

B.A. (GENERAL) HISTORY (SEMESTER SYSTEM)

B.A. (General) History – Part – I, Semester – I

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION (TO BE INTRODUCED IN PHASED MANNER W.E.F. 2016-2017)

LIST OF PAPERS

Paper No.	Nomenclature	Internal Assessment	Theory Paper Marks	Total Marks	Time
Option-i	Ancient India (From Earliest Times to Gupta Age)	20	80	100	3 Hrs.
Option-ii	History of Haryana (From Harappan Age to 1526 A.D.)	20	80	100	3 Hrs.

Syllabus and Courses of Reading

Option –(i) : Ancient India (From Earliest Times to Gupta Age)

Marks: 80
Internal Assessment: 20
Time Allowed: 3 Hours

- Note :-**
1. The question paper will consist of *nine* questions. The candidate shall attempt *five* questions in all. The Question No. 1 will be *compulsory*. The Candidate shall attempt *four* more questions selecting at least *one* from each Unit. The paper will carry 100 marks out of which 20 marks will be earmarked for internal assessment. Each question will, therefore, carry 16 marks.
 2. The **Compulsory Question No.1** will be multiple choice type containing *eight* questions of equal marks (i.e., 2 marks each) spread over the whole syllabus.
 3. The Map Question will be carrying 16 marks (10 for map work and 6 for explanatory note). For visually disabled candidates, the part relating to the explanatory note will carry full marks.

Unit- I

Meaning and Scope of History
Sources of Ancient Indian History
Pre-Historic Age: Hunter Gatherers
Concept of Neolithic: Origin of the Agriculture System
Harappan Civilization: Origins, Extent, Town Planning, Economy, Society, Arts and Political Organization

Unit- II

Vedic Culture: Polity, Society, Religion and Literature
Social Institutions: Varna, Caste, Untouchability, and Gender Relations
Emergence of State with special reference to the Rise of Magada Empire
Religious Movements: Buddhism and Jainism

Unit- III

Mauryan Empire: Polity, Administration; Ashoka's Dhamma- Nature and Propagation
Post-Mauryan Empires: Kushanas and Satvahanas
Gupta Empire: State, Administration, Society, Economy, Urban Centers, Art and Architecture

Unit-IV

Maps (India):

Important Sites of Harappan Civilization
Ports and Urban Centers in Ancient India
Ashoka's Empire: Extent, Pillars and Edicts
Extent of Kanishka's Empire
Extent of Samudragupta's Empire

Suggested Readings:

- Allchin, B. and Allchin, F.R. *Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan* (Delhi : Select Book Services Syndicate, 1983)
- Basham, A.L. *The Wonder That Was India* (Mumbai, Rupa, 1971)
- Burton, Stein *History of India*, Oxford, New Delhi, 1998
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- Dani, A.H. *Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Pakistan* (Paris, UNESCO, 1998)
- Harle, J.C. *Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent* (Penguin, 1986)
- Jha, D.N. and Shrimali, K.M. *Prachin Bharat Ka Itihas* (Delhi, 1990)
- Kasambi, D.D. *Prachin Bhartiya Sabhyata Evam Sanskriti* (Hindi) (Delhi, Rajkamal)
- Majumdar, R.C. et al. *History and Culture of the Indian People*, Vols. II, III, IV and V (Mumbai Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Series, 1970, 1979, 1980)
- Nilkanta Shastri, K.A. *A History of South India From Pre-Historic Times to the Fall of Vijaynagar* (Chennai, OUP, 1983)
- Sharma, R.S. *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institution in Ancient India* (Delhi, Motilal Banarsidas, 1991)
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- Thapar, Romila *A History of India*, Vol. I, Pelican, 1966
- Thapar, Romila *From Lineage to State : Social Formations in the Mid-first Millennium BC in the Ganga Valley.*, Bombay : Oxford, 1984
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