SYLLABUS FOR B. A. (HONOURS COURSE)

First Year

Paper I

Introduction to Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology

Unit 1
Definition of History, Culture and Archaeology
Ideas of History, History of Indian Archaeology

Unit 2
Sources of Ancient Indian History, Culture– Archaeological and Literary
(Indigenous and Foreign)

Unit 3
A. Relation of Archaeology with Other Subjects
B. Archaeological Methods

Unit 4
A. Palaeography
B. Epigraphy
C. Numismatics

Unit 5
Ancient Indian Art (Architecture, Sculpture, Painting and Iconography)

Books Recommended

- Pandey, Jay Narayan, *Puratatva Vimarsha* (In Hindi)
- Wheeler, R. E. M., *Archaeology from the Earth* (English & Hindi)
- Agrawala, V. S., *India Known to Panini* (English & Hindi)
- Bandyopadhyay, S., *Foreign Accounts of Marriage in Ancient India*

Paper II

Pre and Proto History of India

Unit 1
Palaeolithic Cultures– Lower, Middle and Upper

Unit 2
Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures

Unit 3
ProtoHistoric Cultures
Harappan Civilisation– Pre, Mature and Late

Unit 4
Post-Harappan Chalcolithic Cultures– Copper Hoards, Kaytha and Ahar (Banas)

Unit 5
Malwa and Deccan (Jorve), Early Iron Age Cultures, Megalithic, P. G. Ware and N. B. P. Ware

Books Recommended:

- Sankalia, H. D., *Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan*
- Dhavalikar, M. K., *Indian Protohistory*
- Pandey, Jay Narayan, *Puratatva Vimarsha* (In Hindi)
- Jaysawal, Vidula, *Bhartiya Itihasa ke Adi Charan ki Rooprekha* (In Hindi)
- Jaysawal, Vidula, *Bhartiya Itihasa ke Madhya-Prastar Yuga* (In Hindi)
- Jaysawal, Vidula, *Bhartiya Itihasa ka Nava-Prastar Yuga* (In Hindi)
Second Year

Paper III
Political and Cultural History of North India
(From the Vedic Period to the Time of the Mauryas)

Unit 1
A. History of Indian Literature
B. Vedic Literature as a Source of Political, Social, Economic, Administrative and Religious History

Unit 2
PostVedic Literature as a Source of Political, Social, Economic, Administrative and Religious History

Unit 3
Sixteen Mahajanapadas and Rise of Magadha

Unit 4
Persian and Greek Invasion

Unit 5
Mauryas

Books Recommended:
- Raychaudhuri, H. C., *Political History of Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Majumdar, R. C. *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Tripathi, R. S., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Mookerjee, R.K.: Chandragupta Maurya and his Times
- Shastri. K. A. N., *Age of The Nandas and Mauryas*
- Shastri. K. A. N., *Comprehensive History of India, Vol. II.*
- Pandey, R. B., *Prachin Bharat* (In Hindi)
- Thapar, Romila, *Asoka and The Decline of Mauryas*

Paper IV
Political and Cultural History of North India
(From the Times of the Sunga to the end of the Kushana Period)

Unit 1
Sungas, Kanvas and Satavahanas

Unit 2
Monarchial and Republican Tribes

Unit 3
History of Indo-Greeks, Indo-Parthians and Indo-Scythians

Unit 4
Political and Administrative History of Kushanas

Unit 5
Cultural History of Kushanas

Books Recommended
- Raychaudhuri, H. C., *Political History of Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Majumdar, R. C., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Majumdar, R. C., (ed.) *The Age of Imperial Unity*
- Tripathi, R. S., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Pandey, R. B., *Prachin Bharat* (In Hindi)
- Tripathi, Sacchidananda, *Sungakalin Bharat* (In Hindi)
Third Year

Paper V
Political and Cultural History of North India of the Post-Kushana Period, Pre-Gupta Period and Gupta Period

Unit-1 Political History of the Post-Kushana Period and Pre-Gupta Period

Unit-2 Political History of the Gupta Period

Unit-3 Administrative and Economic History of the Gupta Period

Unit-4 Religious and Art History of the Gupta Period

Unit-5 Political History of the Vakatakas

Books Recommended
- Raychaudhuri, H. C., *Political History of Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Majumdar, R. C., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Majumdar, R. C., (ed.) *The Classical Age*
- Tripathi, R. S., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Pandey, R.B., *Prachin Bharat* (In Hindi)
- Altekar, A. S., *The Gupta-Vakataka Age*
- Upadhayay, Vasudeo, *Gupta Samrajya Ka Itihasa* (In Hindi)

Paper VI
Political and Cultural History of North India of the Post-Gupta Period

Unit 1 Political History of the Later Guptas, Maukharies and Pushyabhutis

Unit 2 Political History of the Palas

Unit 3 Political History of the Gurjara-Pratiharas, Ayudhas, Utpalas, Karkotas and Loharas

Unit 4 Political History of Kalachuries, Gahadavalas and Chandels

Unit 5 Political History of Senas, Paramaras and Chahmanas

Books Recommended
- Tripathi, R. S., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Pandey, R.B., *Prachin Bharat* (In Hindi)
- Majumdar, R. C., (ed.) *The Age of Imperial Unity*
- Majumdar, R. C., *Ancient India* (English & Hindi)
- Pathak, Vishudhanand, *Uttar Bharat Ka Rajnitik Itihasa* (In Hindi)
- Pandey, V. C., *Prachin Bharat Ka Rajnitik evam Sanskritik Itihasa* (In Hindi)Vols 1&2

Paper VII
Political and Cultural History of South India

Unit 1 South Indian Literature as a Source of Political and Cultural History
Unit 2  Political History of the Chalukyas of Badami, Pallavas of Kanchi and Kadambas

Unit 3  Political History of the Cholas and Western Chalukyas

Unit 4  Political History of the Rastrakutas

Unit 5  Political History of the Hoysalas, Yadavas and Kakatiyas

Books Recommended
- Shastri, K. A. N., *History of South India*
- Srivastava, Balrama, *Dakshina Bharat Ka Itihasa* (In Hindi)

**Paper VIII**

*History of Sciences in Ancient India*

Unit 1  Science– Its meaning and Scope. Importance of the Study of History of Science
Unit 2  History of the Study of History of Science in India
Unit 3  History of Mathematics and Astronomy in Ancient India
Unit 4  History of Chemistry including Metallurgy, Glass and Ceramics
Unit 5  History of Agriculture in Ancient India

Books Recommended

**Paper IX**

*Ancient Indian Epigraphy and Numismatics*

Unit 1  A. Rock Edict XIII, Pillar Edicts II and VII and Mahasthan Inscription of Asoka
B. Besnagar Inscription of Heliodorous, Hathigumpha Inscription of Kharavela and Junagarh Inscription of Rudradaman I

Unit 2  Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta, Mathura Inscription of Chandragupta II, Mahrauli Iron Pillar Inscription of Chandra and Bhitari Pillar Inscription of Skandagupta

Unit 3  Aihole Inscription of Pulakeshin II, Khalimpur Copper Plate of Dharampala, Jagjivanpur Copper-Plate of Madanpala and Sanjan Plate of Amoghvarsha

Unit 4  A. Numismatics– Its Meaning and Scope
B. Importance of the Study of Ancient Indian Numismatics
C. Origin and Antiquity of Indian Coinage
D. Early Indian Indigenous Coins

Unit 5  A. Coins of Indo-Greeks, Indo-Scythians and Indo-Parthians
B. Coins of the Kushanas
C. Coins of the Guptas
D. Post-Gupta Coins

Books Recommended
- Sircar, D. C., *Select Inscriptions*
• Sircar, D. C., *Indian Epigraphy*
• Sircar, D. C., *Indian Epigraphical Glossary*
• Gupta, P. L., *Prachin Bharatiya Abhilekh* Vol 1 & 2 (In Hindi)
• Banarji, R. D., *Prachin Mudra* (In Hindi)
• Bhandarkar, D.R., *Carmichael Lectures on Ancient Indian Numismatics*
• Sircar, D. C., *Studies in Indian Coins*
• Maity, S. K., *Early Indian Coins and Currency System*
• Gupta, P. L., *Coins*
• Gupta, P. L., *Bharat Ke Purvakalik Sikke* (In Hindi)
• Narain, A. K., *Coin Types of Indo-Greek*
• Bandyopadhyay, S., *Geographical Names from Early Indian Coins*
• Singh, O. N., *Guptottarkalin Uttar Bharatiya Mudrayen*

**Paper X**

**Indian Cultural Contacts with Outside World**

**Unit 1**
A. Importance of the Study of India’s Cultural Contacts with Outside World  
B. History of the Study of India’s Cultural Contacts with Outside World

**Unit 2**
A. History of Sailendras and Their Relationship with the Cholas  
B. Cultural History of Java—Literature (Textual and Epigraphic), Society, Religion and Art

**Unit 3**
Cultural History of Champa—Literature (Textual and Epigraphic), Society, Religion and Art

**Unit 4**
Cultural History of Kamboj—Literature (Textual and Epigraphic), Society, Religion and Art

**Unit 5**
Cultural History of Arakan, Burma and Thailand - Literature (Textual and Epigraphic), Society, Religion and Art

**Books Recommended:**