

BA- III year
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)
Code: BAM- E502
Bronze Age: Mesopotamia, Egypt and China

Semester-V
Max. Marks -60
Time- 3 Hrs

Course Objectives

Students will extend their abilities to:

- Develop the knowledge of early Bronze Age Civilizations in Egypt, Mesopotamia and China.
- Critically evaluate the process of political structures and administration.

Course Outcomes

The students will be able to:

- CO1 understand the concept of civilizations.
CO2 learn about the political structure of Egypt, Mesopotamia and China.
CO3 Articulate about political relation, rules and laws in contemporary period.

Instructions:

The question paper shall consist of two sections (Sec.-A and Sec.-B). Sec.-A shall contain 10 short answer type questions of six marks each. Student shall be required to attempt any five questions in 150 words. Sec.-B shall contain 8 long answer type questions of ten marks each and student shall be required to attempt any four questions. Questions shall be uniformly distributed from the entire syllabus. The previous year paper/model paper can be used as a guideline and the following syllabus should be strictly followed while setting the question paper.

Course Contents:

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- UNIT-I Understanding Early Civilizations: (10 Lect.)**
(a) Concepts of Civilization, Bronze Age and Urbanism.
(b) Archaeological and Textual sources.
- UNIT-II Political Structures of Egypt: (13 Lect.)**
(a) Pre-dynastic to Nomarchs and Necropolis Egypt.
(b) Political relations and administration, rules and laws.
(c) Pyramids- Giza Pyramid complex
- UNIT-III Political Structures of Mesopotamia: (12 Lect.)**
(a) Ubaid to Uruk Period – regional cultures of Hasunna, Halaf etc. emergence of cities and city states, unification of city states - Sumerian and Akkadian Civilizations
(b) Political relations and administration, rules and laws
- UNIT-IV Political Structures of China: (10 Lect.)**
(a) Regional cultures of yellow river valley – Yangzhou, Longshan etc. Bronze Age China and Shang Dynasty.
(b) Political relations and administration, rules and laws.



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