B.A
CORE COURSE(CC): HISTORY
SEMESTER- I
(BAB31103T) HISTORY OF INDIA: INDUS CIVILIZATION TO c. 1200 CE

MAX.MARKS:100
EXTERNAL:70
INTERNAL:30
PASS:40%
Credits:6

OBJECTIVE:

The aim of the paper is to introduce the students to the main developments in the history of India from the time of Indus Civilization to c. 1200. The focus is not only political events but an overview of polity, economy and society to create an understanding of the life in ancient times. This would serve as the foundation for the study of ancient Indian History.

COURSE OUTCOMES

CO 1:	Understand the major political, social, economic and cultural developments in ancient India spanning from the Indus Valley Civilization to the end of the Gupta Empire.
CO 2:	Learn about the primary sources related to ancient Indian history.
CO 3:	Know the sequence of major events and developments in ancient history chronologically, identifying key turning points and continuity over time.
CO 4:	Gain knowledge of significant rulers, dynasties and key figures in ancient Indian history, understanding their contributions to the shaping of the Indian subcontinent.
CO 5:	Understand the social structure of ancient India including the caste system, varna system and social hierarchies and analyze their impacts on society.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been

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crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

Section- A

UNIT 1 Sources for the Study of Ancient Indian History: Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphic, Literary

UNIT 2 Indus Civilization: Extent, Town Planning, Economic Activity, Decline

UNIT 3 The Vedic Age: Economy, Society, Culture

UNIT 4 Political Conflict in the Sixteen Great States, Rise of Magadha

UNIT 5 The Mauryan Empire: Extent, Administration, Economy, Society

Section -B

UNIT 6 The Guptas: Extent of Empire, Administration, Economy, Society

UNIT 7 Kingdoms in the Deccan and South: Chalukyas, Pallavas, Cholas

UNIT 8 Religious Developments: Jainism, Buddhism, Puranic Hinduism, Vaishnavism, Shaivism

UNIT 9 Art and Architecture: Temple Architecture, Sculpture- Mathura and Gandhara, Painting

UNIT 10 India c. 1200: An Overview

Suggested Readings:

- D.N. Jha, *Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Manohar, Delhi, 1998 Ranbir Chakravarti, *Exploring Early India*, MacMillan,New Delhi, 2010
- Romila Thapar, *Early India from the Beginning to AD 1300* , Penguin, 2002
- Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India from the Stone Age to 12th Century*,Pearson, 2012

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