

**BA- Ist year
CORE COURSES
CODE: BHS- C 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 Pre-historic cultures (15 Lect.)

- a) Sources of ancient Indian history: Literary and Archaeological
- b) Pre-historic Cultures: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic.

Unit 2. Proto-historic culture (18 Lect.)

- a) Harappan civilization-origin, extent, dominant features and decline
- b) Early and Later Vedic Period: literature, political institution, social and economic condition, religious practices and ideas.

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

- a) Sixteen Mahajanpada and rise of Magadha (Bimbasara to Nanda dynasty)
- b) Religious movement: 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 dharma, administration & decline.

Unit 5. Post Mauryan age: (14 Lect.)

- a) Political history of Sunga, Satavahana and Kushana,
- b) Sangam age: literature, society, economy and polity

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4. Bridget & F. Raymond Allchin, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan, Cambridge university press, New Delhi, 2009
5. Majumdar, R. C. and Pusalker, A. D., Vedic Age. Bhartiya Vidyabhawan Series , Bombay
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7. Posehl, G.S., The Indus Civilization, New Delhi, 2001.
8. Mukerjee, B. N., Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire.
9. Thapar, Romila, Recent Perspectives of early Indian History.
10. झा, द्विजेन्द्र नारायण तथा श्रीमाली, कृष्णमोहन, 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. शर्मा, राकेश, प्राचीन भारत में धार्मिक सहिष्णुता ।
15. गुप्ता, देवेन्द्र, प्राचीन भारतीय समाज एवं अर्थव्यवस्था ।
16. रायचौधरी, हेमचन्द्र, प्राचीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
17. शास्त्री, नीलकण्ठ, नन्द-मौर्य युगीन भारत ।
18. शर्मा, एल. पी. , प्राचीन भारत
19. एस. के. पाण्डेय, प्राचीन भारत