

**DEPARTMENT OF ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY AND
ARCHAEOLOGY,
B.A. PART – I**

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

UNIT I

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

- 1- The Guptas [Chandraputa, I Samudragupta, Historicity of Ramagupta, Chandragupta II, Kamaragupta, 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. प्राचीन भारत का राजनैतिक और सांस्कृतिक इतिहास. (भाग 1 एवं भाग 2)
- 2- Raichaudhuri, H.C. : प्राचीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास
- 3- Goyal Sriram. प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास (भाग 1 भाग 2 एवं भाग 3)
- 4- Raichaudhuri H.C. : Political History of Ancient India .
- 5- Pandey, V.C. & A. Pandey : A New History of Ancient India .

Paper II State and Social , Economic & 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- 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 : प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास.
- 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- Saletore, R.N. : Early Indian Economic History .
- 7- Goyal , S.R. : Religious History of Ancient India.
- 8- Bhandarkar, R.G. : Vaishnavism, Saivism, and other minor religious sects .