

Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous)

Syllabus for 3 Year B. A. in Humanities (Multidisciplinary)

History

Paper: A 1/B 1: Ancient India Up to C. 1200 CE (Credits 04)

Course Contents:

Unit 1. Evolution of Harappan Culture: Maturity of the Civilization, Town Planning, Causes of Decline

Unit 2. Vedic Age: Corpus of Vedic Literature, Society, Economy and Polity in Early & Later Vedic Period

Unit 3. State Formation in Early India: Mahajanapadas

Unit 4. Mauryan Empire: Chandragupta Maurya to Asoka: Polity, Administration, Society, Culture and the Decline of the Mauryas

Unit 5. Gupta Empire: Chandragupta I to Skandagupta: Polity, Administration, Society, Culture and Downfall

Unit 6. Early Medieval India: Shashanka and Harsha, the Chalukyas, the Palas and the Senas of Bengal, Tripartite Struggle, the Rashtrakutas and the Gurjara-Pratiharas, the Pallavas and the Cholas. The Economy, Society and Culture of Early Medieval India.

Suggested Readings:

1. Allchin, Bridget and Raymond, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan.

2. Basham, A.L., The Wonder that was India.

3. Bhattacharjee, Sukumari, Women and Society in Ancient India.

4. Chakrabarty, Ranabir, Exploring Early India upto A.D. 1300.

5. Habib, Irfan (General Editor), A Peoples History of India

(a) Vol. I –Pre History.

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- 6. Jha, D.N., Ancient India in Historical Outline
- 7. Jha, D.N., Ancient India : An Introduction.
- 8. Kochar,R., The Vedic People.
- 9. Kosambi, D.D., An Introduction to the Study of Indian History.
- 10. Kulke, H., The State in India (1000-1700).
- 11. Lahiri, Naianjyot, The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization.
- 12. Ratnagar, Shireen, The End of the Great Harappan Tradition.
- 13. Sastri, K.A., A History of South India from Pre-historic Times to the Fall of Vijaynagara,
- 14. Sharma, R.S., India’s AncientPast.
- 15. Singh, Upinder, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India.
- 16. Thapar, Romila, From Lineage to State.
- 17. Thapar, Romila, Early India: From the Origins to A.D. 1300.
- 18. Thapar, Romila, The Mauryas Revisited.
- 19. Romila, Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas.
- 20. Ranabir Chakraborty, Bharat Itihaser Adiparba

Paper: C 1: Ancient India (Credits 04)

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Unit 6. Overview of the Early Medieval India: Formation of Regional States

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Paper: C 2: Medieval India (Credits 4)

Course Contents:

Unit 1. Arab Conquest of Sindh: Nature and Impact

Unit 2. Causes and Consequences of the Early Turkish Invasion

Unit 3. Mahmud of Ghazni and Shihab-ud-din of Ghur

Unit 4. Establishment and consolidation of the Sultanate: Qutb-ud-din Aibak to Firuz Shah Tughluqs, polity, economy, culture

Unit 5. The emergence of regional powers: Vijaynagar and Bahamani Kingdoms, Hussain Shahi and Illiyas Shahi Dynasties.

Unit 6. Mughal Imperialism: Establishment and consolidation - Greater Mughals; Polity, economy, culture

Unit 7. Socio-cultural syncretism, Bhakti & Sufi movements.

Suggested Readings:

1. Ahmed, Bashir, Akbar, The Mughal Emperor.
2. Chandra, S., History of Medieval India.

3. Habib, Irfan, Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization.
4. Habib, Irfan, Economic History of Medieval India: A Survey.
5. Habib, Irfan, The Agrarian System of Mughal India.
6. Habibullah, A.B.M., The Foundation Of Muslim Rule in India.
7. Hasan A. Mahdi, The Tughlaq Dynasty.
8. Hasan, S. Nurul, Thoughts on Agrarian Relations in Mughal India.
9. Jackson, Peter, The Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History.
10. Kulke , H. (ed.), The State in India(1000-1700).
11. Kumar, Sunil, The Emergence of the Sultanate of Delhi.
16. Raychaudhuri, T.K and Habib, I. (ed.), The Cambridge Economic History of India.
17. Stein, Burton, Vijayanagara.
18. Alam, Muzaffar and Subhramanyan, Sanjoy (eds.), The Mughal State.
19. Ali, M. Athar, Mughal India, Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture.
20. Ali, M. Athar, The Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb.
21. Chandra, Satish, A History of Medieval India.
22. Richards, J.F., The Mughal Empire.
23. Tripathi, R.P., The Rise and fall of Mughal India.
24. Tripathi, R.P., Some Aspects of Muslim Administration.