

Generic courses for honours of other subjects

BA- Ist year

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CODE : HHS -G 101

HISTORY OF INDIA FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES UPTO 300 CE

Semester - I

Max. marks -70

Time - 3 Hours

Note:- The question paper shall consist of three sections (Sec.-A, Sec.-B and Sec.-C). Sec.-A shall contain 10 objective type questions of one mark each and student shall be required to attempt all questions. Sec.-B shall contain 10 short answer type questions of four marks each and student shall be required to attempt any five questions. Sec.-C shall contain 8 descriptive 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.

Unit 1. Sources and Proto-historic cultures (15 Lect.)

- a) Sources of ancient Indian history: Literary and Archaeological
- b) First urbanization: Harappan civilization-origin, extent, dominant features and decline

Unit 2.Vedic cultures (18 Lect.)

- a) Early Vedic Period: literature, political institution, social and economic condition, religious practices
- b) Later Vedic Period: literature, political institution, social and economic condition, religious practices

Unit 3. Mahajanpada age and Religious movements (12 Lect.)

- a) Second urbanization: Sixteen Mahajanpadas and rise of Magadha (Bimbisara to Nanda dynasty)
- b) Religious movements: Jainism and Buddhism

Unit 4. Alexander's invasion and Mauryan age (16 Lect.)

- a) Alexander's invasion and its impact

b) Rise of Mauryan empire, Ashoka's dhamma, administration & decline

Unit 5. Post-Mauryan age:

(14 Lect.)

a) Political history of Sungas, Satavahanas and Kushanas

b) Political history of Scythians, Indo-Greeks and Parthians

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8. Mukerjee, B. N., Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire.
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10. झा] द्विजेन्द्र नारायण तथा श्रीमाली] कृ. मोहन] प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास ।
11. बाशम] ए-एल-] अद्भुत भारत ।
12. श्रीवास्तव] के-सी-] प्राचीन भारतीय इतिहास एवं संस्कृति ।
13. थापर] रोमिला] प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास ।
14. रायचौ/री] हेमचन्द्र] प्राचीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
15. शास्त्री] नीलकंठ] नन्द-मौर्य युगीन भारत ।
16. शर्मा] एल +पी +] प्राचीन भारत
17. एस +के + पा.डेय] प्राचीन भारत