

Detailed Syllabus History Honours
HIS-A CC -1- 14 TH&TU
CC 1 : History of India From the earliest times to C 300 BCE

I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History:

- a) Early Indian notions of History
- b) Sources and tools of historical reconstruction.
- c) Historical interpretations (with special reference to gender, environment, technology and regions)

II. Hunter-gatherers and the advent of food products

- a) Paleolithic cultures- sequence and distribution; stone industries and other technological developments.
- b) Mesolithic cultures – regional and chronological distribution; new developments in technology and economy; rock art.
- c) Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures: distribution and subsistence pattern

III. The Harappan civilization:

Origins; settlement patterns and town planning; agrarian base; craft productions and trade; social and political organization; religious beliefs and practices; art; the problem of urban decline and the late/post-Harappan traditions.

IV. Cultures in transition

Settlement patterns, technological and economic developments; social stratification; political relations; religion and philosophy; the Aryan problem.

- a) North India (circa 1500 BCE – 300 BCE)
- b) Central India and the Deccan (circa 1000 BCE – circa 300 BCE)

Essential Readings

- Agarwal D.P, The Archaeology of India, London, 1982.
- Basham A.L, The Wonder That Was India, London, 1954.
- Chakrabarti Dilip Kumar, An Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology, New Delhi, 2006.
- Chakrabarti Dilip Kumar, India, An Archaeological History, Delhi, 1999
- Sharma R.S, Looking for the Aryans, 1995.
- Sharma R.S, Material Cultures and Social Formations in Ancient India, New Delhi, 1983.
- Thapar Romila, Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300, London, 2002

Suggested Readings

- Basham A.L ed. A Cultural History of India, New Delhi, 1975.
- Ghosh Amalananda, The City in Early Historic India, Shimla, 1973.
- Altekar A.S, The Position of Women in Hindu Civilization from Pre-historic times to the Present Day, New Delhi, 1962.
- Chattopadhyaya B.D, Studying Early India: Archaeology, Texts and Historical Issues. New Delhi, 2003.
- Sircar D.C, Indian Epigraphy, New Delhi, 1965.
- Kosambi D.D, An Introduction to the Study of Indian History, Bombay, 1956
- Kosambi D.D, Combined Methods in Indology and Other Writings, Edited and Introduced By B.D Chattopadhyaya
- Jha D.N, Ancient India: An Introduction, New Delhi, 1998
- Chattopadhyay D.P, Science and Society in Ancient India, Calcutta, 1977.
- Erdosy George, Urbanization in Early Historic India, Oxford, 1988.

CC-2 : Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the ancient world other than India

I. Evolution of human kind: Paleolithic and Mesolithic cultures – Role of kinship social institutions in the development of early societies.

II. Food production : beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry.

III. Bronze Age civilizations, with reference to any one of the following : i)Egypt (Old Kingdom); ii)China(Shang), economy, social stratification, state structure, religion.

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IV. Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia; Debate on the advent of iron and its implications.

V. Slave society in ancient Greece & Rome: agrarian economy, urbanization, trade.

VI. Polis in ancient Greece: Athens and Sparta; Greek culture.

Essential Readings

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B.Fagan, People of the Earth. : an introduction to world prehistory

New York, NY HarperCollins College Publishers 1977

B.Trigger, Ancient Egypt : A Social History. Cambridge University Press, 1983

Bai Shaoyi, An Outline History of China. Beijing : Foreign Languages Press, 1982.

Burns and Ralph, World Civilisations.

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol.I. Cambridge University Press ,1982

G.Clark, World Prehistory: A New Perspective Cambridge University Press, 1977.

Jacquetta Hawkes, First Civilisations. life in Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley and Egypt. The history of human society. New York: Knopf, 1973.

M.I.Finley, The Ancient Economy. University of California Press 1999.

R.J.Wenke, Patterns in Prehistory Oxford University Press, USA; 5th edition 2006

UNESCO Series: History of Mankind, Vols. I –III/ or New ed. History of Humanity.1963

V.Gordon Childe, What happened in History. Peregrine Books 1985

Suggested Readings

A.Hauser, A Social History of Art, Vol I. Routledge, 1999.

Glyn Daniel, First Civilisations. New. York: Thomas Y. Crowell (Apollo. Editions), 1968

J.D. Bernal, Science in History, Vol.I. Cambridge: The MIT Press, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1971

Salia Ikram, Death & Burial in Ancient Egypt (American University in Cairo Press, 2015)

V.Gordon Childe, Social Evolution.

Martin Bernal, Black Athena; the Afro Asiatic Roots of Classical Civilization Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1991.

গর্ডন চাইল্ড, সোশ্যাল ইভলিউশন, অসিত চৌধুরী (ভাষান্তর), দীপায়ন, কলকাতা, ১৪০৫ বঙ্গাব্দ।

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জন ডেসমন্ড বার্নাল, ইতিহাসে বিজ্ঞান, আনন্দ, কলকাতা।

কুণাল চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও সুজাত ভদ্র, প্রাচীন গ্রীসের সমাজ ও শ্রমস্বত্ব, প্রগ্রেসিভ, কলকাতা।

সুপ্রতিম দাস, গ্রীস অনুসন্ধান, প্রগ্রেসিভ, কলকাতা।