

**DEPARTMENT OF ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY
AND ARCHAEOLOGY,
SESSION - 2011-12**

B.A. PART – I

**Paper 1 : Political History of Ancient India
[B.C. 6000-A.D. 606]**

M.M. : 100

UNIT I

- 1- Sources of Ancient Indian History .
- 2- Political condition of Northern Indian During 6th Cent. B.C.
 - a- Sixteen Mahajanapadas
 - b- Republics
- 3- Persian and Alexander's invasion on India and Its effects .
- 4- Rise of Magadhan Empire
 - a- Haryanka dynasty [Bimbisara, Ajatashatru and his successors].
 - b- Saisunga dynasty [Sisunaga, Kalasoka].
 - c- Nanda dynasty [Mahapadanaanda and its origin and causes of downfall].

UNIT II

- 1- The Mauryas [Origin, Early life & conquests of Chandragupta Maurya, Bindusara, Sources for the history of Asoka, Conquests, Extent of Empire, Dhamma Policy, Successors & Causes of Downfall] .
- 2- The Sungas, the Kanvas, the Satavahanas .
- 3- King Kharvela of Kalinga .

UNIT III

- 1- The Indo-Greeks
- 2- The Indo-Sythians & the Indo-Parthians
- 3- The Kushanas [Kuzul & Vima Kadphysis, Kanishka, his successors].

UNIT IV

- 1- The Guptas [Chandraputa, I Samudragupta, Historicity of Ramagupta, Chandragupta II, Kumaragupta, Skandagupta, Successors and causes of Downfall].
- 2- Brief History of the following .
 - a- The Vakatakas .
 - b- The Maukharis .
 - c- The Later Guptas.
- 3- Huna Invasions of India .

Books Recommended:-

- 1- Pandey, V.C. *History of Ancient India* - Part I, 1967, 2nd ed. 1978, 3rd ed. 1984, 4th ed. 1992, 5th ed. 1997, 6th ed. 2001, 7th ed. 2004, 8th ed. 2008, 9th ed. 2011, 10th ed. 2014, 11th ed. 2017, 12th ed. 2020.
- 2- Raichaudhuri, H.C. : *History of Ancient India*
- 3- Goyal Sriram. *History of Ancient India* - Part I, 1967, 2nd ed. 1978, 3rd ed. 1984, 4th ed. 1992, 5th ed. 1997, 6th ed. 2001, 7th ed. 2004, 8th ed. 2008, 9th ed. 2011, 10th ed. 2014, 11th ed. 2017, 12th ed. 2020.
- 4- Raichaudhuri H.C. : *Political History of Ancient India* .
- 5- Pandey, V.C. & A. Pandey : *A New History of Ancient India* .

UNIT I

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

UNIT II

- 1- Position of women .
- 2- Education system in Ancient India.
- 3- Origin of State and Its types monarchy & Republic .
- 4- Position of State .

UNIT III

- 1- Agriculture with special reference to the Vedic Age.
- 2- Ownership of Land .
- 3- Guild Organisation .
- 4- Trade and Commerce with special reference to the 6th century B.C., Saka-Satavahana period and Gupta period .

UNIT IV

- 1- Indus religion .
- 2- Vedic religion .
- 3- Life and Teachings of Mahavira .
- 4- Life and Teachings of Buddha .
- 5- Vaishnavism upto Gupta period .
- 6- Saivism upto the Gupta period.

Books Recommended :-

- 1- Prabhu, P.H. : Hindu Social Organisation .
- 2- Mishra, Hayashanker : i kphu Hkkjr dk lekftd bfrgkl -
- 3- Altekar, A.S. : Education in Ancient India.
- 4- Adya, G.L. : Early Indian Economics.
- 5- Maity S.K. : Economic Life in Northern India in the Gupta. period.
- 6- Saleatore, R.N. : Ealry Indian Economic History .
- 7- Goyal , S.R. : Religious History of Ancient India.
- 8- Bhandarkar, R.G. : Vaishnavism, Saivism, and other minor religious sects .