

B.A (Liberal Arts)
CORE COURSE(CC): HISTORY
SEMESTER- I

(BLAB31103T) 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.

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 crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

SECTION- A

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

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

Module 3 The Vedic Age: Economy, Society, Culture

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

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

SECTION -B

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

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

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

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

Module 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