

## 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

- Allchin, B. and F. R. Allchin, *The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*
- Basham, A. L., *The Wonder That Was India.*
- Pandey, Jay Narayan, *Puratattva 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, *Puratattva Vimarsha* (In Hindi)
- Jaysawal, Vidula, *Bhartiya Itihasa ke Adi Charan ki Rooprekha* (In Hindi)
- Jaysawal, Vidula, *Bhartiya Itihasa ka 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., *Hindu Civilization* (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*
- Upadhyay, 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*
- Yazdani, G., (ed.) *History of the Deccan*, Vols. I & II
- Srivastava, Balrama, *Dakshina Bharat Ka Itihasa* (In Hindi)
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**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 Bhartiya 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 Bhartiya 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:**