marxism)

B. Art and culture, literature and Science of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe with special reference to the Romanticism and its cultural and political aspects.

##### Module 2

The Third Republic, Paris Commune and the new German Reich – Europe in 1871 – Bismarckian diplomacy – new balance of power – Kaiser William II and the new course in the German foreign policy.

##### Module 3

The eastern question in later 19<sup>th</sup> century with reference to the Crimean War and the Balkan Nationalism.

##### Module 4

A. Age of imperialism (1871 – 1914) – The impetus behind colonial expansion – Scramble for colonies.

B. Anglo German antagonism – Triple Alliance – Triple Entente and the emergency of two armed camps – origin of the First World War.

##### Module 5

The impact of the War on the old order – Collapse of the Dynastic empire – Revolution in Russia – origin of the October Revolution and the Success of the Bolsheviks – Fourteen points of Wilson.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Blanning, T.C.W, The French Revolution: Class War or Culture Clash.
2. Cobban, Alfred, History of Modern France, Vol. 1-3.
3. Cipolla, C.M, Fontana Economic History of Europe, Vol. III (The Industrial Revolution), Vol. 4 (Part 1 & 2).
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**Paper VI**  
**Early History of Southeast Asia and China**

**Unit I**

**Southeast Asia**

**Module-I**

- 1.1 Defining Southeast Asia
- 1.2 Peopling of Southeast Asia
- 1.3 Aspects of commonalty as well as diversity within Southeast Asia

**Module-II**

- 2.1 An introduction to the basic cultural framework
- 2.2 Hunters and Gatherers
- 2.3 Neolithic settlements
- 2.4 The bronze age
- 2.5 The iron age

**Module III**

- 3.1 Routes of movement from India and China to southeast Asia
- 3.2 An overview of spheres of cultural interaction between a) countries of southeast Asia and India b) southeast Asia and China
- 3.3 Notion of Indianization and Sinicization

**Module IV**

- 4.1 State formation in mainland Southeast Asia –concept of suvarna bhumi-An introduction
- 4.2 Funan
- 4.3 Pyus
- 4.4 Dvaravati
- 4.5 Champa
- 4.6 Angkor

**Module V**

- 5.1 State formation in maritime Southeast Asia –concept of suvarna dvipa- An introduction
- 5.2 Early small states in maritime southeast Asia
- 5.3 Srivijaya kingdom
- 5.4 Java

**Unit-II**

**China**

**Module-I**

- 1.1 Ancient Era-an introduction
- 1.2 Shang Dynasty (ca. 1700-1046 BCE)
- 1.3 Zhou Dynasty (1066-ca. 221 BCE)
- 1.4 Spring and Autumn Period (722-481 BCE)
- 1.5 Warring States Period (476-221 BCE)

**Module- II**

- 2.1 Imperial era –An introduction
- 2.2 Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)
- 2.3 Han Dynasty (202 BCE–220 CE)

## 2.4 Wei and Jin Period (265–420 CE)

### **Module III**

3.1 Southern and northern dynasties (420-589CE)

3.2 Sui Dynasty (589–618 CE)

3.3 Tang Dynasty (618–907 CE)

3.4 Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (907–960 CE)

3.5 Song Dynasty and Liao, Jin, Western Xia (960–1234 CE)

### **Module IV**

4.1 Early History of Sino-Indian Maritime Trade

4.2 Trade routes between India and China

a) The Silk route

b) The Southern Silk route

4.3 Trade and Diplomacy

### **Module V**

5.1 Cultural interaction between India and China-an introduction

5.2 Dissemination of Buddhism in China

5.3 Chinese Buddhist Pilgrims in India

5.4 Presence of Tamil merchants in China and brahmanical temples in Quanzhou, China.

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## **PaperVII**

### **Society& Economy: From the beginning till 1300CE**

#### **Unit I**

##### **Early Indian Society**

###### **Module I (Till 300CE)**

- 1.1 Beginning of the Varna hierarchy in the Vedic period
- 1.2 The Ashrama system and the Sanskaras
- 1.3Varna and Jati-Accommodation and contestation regarding social incorporation of ‘foreigners’

###### **Module II (C.300CE-1300CE)**

- 2.1 Varna-Jati: the proliferation of castes
- 2.2 Slavery
- 2.3 Untouchability- Position of the antyajas

###### **Module III**

Gender relations in early India

- 3.1 Representation of women in the Vedic literature –forms of marriage
- 3.2 Gender relations from the Dharma sutras -women as donors in inscriptions
- 3.3 Property rights-concept of stridhan

###### **Module IV**

- 4.1 Gender relations in the Gupta and early medieval period-case of the courtesans and devadasis
- 4.2 Property rights
- 4.3 Women saints

#### **Unit II**

##### **Economy**

###### **Module I**

###### **Economic life from the origins to 400BCE**

- 1.1 Beginning of economic life and first urbanization
- 1.2 Pastoral economy – transition to agrarian economy
- 1.3 Growth of agrarian economy in the middle Ganga valley
- 1.4 Second urbanization and beginning of coinage tradition

###### **Module II**



Comparative Structures of Economies in some early states-Maurya- Satavahana-Kushana (400CE-300CE)

Introduction

- 2.1 Agrarian economy
- 2.2 Non-agricultural production-crafts-guilds
- 2.3 Monetization

### **Module III**

Economic life- 300CE to 1300CE

- 3.1 Land grants and its politico-economic significance in the Gupta period
- 3.2 Crystallization of Agrahara system of land grants – agrarian expansion
- 3.3 Land tenure: nature and changes
- 3.4 Proliferation of Crafts, Industries

### **Module-IV**

#### **Patterns of Trade, Urbanization & Routes of communication**

- 4.1 Trade and Urban development-Third urbanization
- 4.2 Trading networks-both inland and maritime
- 4.3 Early Indian Merchants
- 4.4 Different categories of market centres

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**Paper VIII  
Culture and Religion**

**UNIT I: Culture**

**Module I**

**1.1 Early Historic Architecture:**

Indus valley Architecture- Town Planning

**1.2 Mauryan Architecture**

**1.3 Buddhist Monuments**

- (a) stupa
- (b) Caityagriha (Cave Architecture)
- (c) Vihara / Sangharama (Monastery)

**Module II**

**2.1 Temple Architecture of North & Central India**

- (a) Classification according to Canonical literature
- (b) Gupta temple architecture
- (c) Orissan architecture with reference to Bhubaneswar
- (d) Central Indian architecture with reference to Khajuraho

**Module III**

**3.1 Temple Architecture of South India (Karnataka & Tamil Land)**

- (a) Pallava
- (b) Chalukya
- (c) Chola
- (d) Hoysala

**Module IV**

**4.1 Sculptural Art & Paintings**

- (a) Pre- Harappan & Harappan
- (b) Maurya & Shunga Art
- (c) Gandhara & Mathura Art
- (d) Amaravati & Satavahana Art

**4.2 Gupta Sculptural art**

**4.3 Development of different regional schools of art**

- (a) Pallava- Chalukya Art
- (b) Chola Art- Chola Bronzes

**4.4 Pre- Historic painting with special reference to Bimbhetka**

**4.5 Ajanta, Bagh and Sittanavasal**

**4.6 Six Limbs of Indian Painting**

**Module V**

**5.1 Languages and scripts –An overview**

**5.2 Sanskrit Literature, Evolution of literature in regional language**

**5.3 Systems of knowledge- Science, Technology & Medicine**

**5.4 Development of the various schools of Philosophy.**

## **Unit II**

### **Religion**

#### **Module-I**

- 1.1 Vedic religion—Changing notion of gods and goddesses-
- 1.2 Sacrificial practices
- 1.3 Rise of new religious groups & philosophical thoughts—Buddhism, Jainism and philosophy of the Ajivikas and Charvakas

#### **Module II**

- 2.1 Doctrinal and philosophical Changes in Buddhism
- 2.2 Doctrinal and philosophical Changes in Jainism –
- 2.3 Rising importance of the Brahmanical religion-Different Brahmanical religious groups.

#### **Module III**

- 3.1 Buddhism and Jainism in early medieval India
- 3.2 Forms of Mahayanism-Mahayanist gods and goddesses
- 3.3 Ascendancy of Tantric Buddhism
- 3.4 Major centres of Buddhism and Jainism

#### **Module IV**

- 4.1 Brahmanical Cults-An overview
- 4.2 Vaishnavism
- 4.3 Shaivism
- 4.4 Shakta cult

#### **Module V**

- 3.1 The Temple as an institution
- 3.2 Patronage to temples
- 3.3 Monasteries as institutions
- 3.4 Patronage to Monasteries

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**PAPER- I**

**History of Ancient India**

**India means the territories now included in India Pakistan and  
Bangladesh**

**UNIT- I**

**Module- I**

Literary and Archaeological sources of Ancient India

Indus Civilization- Extent (Distribution) - Duration- Town Planning- Principal Industries

Causes of downfall.

**Module- II**

An outline of the history of Vedic literature

Socio- economic life as revealed in Vedic literature

Vedic Polity

**Module III**

Rise of Magadha from the time of Bimbisara to the end of the Nanda rule

Persian and Macedonian Invasions- results.

**Module IV**

Rise and fall of the Mauryans- from Chandragupta Maurya to Asoka

Satvahanas and the Western Kshatrapas.

The Kusanas – extent of Kusana rule.

**Module V**

The Imperial Guptas

Rise of Kanauj

## **Module VI**

History of South India (only political history)

Pallavas, Calukyas

Rastrakutas, Cholas.

## **UNIT- II**

### **Module- I**

Religion- Vedic- Brahmanical- Buddhism- Jainism

Rise of Sectarian cults (Saivism and Vaisnavism).

### **Module- II**

Social Structure- from Varna to Jati- the different castes- Position of women.

### **Module- III**

Economic life- Urbanization (6th Century. B.C.)- Overseas trade in the first three centuries of the Christian Era- Ports and market towns-Trade routes and items of trade-

Land systems- sources of revenue.

### **Module IV**

Sculpture- Architecture and Painting

Stupa- Caitya- temples of different styles (only outlines)

Paintings (with particular reference to Ajanta)

Sculptures- Maurya- Gandhara- centres of sculptural activities in the Gupta period.

### **Module V**

Literary developments-Kusana period- Gupta period.

**PAPER- II**

**History of Ancient Bengal**

**(From Earliest time to the fall of the Sena Dynasty)**

**Bengal means the territory now included in West Bengal and  
Bangladesh**

**UNIT- I**

**Module- I**

Pre- history and Proto- history of Bengal

Regional and Administrative divisions of Bengal.

**Module- II**

History of Bengal in the Maurya period

History of Bengal from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C. to the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

Bengal in the Gupta period.

**Module- III**

Rise of Gauda under Sasanka

Chandras and Varmans of East Bengal

**Module- IV**

Pala and Senas- Foundation of Pala rule- extent of Pala empire

Downfall of the Palas- rise of the Senas

Bengal under Vijayasena and Lakshmanasena- Turkish invasion.

**UNIT- II**

**Module- I**



Religion (Outlines of religious movements)-

Buddhism (in the Pala period)

Jainism- Saivism (in the Pala period) – Vaisnavism

## **Module II**

Social Structure- Professional classes and social hierarchy in the early medieval period of Bengal

## **Module III-**

Economic life in Bengal- Trade (inland and overseas) - Trade routes- ports of ancient and early medieval Bengal

Land system- System of Land measurement- prices of land.

## **Module IV-**

Literature during the Pala- Sena period- contributions made by the authors of Bengal in the fields of poetry, law, medical texts and grammar.

## **Module V-**

Architecture and Sculptures (Pala and Sena period)

Manuscript painting (Pala period)

## **Paper III**

### **Modern Europe from 1789 to 1939 A.D.**

#### **Unit – I**

##### Module – 1

- 1.1 Background –
- 1.2 Renaissance and Reformation
- 1.3 Geographical Discoveries
- 1.4 Scientific Revolution, Advent of Capitalism (A brief overview)

##### Module – 2

- 2.1 The French Revolution – socioeconomic background: Role of the phierophers.
- 2.2 Progress of the Revolution: Popular Movements: Jacobins and Girondins.

##### Module – 3

- 3.1 Rise of Napoleon: Internal Reconstruction
- 3.2 Napoleon and Europe. Napoleon and revolution.

##### Module – 4

- 4.1 Political Developments in Europe from (1815 – 1870)
- 4.2 Triumph of conservatism – The Matternich System Stages of Italian Unification
- 4.3 Unification and Consolidation of Germany
- 4.4 Russia: Attempts at Reforms by Alexander II.

##### Module – 5

- 5.1 Society and Economy in Nineteenth Century Europe

5.2 Industrial Advances in England and the Continent

5.3 Utopian Socialism and Marxism

5.4 Art, Culture, Literature and Science.

## **Unit – II**

### Module – 1

Europe between 1871-1914: New Balance of Power, scramble for colonies in Asia and Africa.

### Module – 2

The Eastern Question: Main Issues – Crimean War, Balkan Nationalism (A brief overview)

### Module – 3

3.1 Triple Alliance, Triple Entente and the emergence of two armed camps;

3.2 Origins of the First World War – Issues and Stakes;

3.3 Russian Revolution of 1917.

### Module – 4

4.1 Peace settlement of 1919: Its long term consequences

4.2 Birth of the German Republic.

### Module – 5

5.1 Europe in the Inter War period (1919-1939).

5.2 Consolidation of economic and political power of the Soviet State;

5.3 Rise of Fascism in Italy;

5.4 Rise of Nazism in Germany; Aggressive foreign politics;

5.5 Outbreak of the second World War.

**Paper IV**  
**India and the World**

(UNIT-I)

INDIA 1947 – 1964

Module-1

- 1.1 Understanding the causes of the partition of India .
- 1.2 Impact of Partition on Indian polity, economy , society and culture .

Module-2

- 2.1 Adoption of a republican constitution in 1950 : Salient features of the Indian Constitution.
- 2.2 Nehru and the development of Parliamentary democracy in India .

Module-3

Economic Planning : First three five year plans .

Module-4

Social movements in contemporary India .

Module-5

- 5.1 Indo-Pakistan relations .
- 5.2 India and the Non-Aligned Movement .

(UNIT-II)

WORLD 1945 – 1991

Module-1

Debate on the origins of the cold war.

Module-2

2.1 Cold war and the emergence of the U.S and Soviet military and economic alliances – NATO , IMF , WARSAW , WTO .

2.2 U.S. Foreign policy in the post-war period; Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan .

Module-3

3.1 Bipolarism and regional conflicts :

3.2 War in Korea

3.3 Conflict in the Middle East: Arab-Israel War of 1948-49 , 1967 , 1973 .

Module-4

4.1 Impact of the emergence of China on the Worlds Politics.

4.2 Sino-Indian relations.

Module-5

5.1 India and the liberation war of Bangladesh.

5.2 The liberation struggle of Vietnam (1954-75).

Module-6

End of the socialist regime and the disintegration of U.S.S.R.