

**Allahabad State University Allahabad**  
Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology

**Course Structure**

B.A. 1st Year

Paper	Course Title	Max Marks
First	Political History of India (From B.C. 600-A.D. 606)	100
Second	Ancient World Civilization and Culture	100

B.A. IInd Year

Paper	Course Title	Max Marks
First	Political History of India (From A.D. 606-A.D. 1206)	100
Second	Elements of Indian Archaeology	100

B.A. IIIrd Year

Paper	Course Title	Max Marks
First	Political History of South India (From A.D. 600-A.D. 1320)	100
Second	Socio-Economic and Religious Life in Ancient India	100
Third	Outline of Medieval and Modern History of India	100

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**Syllabus**

**B.A. Part-I**

**Paper I: Political History of India (600 B.C. – A.D. 606)**

**Unit –I**

1. Sources of Ancient Indian History
2. Political Condition of Northern India during 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
  - a) Sixteen Mahajanapadas
  - b) Ten Republics
3. Persian and Alexander's Invasion on India and its Impact
4. Rise of Magadhan Empire
  - a) Haryanka dynasty: Bimbisara, Ajatshatru and his successors
  - b) Saisunaga dynasty
  - c) Nanda dynasty

**Unit-II**

1. The Mauryas (Origin, Early Life and Conquests of Chandragupta Maurya, Bindusara, Ashoka, conquests, Extent of empire, Dhamma Policy, Successors and cause of Downfall)
2. The Sungas, the Kanvas

**Unit-III**

1. King Kharvela of Kalinga
2. The Indo-Greeks
3. History of Satvahanas, Western Shakas: Kshatrapas
4. The Kushanas: Kuzul and Vima Kadphysis, Kanishka I

**Unit-IV**

1. The Guptas: Chandragupta I, Samudragupta, Historicity of Ramagupta, Chandragupta II, Kumargupta I, Skandagupta, Successors and Cause of Downfall
2. Brief History of the following:
  - a) The Vakatakas
  - b) The Maukharies
  - c) The Later Guptas
3. Huna invasions on India

**Books Recommended :**

Antonova, K.	:	
Bongard-Jevin, G	:	
& Kotovasky, G.	:	<i>A History of India</i>
Basak, R.G.	:	<i>History of North Eastern India</i>
Chattopadhyay, S	:	<i>Early History of Northern India</i>
Gupta, P.I.	:	<i>गुप्त साम्राज्य</i>
Jha, D.N.	:	<i>Ancient India</i>
Jha, D.N. and Shrimali, K.M.	:	<i>प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास</i>
Kulke, H. and Rothermund, D	:	<i>A History of India</i>
Majumdar, R.C & others	:	<i>The Age of Imperial Unity</i>
Raychaudhuri, H.C.	:	<i>Political History of Ancient India</i>
Roy, U.N.	:	<i>गुप्त सम्राट और उनका काल</i>
Thapar, Romila	:	<i>A History of India</i>
	:	<i>Early India from the Origins to AD 1300</i>
Sharma, R.S.	:	<i>प्रारम्भिक भारत का परिचय</i>
Srivastava, K.C.	:	<i>प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास, भाग-1</i>
Yazdani, G. (Ed.)	:	<i>Early History of the Deccan</i> (Hindi Version : <i>दकन का प्राचीन इतिहास</i> )

## Paper II: Ancient World Civilization and Culture

### Unit I

1. Indus Civilization: Origin, Extent and its salient features.
2. Vedic Civilization: Literature, Society, Religion and Economy
3. Culture of the Sangam Age

### Unit-II

1. Egyptian Civilization: Religion, Art and Society
2. Mesopotamian Civilizations: Sumerian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Chaldean

### Unit-III

1. Greek Civilizations: Homeric Age, Periclean Age
2. Salient features of Hellenistic Civilization

### Unit-IV

1. Roman Civilization: Law, Religion and Art
2. Ancient Civilization of Iran
  - i. Sassanian
  - ii. Parthian *Iranian*
  - iii. Zoroaster
3. Ancient Civilization of China: Chou and Chin Periods - Cultural Achievements.  
Confucius

### Books Recommended :

Burns, E.M. et al.	:	<i>World Civilizations, vol. A</i>
Breasted, J.H.	:	<i>The Conquest of Civilization</i>
Bury, J.B.	:	<i>A History of Greece</i>
Cary, M. & Scullard, H.H.	:	<i>A History of Rome down to the Reign of</i> <i>Constantine</i>
Durant, Will	:	<i>Caesar and Christ</i>

	:	<i>Our Oriental Heritage</i>
Chirshman, R.	:	<i>Iran</i>
Goyal, Sriram	:	<i>प्राचीन विश्व की सभ्यताएँ</i>
Grant, M. & Kitzinger, R. (eds)	:	<i>Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean : Greece and Rome</i>
Latourette, K.S.	:	<i>Chinese, Their History and Culture</i>
Lucas, H.S.	:	<i>A Short History of Civilization</i>
Maspero, G.C.C.	:	<i>Manual of Egyptian Archaeology</i>
Pandey, R.N.	:	<i>प्राचीन विश्व की सभ्यताएँ</i>
Roy, U.N.	:	<i>विश्व, सभ्यता का इतिहास</i>
Swain, J.F.	:	<i>A History of World Civilization</i>
Earn, W.W. & Griffith, G.L.	:	<i>Hellenistic Civilisation, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.</i>
Hiwari, G.S.	:	<i>विश्व सभ्यता का वैज्ञानिक इतिहास</i>

### B.A. Part-II

#### Paper I: Political History of India (A.D. 600 – A.D. 1206)

##### Unit –I

1. Pushyabhuti dynasty: Prabhakarvardhana, Rajyavardhana II
2. Contemporary powers: Shashank, Bhaskarvarman and Harshvardhana
3. Yashovarman of Kannauj

##### Unit II

1. Origin of Rajputas
2. The Gurjara Pratiharas – Origin and their homeland, Nagabhatta I, Vatsaraja, Nagabhatta II, Mihirbhoja
3. The Palas – Dharmapala and Devapala
4. The Senas – Origin and Early History, Vijaysena, Lakshmansena

##### Unit III

1. Chandellas – Yashovarman, Dhanga and Vidyadhara

2. The Parmaras (Munja, Bhoja)
3. The Chalmanas (Arnoraja, Vighararaja IV, Prithviraja III)
4. The Gahadwalas (Govindachandra, Jayachandra)

#### Unit IV

1. The Kalchuris (Gangeyadeva, Lakshmikarna)
2. The Western Chalukyas (Jayasimha, Siddharaja, Bhima II)
3. Muslim Invasions:
  - a) Arab Invasion on Sindh
  - b) Excursions of Mahmud of Ghazni
  - c) Invasion of Mohammad Gauri
  - d) Causes of the defeat of the Rajputas

#### Books Recommended :

Antonova, K. Bongard-Levin, G	:	<i>A History of India</i>
Basak, R.G.	:	<i>History of North Eastern India</i>
Chatterjee, G.S.	:	<i>हर्षवर्धन</i>
Devahuti, D.	:	<i>Harsha – A Political Study</i>
Dubey, H.N.	:	<i>दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास</i>
Majumdar, R.C. (Ed)	:	<i>Age of Imperial Kannauj</i>
	:	<i>Struggle for Empire.</i>

## Paper II: Elements of Indian Archaeology

### Unit –I

1. Salient features of Pre and Proto History
  - a) Stone Age Cultures: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic
  - b) Chalcolithic Cultures of India

### Unit II

1. Field Archaeology
  - a) Archaeology and its relations with other sciences
  - b) Development of Archaeology in India
  - c) Methods of locating ancient sites
  - d) Types and methods of Excavation
  - e) Results of the excavations at:
    - i. Hastinapur
    - ii. Lothal
    - iii. Jhansi
    - iv. Sanchankot
    - v. Ahar

### Unit III

1. Epigraphy and Palaeography
  - a) Origin and antiquity of writing in India
  - b) Writing materials in Ancient India
  - c) Inscriptions as a source of Ancient Indian History
  - d) Salient features of Brahmi script

### Unit IV

1. Numismatics
  - a) Origin and antiquity of coinage in India
  - b) Authority for issuing coins in Ancient India
  - c) Techniques of manufacture of coins in Ancient India

d) Coins as a Source of Ancient Indian History

**Books Recommended :**

- Agrawal, D.P. : *Archaeology of India*
- Agrawal, D.P. & Kharkwal J.S. : *South Asian Pre-History*
- Allchin, B. and F.R. : *The Rise of Civilizations in India and Pakistan*
- Bhattacharya, D.K. : *An Outline of Indian Archaeology*
- Chakraborty, D.K. : *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology* ; *The Archaeological Foundations of Ancient India.*
- : *India – An Archaeological History - Palaeolithic, beginnings to early historical formations*
- Dhavalikar, M.K. : *Historical Archaeology of India*
- Fairservis, W.A., Jr. : *Roots of Ancient India*
- Ghosh, A.(ed.) : *Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology, 2 vols*
- Habib, Irfan : *Prehistoric India*
- : *Indus Civilization*
- Misra, V.D. and Pal, J.N. : *Indian Prehistory : 1980*
- Pal, J.N. : *Archaeology of Southern Uttar Pradesh*
- Pandey, J.N. : *पुरातत्व विमर्श*
- : *सिन्धु सभ्यता*
- Possehl, G.L. : *Indus Age ; The Beginnings*
- Sankalia, H.D. : *Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan*
- Sharma, G.R. : *भारतीय संस्कृति का पुरातात्विक आधार*
- Tripathi, Vibha : *Age of Iron in South Asia*
- Uppiyal, K.K. : *सिन्धु सभ्यता*
- Varma, R.K. : *भारतीय प्रागैतिहासिक संस्कृतियाँ*
- : *पुरातत्व अनुशीलन भाग – I, II*
- : *Bharat ki Prastar Yugin Sanskritiyan*
- Wheeler, R.I. M. : *The Indus Civilization, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*



**B.A. Part III**

**Paper I: Political History of South India (600A.D. )**

**Unit –I**

1. Origin of Chalukyas and their early history
2. Chalukyas of Vatapi: Pulkeshin II, Vikramaditya I, Vikramaditya II
3. Rashtrakutas of Manyakheta: Origin of Rashtrakutas, Dantidurga, Dhruv, Govind III, Amoghvarsha, Indra III

**Unit II**

1. Pallavas of Kanchi: Origin of the Pallavas
2. Mahendravarman I, Narsinghvarman I, Narsinghvarman II, Parmeshwarvarman I, Chalukya-Pallava Struggle
3. The Cholas: Early History, Rajaraja I, Rajendra I, Rajadhiraj, Kulotunga I

**Unit III**

1. A brief History of Chalukyas of Kalyani (Western Chalukyas)
2. A brief history of Chalukyas of Vengi (Eastern Chalukyas)
3. A brief history of Kak<sup>a</sup>liyas of Warangal

**Unit IV**

1. A brief history of each dynasty: Yadavas of Devagiri, Hoysalas of Dwarasamudra
2. First Pandya Empire
3. Second Pandya Empire

**Books Recommended :**

Jha, D. N. & Shrimali, K. M. : *Prachin Bharat Ka Itihasa*

Majumdar, R. C. and Others : *The Vakataka-Gupta Age*

Mirashi V.V : *Vakataka Rajavansha Aur Usaka Yuga*

Yazdani, G. (Ed.) : *Early History of the Deccan*  
(Hindi Version : *दकन का प्राचीन इतिहास*)

Chatterjee, G.S. : *हर्षवर्धन*

Devahuti, D. : *Harsha -- A Political Study*

Dubey, H.N. : *दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास*

Majumdar, R.C. (Ed) : *Age of Imperial Kanauj*

: *Struggle for Empire.*

## Paper II: Socio-Economic and Religious Life in Ancient India

### Unit –I

1. General Survey of the origin and development of Varna and Jati
2. Scheme of Ashramas
3. Purusharthas
4. Sanskar
5. Marriage

### Unit II

1. Position of Women
2. Education System in Ancient India
3. Slavery in Ancient India

### Unit III

1. Agriculture with special reference to Vedic Age
2. Ownership of Land
3. Guild Organization
4. Trade and Commerce with special reference to the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. , Saka-Satvahana period and Gupta period

### Unit IV

1. Vedic Religion
2. Buddhism and Jainism
3. Shaivism
4. Vaishnavism

### Books Recommended :

- Basham, A.L. : *The Wonder That Was India*  
(Hindi Version : *अद्भुत भारत* )
- Bhattacharya, H.(ed) : *The Cultural Heritage of India* (Rama  
Krishna Mission : All Vols)
- Chandra, Bipin et al : *India's Struggle for Independence*
- Dev Raj, N.K. : *भारतीय संस्कृति*

Dubey, H.N.	:	भारतीय संस्कृति
Gordon, L.A. & Miller, B.S.	:	<i>A Syllabus of Indian Civilization</i>
Luniya, B.N.	:	<i>Evolution of Indian Culture</i>
Michaels, Alex	:	<i>Hinduism</i>
Mishra, G.S.P.	:	प्राचीन भारतीय समाज एवं अर्थव्यवस्था
Misra, Jai Shanker	:	प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास
Pande, G.C.	:	<i>The Meaning and Process of Culture;</i> <i>Foundations of Indian Culture 2 Vols.</i>
	:	शंकराचार्य - विचार और सन्दर्भ
	:	वैदिक संस्कृति
	:	भारतीय संस्कृति (with Sushmita Pande)
Srivastava, K.C.	:	भारत की संस्कृति
Yadava, B.N. S.	:	<i>Society and Culture in Northern India in the</i> <i>Twelfth Century A.D</i>

## Paper III: Outline of Medieval and Modern History of India

### Unit-I

1. Delhi Sultanate: Slave dynasty, Kutubuddin Aibak, Razia and Balban
2. Khilji Dynasty: Alauddin Khilji and Jalaluddin Khilji
3. Tughlak Dynasty: Muhammad Bin Tughlak, Firoz Tughlak

### Unit II

1. Lodi Dynasty: Ibrahim Lodi and Sikandar Lodi
2. Mughal Dynasty: Babar, Humayun, Akabar, Jahangir and Shahjahan
3. Aurangzeb and causes of downfall of Mughal Dynasty

### Unit III

1. Establishment of East India Company in India
2. Social Reformers of the Modern India: Rajaram Mohan Rai, Dayanand Saraswati, Keshavachand, Jotibarao Phule, Acharya Narendradeva

### Unit III

1. Freedom Struggle Movement
2. Mahatma Gandhi, Non-cooperation Movement, Chauri-Chaura Kand, Salt (Namak) Movement
3. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Contribution in Freedom Struggle and Foreign Policy
4. Partition of India and Pakistan

#### Books Recommended :

1. M. Habib and K.A. Nizami : A Comprehensive History of India. Vol. V.
2. M. Habib and K.A. Nizami : दिल्ली सल्तनत
3. Peter Jackson : Delhi Sultanate – A Political and Military
4. A.B. Pandey : Early Medieval India
5. A. B. Pandey : पूर्व मध्यकालीन भारत का इतिहास
6. Satish Chandra : From Sultanate to Mughal (Delhi, 1999)

7. Satish Chandra : सल्तनत से मुगल ।
8. Christopher Bayly : Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire.
9. Ramkrishna Mukherji : The Rise and Fall of the East India Company.
10. R.C. Majumdar, H.C. Raychoudhury & Kalikinkar Datta : An Advance History of India  
(हिन्दी अनुवाद - आर०सी० मजूमदार, एच०सी० रायचौधुरी व कालीकिंकर दत्त . भारत का वृहत् इतिहास)
11. S.C. Sarkar & K.K. Datta: Modern India History, Vol. II (हिन्दी अनुवाद-एस०सी० सरकार व के०के० दत्त आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास )
12. Edward Thompson & G.T. Garatt : Rise and Fulfilment of British Rule in India.
13. T.G.P Spear : The Oxford History of Modern India.
14. G.S. Sardesai : New History of The Marathas. & A.R. Desai : Social Background of Indian Nationalism (हिन्दी अनुवाद - ए०आर० देसाई : भारतीय राष्ट्रवाद की सामाजिक पृष्ठभूमि)
15. राम लखन शुक्ल- आधुनिक भारत का इतिहास ।
16. सत्येंद्र संय: भारत में उग्रनिवेशवाद और राष्ट्रवाद ।
17. G.N. Singh : Landmarks in the Constitutional and National Development of India (हिन्दी अनुवाद - गुरुमुख निहाल सिंह - भारत का संवैधानिक और राष्ट्रीय विकास । )
18. S.C. Sarkar : The Bengal Renaissance (हिन्दी अनुवाद एस०सी० सरकार : बंगाल का नवजागरण ।