CORE COURSE
Semester I

Core Course - I  PAPER-I : HISTORY OF INDIA - I  100 Marks
80 Mrs ( End Sem ) + 20 Marks Mid Sem

All Units carry equal marks

Unit - I : Reconstructing Ancient Indian History :
(a) Meaning and relevance of History
(b) Sources for the reconstruction of Ancient Indian History.

Unit - II : Pre-historic hunter - gatherers
(a) Paleolithic Cultures - Sequence, distribution, technological developments.
(b) Mesolithic Cultures - distribution, new development in technology.

Unit - III : Beginning of Agriculture :
Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures;
Regional and Chronological distribution, subsistence and pattern of exchange.

Unit - IV : The Harappan Civilization

Unit - V : Cultures in Transition
(a) Early Vedic and Later Vedic Culture :
Society, Economy, Political System, Religion and Philosophy
(b) Tamilakam - Sangam Age

Suggested Reading :
1. R.S. Sharma - India's ancient past ( 2007 )
4. A.L. Basham - The Wonder that was India ( 1971 )
5. Upinder Singh - A history of Ancient and Early India ( 2008 )
6. Romila Thapar - Early India from the beginning to 1300 ( 2002 )
7. B.N. Lunia - The social and Cultural History of Ancient India
CORE COURSE

Social formations and cultural patterns of the ancient world

80 Marks (End Sem) + 20 Marks Mid Sem

100 Marks

All Units carry equal marks

Unit - I     :   Evolution of Humankind: Paleolithic and Mesolithic Cultures.

Unit - II    :   Food Production: Beginnings of Agriculture and Animal husbandry

Unit - III   :   Bronze Age Civilization:
                  Egypt (Old Kingdom): Society, Economy, State and Religion.


Unit - V     :   Ancient Greece: Agrarian economy, Politics, Culture, Athens and Sparta.

Suggested Reading:
1. Burns and Ralph: World Civilization
2. G. Clark: World Pre-history: A new perspective
3. Amar Farooqui: Early Social Formations
4. UNESCO Series - History of Mankind, Vol I - III
                    History of Humanity (New edition)
5. B. Trigger: Ancient Egypt: A Social History
6. J.E. Swain: The World Civilization

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CORE COURSE

Core Course - III

History of India - II

80 Marks (End Sem) + 20 Marks Mid sem

100 Marks

All Units carry equal marks

Unit - I : Economy and Society (300 BC to 300 AD)
(a) Urban Growth - North India, Central India and Deccan
(b) Trade and Trade Routes, Coinage

Unit - II : Changing Political Formations
(a) Maryan Empire - Expansion and administration
(b) Kushanas - Kanishka I - achievements
(c) Satavahanas - Satakarni I, Gautamiputra Satakarni

Unit - III : Towards Early Medieval India (4th Century to 750 AD)
(a) Decline of Trade, Currency, Urban Settlement.
(b) Pattern of Administration - Gupta, Chalukyas and Vardhanas

Unit - IV : Religion and Philosophy (300 BC to 750 AD)
(a) Brahmanical tradition - Dharma, Varnashrama, Purushartha, Sanskara
(b) Mahayana Buddhism
(c) Tantricism

Unit - V : Cultural Developments
(a) A brief survey of Literature - Sanskrit, Tamil Literature, Scientific and technical treatises
(b) Art and Architecture - Mauryan - Stupa, Asokaan Pillar, Post Mouryan - Gandhara School of Art, Guptas - Evolution of temple Architecture.

Suggested Reading:
1. B.D. Chattopadhyya - The making of early Medieval India
2. D.D. Kosambi - An introduction to the study of Indian history
3. R.S. Sharma - Urban Decay in India C 300 - C 1000
4. Romila Thapar - Asoka and Decline of the Mauryas
5. Susan Huntington - The Art of Ancient India : Buddhist, Hindu and Jain
CORE COURSE

Semester - II

Core Course - IV

Social formations & Cultural patterns of the Medieval World

80 Marks (End Sem) + 20 Marks Midsem

100 Marks

All Units carry equal marks

Social Formation and Cultural Patterns of the Medieval World:

Unit - I : Roman Republic - Society, Economy, Trade and Commerce

Unit - II : Religion and Culture in Ancient Rome, Decline of the Roman Empire

Unit - III : (a) Economic developments in Europe from 7th to 14th centuries - organisation of production, towns and trade.

(b) Feudalism - Origin, features, merits and demerits, decline

Unit - IV : Religion and Culture in Medieval Europe - Spread of Christianity and Papacy

Unit - V : (a) Rise of Islam: Life and Teachings of Prophet Muhammad, Spread of Islam

(b) Religious development - Shariah, Sufism

Suggested Reading:
1. P. Garnsey and Saller - The Roman Empire
2. J.E. Swain - World Civilization
3. Majumdar and Srivastava - World Civilization
GENERIC ELECTIVE

Semester - 1

GE - P - I

80 Marks (End Sem) + 20 Marks Mid sem

Political and Cultural History of Ancient India
All Units carry equal marks and maximum period

Unit - I:
(a) Harappan Culture - Town Planning, Socio - Economic Condition, religious practices.
(b) Vedic Age - Political Condition, Society, Economy and religion.
(c) Political Condition during 6th Century B.C. - Mahajanapadas

Unit - II:
(a) Alexander's Invasion - causes and effects
(b) The Mauryas - Chandragupta Maurya - Conquests Asoka - Kalinga War, Spread of Buddhism

Unit - III:
(a) Kanishka - achievements
(b) Gupta Age - Samudragupta - conquests Chandragupta II achievements
(c) Gupta Culture

Unit - IV:
(a) Harsavardhana - conquests, administration, religion
(b) Arab invasion of Sind - causes and effects
(c) Iltumish - achievements.

Unit - V:
(a) Balban and Ala ud din Khilji - Reforms
(b) Muhamad Bin Tughluq - Administrative experiments
(c) Culture during Delhi Sultanate - Literature and Development of Indo - Islamic architecture.

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1. B.N. Luniya - Evolution of Indian Culture.
2. R.C. Majumdar - Ancient India
3. N.B. Ghosh - Early History of India
4. A.L. Basham - The wonder that was India
5. A.L. Srivastava - The Sultanate of Delhi
6. Meera Singh - Medieval India

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