

UNIT I

FORAGING AND FOOD PRODUCING COMMUNITIES IN PRE-HISTORY

1. Early and Middle Stone Age 200, 0000 to 8,000 BCE
 - 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 700 BCE)
6. A Transcontinental Empire: Persian-Achaemenids (550 BCE to 330 BCE)
 - 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

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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, material condition, society, trade and religion
4. Decline and diffusion of the Harappan Civilization

UNIT III

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. Early States and Cities (Sixth century BCE to the fourth century BCE): *Janapadas* and *Mahajanapadas*, urban centres.
8. Buddhism, Jainism and other heterodox sects.

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