

Programme Structure of History

SL NO	Course Code	Title of the Course	Category of the Course	Teaching Hours / Week	Sem. Exam	IA	Total Marks	Credits
Semester I								
1		India in the early Historical Period (to A.D.3000)	Theory	6	80	20	100	5
Semester II								
2		India in the early Medieval Period (A.D.300-1300)	Theory	6	80	20	100	5

I Semester
India in the early Historical Period (to A.D.300)

6 hrs per week

Mark: 20+80

Credits-5

Unit – I 15 hours

- 1) Sources:- Literary- indigenous and foreign; Archaeology-excavations, Epigraphy, numismatics and monuments- nature and functions.
- 2) Influence of Geography on the History of India
- 3) Pr-historic beginning- the Harappan Civilization: town planning- economy- religion-script- Decline.

Unit - II 15 hours

- 4) The Vedic Age:- The origin of the Aryans- Indo-European Languages- archaeological records of the Land of the Seven Rivers..
- 5) The Vedic literature: the Samhita and later texts, nature of the literature.
- 6) The early Vedic period: nature of economy- pastoralism - social organization-political forms – religious ideas and practices.
- 7) Later Vedic Age Geographical shift- the advent of iron- Painted Grey Ware Culture (PGW)- Agriculture and its role- social changes - Varna division- political changes- changes in religious philosophy and practice.

Unit - III 15 hours

- 8) The Age of Mahajanapadas- Agrarian expansion- the archaeology of Second Urbanization- the rise of gahapatis and settis- the emergence of mahajanapadas- the political forms- monarchy- oligarchy -republic
- 9) The factors led to the rise of heterodox religions sects- Jainism and its doctrines- Buddhism and its doctrines- their contributions.

Unit - IV 15 hours

- 10) The Age of the Mauryas - Rise of the kingdom of Magadha- The Nandas- Chandragupta Maurya- Asoka and his successors.
- 11) The Arthasastra, Indica and Asokan edicts- categories and importance of the Edicts - the administration of the Mauryan empire- Asoka's policy of dhamma- The decline of the Mauryas.
- 12) Post- Mauryan India: The indo Greeks- Kushanas-Kanishka; Mahayanism and the Gandhara school of Art.

MAP STUDY:

1. Asoka's Empire and places: Girnar, Brahmagiri, Maski, Gavimatha, Sannathi, Sanchi, Saranath, Pualiputra.
2. Kushana Empire and places: Purushapura, Takshashila, Mathura, Kashgar, Kapisa, Sravasti, Kaushambi, Saranath.

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II Semester

India in the Early Medieval Period (A.D. 300-1300)

6 hrs per week

Mark: 20+80

Credits-5

Unit - I 15 hours

- 1) The rise of the Guptas- Samudragupta and the Allahabad Prasasti- Chandragupta II-
- 2) Cultural contributions- literature and Sciences, religion.
- 3) Gupta administration- Economy and Society- disintegration of the empire – Rise of feudalism.

Unit - II 15 hours

- 4) Harsha of Kanauj – Buddhism- Hieun Tsang- Nalanda Mahavihara.
- 5) The rise of Chalukyas- Pulakesin II- relations with Vardhans and Pallavas.
- 6) The rise of the Pallavas- Mahendravarman and Narasimhavarman- relations with other Tamil powers.
- 7) The Rashtrakutas- Govinda III- Amoghavarsha- relations with North India powers- Southern expedition.

Unit - III 15 hours

- 8) The Alupas relations with imperial powers- the Cholas-the Chalukyas-the Pallavas -the Rashtrakutas.
- 9) The rise of the Cholas- Rajaraja I- Rajendra I- expansion to Sri Lanka and Relations with South East Asia Decline the Cholas.
- 10) Administration of the Cholas- Central Government- Local self Governments. Brihadesvara Temple- Gangaikkondacholapuram.

Unit - IV 15 hours

- 11) The rise of Rajput states- Origin Society, economy and Polity- literature, art and architecture.
- 12) Medieval South India- Economy-Religious Movement- Alvars and Nayanars
- 13) Art and architecture – Nagara- Dravida- Chalukyan styles of temple architecture- Salient features - Badami, Aihole, Pattadakal, Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram, Ellora.

MAP STUDY:

1. The Gupta territories under Samudragupta.

Places: Allahabad- Ujjain-Deogarh-Udayaagiri-Mehrauli-Ajanta-Bhitargaon-Saranath

2. South India under the Imperial Cholas:

Places: Tanjore-Gangaikkondacholapuram-Kumbhakonam-Uttaramerur-Nagapattinam-Kanchipuram-Srirangam-Madurai.

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Question paper pattern

Section A

I) Answer the following in 3 pages each 12x4=48

(Two questions each from all the four units with internal choice)

Section B

II) Answer the following in 15- 20 sentences each 6x4=24

(Two questions each from all the four units with internal choice).

Section c

III) On the outline map provided

A). Mark the Boundari of the Empire. 4 Marks

B) Locate the places. 4 Marks