

B.A. (2019 Pattern) (Semester - I)

Subject : History Paper Code: 119-I

Title of the Paper: History – I

Unit I: Early India: Sources and Prehistory

- (a) Importance of Early History
- (b) Sources and Tools of historical reconstruction – Archaeology (Material remains), Epigraphy (Inscriptions), Numismatics (Coins), Literary Sources, Foreign Accounts
- (c) Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures: A Brief Review

Unit II: Harappan Culture: Bronze Age Civilization

- (a) Geographical Extent, Town Planning, Trade, Religious Practices
- (b) Art, Crafts and Technology: Pottery, Seals, Beads, Images, Terracotta Figurines
- Metallurgy, Script and Decline

Unit III: Vedic Culture, Religious Protest: Jainism and Buddhism

- (a) Vedic and Later Vedic Culture: Original home, Tribal Polity, Social Divisions, Rituals and Philosophy
- (b) Jainism and Buddhism: Causes of Origin, Doctrines, Contributions and Importance

Unit IV: Emergence of the Mahajanpadas and the Age of the Mauryas

- (a) The Mahajanpadas, Rise and Growth of the Magadhan Empire
- (b) The Age of the Mauryas: Chandragupta, Ashoka and his policy of Dhamma
- (c) The Mauryan Administration, Economy, Decline and Significance