

SUBJECT : HISTORY – I
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UNIT I

1. Indus civilization: Age – Important cities – Town Planning – Urbanization – Social and Political conditions – Economic life
2. The Vedic Age: The Vedic literature – Geographical area – Vedic polity – Social life – Religion- Economic conditions – Political administration- Dhrama
3. The Sangam Age: The Sangam Literature – Social life – Economic conditions – Polity and administration.
4. Religious Movements: Heterodox sets – Causes for the emergence of Jainism and Buddhism – Sects of Jainism – Percepts and Philosophy of Jainism – Sects of Buddhism – Percepts and Philosophy of Buddhism – Impact of Jainism and Buddhism on Indian Culture and Society
5. Mahajanapadas: Names and their geographical extent – Types of Political Systems including Republics.

Unit II

1. The Mauryan Empire: Sources – Arthashastra – Indica – Rock – cut Edicts – Political Administration including the King, the Central Government, Provincial Governments, City Administration, Military Administration – Doctrine of Dhamma – Dhamma Mahamatras – Public Works.
2. Trade and Commerce in the Pre-Gupta and Gupta period: Trade and Commerce – commodity structure of Trade – Export and Import – socio – economic and political conditions – Feudalism – Guild System - Revival of Hinduism – Administration of Justice – Dharmashastras
3. Age of the Pallavas: Socio – economic and political conditions – contribution to arts and architecture.

4. Age of the Imperial Cholas: Extent of the empire socio – economic and religious conditions – Trade and Commerce – Political administration including village administration – contributions to art and architecture.
5. Bhakthi Movement : Alwars and Nayanmars – Adi Sankara – Ramanuja and Madhava – Sufism - Sufistic orders – Impact on Indian Culture and Society.

Unit III

1. The Advent of Islam: Interaction between the ancient Indian cultural and Islamic culture and the emergence of a synthetic culture.
2. Delhi Sultanate: The dynastic history – The idea of kingship – Nobility – the central and provincial governments – military organizations – the agrarian conditions – the Revenue system – Market economy
3. The Mughal Empire: Nature of Mughal Administration – Provincial Government – Fiscal system - Army – Mansabdari system – The Jagirda system – The Zamindars – Agrarian relations – Art, Architecture and Culture under the Mughals.

Unit IV

1. Decline of the Mughal Empire and the Emergence of the East India Company: Causes for the decline of the Mughals – The autonomous states – British conquest of India – The puppet Nawabs of Bengal – The Dual government of Bengal.
2. Economic Impact of British Rule: Indian economy during the first half of the 18th century – Transformation of Indian economy into the colonial economy – British Economic policies – The Economic movements – Impact of British Rule on Indian Economy.
3. Revolt of 1857: Causes for the Revolt – Causes for its failure – Aftermath of the revolt.

Unit V

1. Socio – Religious Reform Movements: Beginning and growth of other Socio – Religions reform movements – Brahmo Samaj – Manav Dharma Sabha – Prarthana Samaj – Arya Samaj – Ramakrishna Mission – Theosophical Society – Young Bengali Movement – Muslim Reform Movement – Satyagraha – Indian National Movement.
2. Backward class Movements: Justice Party – Self Respect Movement
3. The Freedom Struggle in India.

Books Prescribed:

1. R.C. Majumdar et.al, An Advanced History of India
2. Ray Chaudhary, Social, Cultural and Economic History of India.
3. R.S.Sharma, Ancient India
4. Satish Chandra, Medieval India
5. Bipan Chandra, Modern India
6. V.D.Mahajan, History of India in 3 volumes

Books for Reference:

1. A.L.Basham, The Wonder that was India
2. Ishwari Prasad, A Short History of Muslim Rule in India
3. Grover and Grover, Modern India
4. D.N.Jha, Ancient India
5. K.A.Nilkanta Sastri, A History of South India
6. N. Subramanian, History of Tamilnad
