

18UHT2MC01 - ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY PAPER – II
(Post-Mauryan to 8th century A.D.)

Semester : II	Credits : 6
Category : MC	No. of Hours / Week: 6

Objectives:

1. To learn the development of Indian culture and to understand the socio-economic and political development
2. To discuss the growth of regional states and Bhakti Movement.

1. Unit I: The coming of the Indo-Greeks –Sakas –Kushanas - Western Kshatrapas - Growth of urban centres - Social Conditions – Art and Architecture – Culture - Literature and Science – The rise of the Kharavelas and the Satavahanas.

2. Unit II: Guptas: Polity and Administration - Economic Conditions - Coinage of the Guptas - Land grants - Indian feudalism - Social Structure – Position of Women – Economy – Trade and Commerce - Art and Architecture - Religious Sects - Education and Literature – Golden Age of the Guptas.

3. Unit III: Vakatakas: Administration – Society–Vardhanas: Harshavardhana - Polity and Administration - Society – Administration – Trade – Religion – Art and Architecture.

4. Unit IV: Regional States during the Guptas: Kadambas-Chalukyas of Badami –Palas – Senas–Rashtrakutas –Paramaras - Polity and Administration - Cultural aspects. The Chalukyas of Kalyani –Hoysalas: - Polity and Administration - Local Government.

5. Unit V: The Bhakti Movement – Spread of Saivism and Vaishnavism – Spread of Indian Culture Overseas.

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Romila Thapar, *The Penguin History of Early India from the origin to AD 1300*, *History of India*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2002.

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UNIT – I

Name of the Professors: Dr. L. Selvanathan & Dr. I. Princes

DATE	DAY ORDER	TOPICS	REFERENCE
14/11/2018	1	Introduction -About Mauryan Empire and its down fall- Syllabus Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NilakandaSastri K.A., Srinivasachari G., Advanced History of India, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Madras, 1982. 2. Rapson E.J., The Cambridge History of India, Vol. I, Ancient India, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922. 3. D.D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the study of Indian History, Popular Prakasam, Sage Texts, London. 4. A.L. Basham, The Wonder that was India: I, Calcutta, Rupa&Co, 1986.
15/11/2018	2	Indo-Greeks -their invasions and its effects-the Sakas and the Parthians	
15/11/2018	2	Kushanas – Emperor Kanishka-the successors of Kanishka	
16/11/2018	3	Western Kshatrapas - Growth of urban centres	
17/11/2018	4	REVISION	
19/11/2018	5	Class Test: Invasion of Indo – Greeks and its effect	
22/11/2018	1	Social Conditions – Culture – Literature – Science	
26/11/2018	4	Art and Architecture (The Gandhara School, The Mathura School, The Amaravathi School)	
27/11/2018	5	Class Test: Social life, Culture, Art and Architecture	
29/11/2018	1	Rise of the Kharavelas-the Chedi dynasty of Kalinga	
30/11/2018	2	Satavahanas-Origin, important rulers, their contributions	
30/11/2018	2	SUMMING UP & REVISION	
3/12/2018	3	Class Test: Kharavelas and Satavahanas	
4/12/2018	4	Map Test – Kushan Empire- Western Satraps-Andhra Kingdoms	
5/12/2018	5	Group Activity -Chart Presentation	
7/12/2018	1	Map Study	

UNIT – II

DATE	DAY ORDER	TOPICS	REFERENCE
10/12/2018	2	Sources, Origin, Emperors and extension of the empire (Chandra Gupta I, Samudra Gupta, Rama Gupta)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NilakandaSastri K.A., Srinivasachari G., Advanced History of India, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Madras, 1982. 2. Rapson E.J., The Cambridge History of India, Vol. I, Ancient India, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922. 3. D.D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the study of Indian History, Popular Prakasam, Sage Texts, London. 4. A.L. Basham, The Wonder that was India: I, Calcutta, Rupa&Co, 1986.
10/12/2018	2	Emperors and extension of the empire (Chandra Gupta II, Kumara Gupta, Skanda Gupta and his Successors, Disintegration of the Empire)	
11/12/2018	3	Administration of Guptas	
12/12/2018	4	REVISION	
13/12/2018	5	Class Test: Administration of Guptas	
17/12/2018	2	Social and Economic Condition	
17/12/2018	2	Religious Condition (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism) – Literature and Education	
18/12/2018	3	Science and Technology (Grammar, Astrology, Medicine) – Art and Architecture - (Coinage, Terracotta, Iron and Stone Pillars)	
19/12/2018	4	Architecture – Painting - Sculpture	
20/12/2018	5	SUMMING UP & REVISION	
22/12/2018	1	Class Test: Golden Age - Guptas	
07/01/2019	2	Map Test – Gupta Empire	
07/01/2019	2	Group Activity -Album Making and Presentation	
08/01/2019	3	Album Making and Presentation	

UNIT – III

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09/01/2019	4	The Vakatakas – Rulers and the extension of the kingdom	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NilakandaSastri K.A., Srinivasachari G., Advanced History of India, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Madras, 1982. 2. Rapson E.J., The Cambridge History of India, Vol. I, Ancient India, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922. 3. D.D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the study of Indian History, Popular Prakasam, Sage Texts, London. 4. A.L. Basham, The Wonder that was India: I, Calcutta, Rupa&Co, 1986.
10/01/2019	5	Emperior Harshavardhana- Extension of the empire	
12/01/2019	1	REVISION	
17/01/2019	2	Class Test: Vakatakas	
17/01/2019	2	Administration	
18/01/2019	3	Society, Social Condition, Economic Condition	
19/01/2019	4	Religious Condition, Education and Literature	
21/01/2019	5	REVISION - I CIA	
31/01/2019	1	Revision &Class Test: Administration and Social Life	
01/02/2019	2	The description of the Chinese travelers – Hiuen Tsang, It – Sing	
01/02/2019	2	SUMMING UP & REVISION	
02/02/2019	3	Map Test – Harsha’s Empire	
04/02/2019	4	Seminar Presentation -topics from the syllabus	
05/02/2019	5	Seminar Presentation -topics from the syllabus	
07/02/2019	1	Seminar Presentation -topics from the syllabus	

UNIT – IV

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08/02/2019	2	Regional States during Guptas: Kadambas, Chalukyas of Badami	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NilakandaSastri K.A., Srinivasachari G., Advanced History of India, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Madras, 1982. 2. Rapson E.J., The Cambridge History of India, Vol. I, Ancient India, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922. 3. D.D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the study of Indian History, Popular Prakasam, Sage Texts, London.
08/02/2019	2	Palas and the Senas of Bengal	
09/02/2019	3	REVISION	
11/02/2019	4	Rashtrakutas and Paramaras of Malwa	
12/02/2019	5	Chakukyas of Kalyani, Hoysalas	
14/02/2019	1	REVISION	
16/02/2019	3	Class Test: Regional States during Guptas	
18/02/2019	4	Administration	
19/02/2019	5	Social, Economic, Religious Condition, Literature and Fine Arts	
21/02/2019	1	SUMMING UP & REVISION	
22/02/2019	2	Class Test: Administration and Social Life	
22/02/2019	2	Chapter Review from the book and Presentation	
23/02/2019	3	Chapter Review from the book and Presentation	
25/02/2019	4	Chapter Review from the book and Presentation	

UNIT – V

DATE	DAY ORDER	TOPICS	REFERENCE
26/02/2019	5	Bhakthi Movement-Causes and Impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NilakandaSastri K.A., Srinivasachari G., Advanced History of India, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Madras, 1982. 2. Rapson E.J., The Cambridge History of India, Vol. I, Ancient India, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922. 3. D.D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the study of Indian History, Popular Prakasham, Sage Texts, London.
28/02/2019	1	Spread of Saivism – Nayanmars	
01/03/2019	2	Spread of Vaishnavism – Alwars	
01/03/2019	2	REVISION	
04/03/2019	3	Impact of Bhakthi Movement	
05/03/2019	4	Class Test: Bhakthi Movement and its impact	
06/03/2019	5	Spread of Indian Culture Overseas: Society and Religion	
08/03/2019	1	Literature and Fine Arts	
11/03/2019	2	SUMMING UP & REVISION	
11/03/2019	2	Class Test: Spread of Indian Culture Overseas	
12/03/2019	3	Field Visit and Report (with pictures): Temples in Chennai	
13/03/2019	4	REVISION-SEMESTER (Units-I & III)	
14/03/2019	5	REVISION-SEMESTER (Unit-II)	
16/03/2019	1	REVISION-SEMESTER (Units-IV & V)	