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PAPER NO. 1

THE ANCIENT WORLD FROM THE EARLIEST TIME TO THE 5TH CENTURY

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UNIT I

FORAGING AND FOOD PRODUCING COMMUNITIES IN PRE-HISTORY

1. Early and Middle Stone Age 200, 0000 to 8,000BCE
 - a) Social Organization – Insights from the study of modern foraging communities
 - b) Economic Activities – An ethno-archaeological profile
2. New Stone Age, 10,000 to 4000 BCE
 - a) Agricultural Revolution
 - b) Important Centres – South America, China and West Asia

UNIT II

URBAN REVOLUTION AND THE ORIGIN OF STATES

3. Emergence of Cities in a Changing Economy
 - a) Emergence of City life in West Asia
 - b) Early City States of Sumeria
4. State and Ideology in Ancient Egypt
 - a) Consolidation of Egypt as a political unit
 - b) Warriors and Priests in the age of Pyramids

UNIT III

EMERGENCE OF EARLY EMPIRES IN WEST ASIA

5. Elements of Imperial State Formation
 - a) The idea of an empire
 - b) The Assyrians empire (1400 BCE to 700BCE)
6. A Transcontinental Empire: Persian-Achaemenids (550 BCE to 330BCE)
 - a) Political structure
 - b) Encounters with Greek polis

UNIT IV

POLITY AND STATE IN THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD

7. Greek City-States
 - a) Changes in the idea of citizenship
 - b) Political Philosophy and Literature
8. The Roman Empire
 - a) Economic foundations
 - b) Empire and Christianity

Readings:

1. A.H.M. Jones, *Athenian Democracy*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1969.
2. A.H.M. Jones, *The Roman Economy: Studies in Ancient Economic and Administrative History*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1974.
3. Amar Farooqi, *Ancient Social Formations* (also in Hindi), Manak Publication, Delhi, 2001.
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5. Antony Andrews, *The Greeks*, London, 1968.
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7. Brian Fagan, *Peoples of the Earth: An Introduction to World Prehistory*, 15th Edition, Routledge, 2019.
8. Bruce Trigger, et al, *Ancient Egypt: A Social History*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1983.
9. D. Rindos, *The Origins of Agriculture*, Academic Press, New York, 1984.
10. D.R. Harris (ed.) *The Origin and Spread of Agriculture and Pastoralism in Eurasia: Crops, Fields, Flocks and Herds*, Routledge, London, 1966.
11. D.R. Harris and G. Hillman (eds.), *Foraging and Farming: The Evolution of Plants Exploitation*, Unwin Hyman, London, 1989.
12. D.T. Potts, *Mesopotamian Civilization: The Material Foundation*, The Athlone Press, London, 1997.
13. E. Leacock and R. Lee (eds.), *Politics and History in Band Societies*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1982.
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16. G. Alföldy, *The Social History of Rome*, Groom Helm, London, 1985.
17. G. Dalton (ed.), *Tribal and Peasant Economies: Readings in Economic Anthropology*, The Natural History Press, New York, 1967.
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19. George Roux, *Ancient Iraq*, Third Edition, Penguin Books, Harmondsworth, 1992.
20. H.J.M. Claessen and P. Skalnik (eds.), *The Early State*, Mouton Publishers, The Hague, 1978.
21. J. Gledhill, B. Bender and M.J. Larsen (eds.), *State and Society: The Emergence and Development of Social Hierarchy and Political Centralization*, Unwin Hyman, London, 1988.
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23. J. Middleton and D. Tait (eds.), *Tribes without Rulers*, Routledge, London, 1958.
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25. K. Polanyi et. al, *Trade and Market in Early Empires*, The Free Press, Glencoe, 1957.
26. L. De Blois and R. J. Van Der Spek, *An Introduction to the Ancient World*, (Second Edition), Routledge, New York, 2008.
27. M.D. Sahlins, *Tribesmen*, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1969.
28. M.I. Finley, *Ancient Economy*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1973.
29. M.I. Finley, *Politics in Ancient World*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1983.
30. Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, NLB, London, 1978.
31. R.B. Lee and I de Vore (eds.), *Man the Hunter*, Aldine Publishing Company, Chicago, 1968.
32. R.F. Wenke and D.J. Olszewski, *Patterns in Prehistory: Humankind's First Three Million Years*, fifth edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2007.
33. Radcliff Brown, *The Andaman Islander: A Study of Social Anthropology*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922.
34. S. N. Eisenstadt, *The Decline of Empires*, Prentice-Hall, New Jersey, 1967.
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PAPER NO. 2

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SEMESTER:
I

HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA: 6500 BCE TO 400 BCE

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UNIT I

ECOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF EARLY AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS

1. Geography of the Indian Subcontinent (to be studied with maps): physical features, changing regional patterns in History.
2. Emergence of Agricultural Communities in India.

UNIT II

EARLY CITIES

3. The Harappan Civilization: Antecedents
4. Material condition, society, trade and religion; Decline and diffusion of the Harappan Civilization

UNIT III

STAGES OF EVOLUTION OF THE EARLY INDIAN SOCIETY: SECOND MILLENNIUM BCE TO FIRST MILLENNIUM BCE

5. Spread of the Chalcolithic and the Iron Age Cultures.
6. Early Vedic and later Vedic societies.

UNIT IV

SECOND URBANISATION AND NEW RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

7. State, City and Religion: Sixth century BCE to the fourth century BCE): *Janapadas* and *Mahajanapadas*, urban centres.
8. Buddhism, Jainism and other heterodox sects.

Reading List:

1. B. Allchin and R. Allchin, *The Rise of Civilization in India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1982.
2. A. L. Basham, *The Wonder That Was India*, Rupa paperbacks, Calcutta, 1982, (also in Hindi and Urdu).
3. D. K. Chakrabarti, *India: An Archaeological History: Palaeolithic Beginnings to Early Historic Foundation*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1999.
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5. J. C. Harle, *The Art and Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent*, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 1987.
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10. Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th century*, Longman–Pearson, Delhi, 2008.
11. Romila Thapar, *Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1978.
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PAPER NO. 3

HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA: 400 BCE TO 1200 CE

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UNIT I

EMERGENCE OF EMPIRE IN EARLY INDIA

1. The Mauryas: Administration, Society and Economy. Ashoka and his policy of Dhamma. Decline of the Mauryan Empire.
2. Rise of New Political Powers-Shungas, Indo-Greeks, Kushanas.

UNIT II

DECCAN AND TAMILHAM 200 BCE- 200 CE

3. Deccan in the Shaka- Satavahana period, Rise of trade.
4. South as Reflected in the Sangam Poems and Archaeology.

UNIT III

SOCIETY AND CULTURE 300- 700 CE

5. The Gupta Dynasty, Harshavardhana.
6. Religion, Art and Literature 300-700 CE.

UNIT IV

REGIONS AND REGIONALISM 700 – 1200 CE

7. Growth of Regional Cultures in north India: The State and economy. The debate on feudalism.
8. Growth of Regional Cultures in south India: State, economy and society.

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1. A. L. Basham, *The Wonder That Was India*, Rupa paperbacks, Calcutta, 1982, (also in Hindi and Urdu).
2. B. D. Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of Early Medieval India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1994.
3. Burton Stein, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1980.
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8. Romila Thapar, *Early India: From the Origins to AD1300*, Penguin, Delhi, 2003.
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