

FIRST YEAR ARTS
HISTORY
PAPER I – HISTORY OF INDIA UPTO 1000 A.D.

M.M. 100s

Unit I

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PATTERNS

- 1) Survey of the sources : Literary, Archeological.
- 2) Prehistoric hunter-gatherers, Paleolithic cultures-sequence and geographical distribution. Mesolithic cultures distribution.
- 3) Concept of the Neolithic-advent of food production. Neolithic-Chalcolithic cultures.
- 4) Harappan Civilization-origin, extent, urban planning. Urban decline and the late Harappan Cultures.

Unit II

- 1) Society, Polity, Economy, Culture & Religion as reflected in Vedic Literature.
- 2) Social developments Varna, Jati and occupational categories, 16 Sanskaras, and 4 Purusharthas.
- 3) Rise of new religious movements in north India - Buddhism and Jainism.
- 4) The Mauryan Empire-Ashoka's Dhamma-its nature and propagation, Mauryan Art and Architecture.
- 5) Post Mauryan social & cultural developments with special reference to the Kushanas and Satavahanas. Kushana (Mathura & Gandhara) Art and Architecture.

Unit III

- 1) Sangam Age - Literature, Society and Culture.
- 2) Developments in the Gupta and post-Gupta times (up to 1000A.D.)
- 3) North: Society, Art, Architecture, Literature, Philosophy, Science and Technology.
- 4) South: Bhakti movement, art and architecture.
- 5) Status of women: Marriage, Property, Rights, Sati and Purdah.
- 6) Shifts in Varna and Proliferation of Jati.

POLITICAL & ECONOMIC PATTERNS

Unit IV

- 1) The Harappan Civilization-nature of Political and Economic Organization. Economic Patterns in non-Harappan India.

- 2) The Mauryas: Administration and Economy.
- 3) Post Mauryan Period: Sungas, Western Kshatrapas – Nahpan & Rudra Daman, Satavahanas –Gautamiputra Satkarni, Kushanas – Kanishka, Craft Production & Trade.
- 4) The Gupta Empire, Administration, Agrarian and Revenue systems and Trade.

Unit V

- 1) Post-Gupta period up to 750 A.D. Pallavas, Chalukyas and Vardhanas – Harsh Vardhana.
- 2) Polity and Economy: (c.a.d. 750-1000)
- 3) North India: Gurjara-Pratiharas.
- 4) Deccan: Rashtrakutas.
- 5) South India Cholas and their Contemporaries.
- 6) Invasions of Arabs.

Books Recommended:-

- 1) Chakrabarti, D.K. Indian an Archaeological History Palaeolithic Beginnings of Early Historic Foundations.
- 2) Allchin, Bridget & F Raymond : Origins of a Civilization : The Pre History & Early Archaeology of South Asia.
- 3) Ghoush, N. : Bharat Ka Prachin Itihas.
- 4) Majumdar, R.C. : Advance History of India Part –I.
- 5) Tripathi, R.C. : Pracheen Bharat Ka Itihas.
- 6) Jha D.N. & K.N. Shrimali : Pracheen Bharat.
- 7) Mahajan V.D. : Ancient India (also in Hindi).
- 8) Om Prakash : Pracheen Bharat.
- 9) Agrawal, V.S. : Indian Art Vol I. (also, in Hindi).
- 10) Champaklakshmi, R. : Trade, Ideology & Urbanisation : South India (300 BC – 1300AD)
- 11) Mittal A.K. : Pracheen Bharat Ka Rajnitik avem Sanskritik Itihas Vol. I
- 12) Sastri, K.A.N. : A History of South India (also in Hindi).