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Structure of the Courses

(CBCS pattern to be implemented from 2022-2023)

FYBA HISTORY SYLLABUSS

Semester I & II

Semester – I

CC 1A- Early India: From Prehistory to the Age of the Mauryas

Paper Code- 22-A1141

Semester –II

CC 1B - Early India: Post Mauryan Age to the Rashtrakutas

Paper Code- 22-A1241

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History BOS



Semester-I : CC 1A

Credit- 3

Course Title - Early India: From Prehistory to the Age of the Mauryas

Paper Code- 22-A1141

Objectives:

The history of Early India is a crucial part of Indian history. It is a base for understanding the entire Indian history. The course is aimed at helping the students to understand the history of early India from the prehistoric times to the age of the Maurya's. It attempts to highlight the factors and forces behind the rise, growth and spread of civilization and culture of India along with the dynastic history. It also attempts to help the students to understand the contribution of Early Indians to polity, art, literature, philosophy, religion and science and technology. It also aims to foster the spirit of enquiry among the students by studying the major developments in early Indian history.

Unit I- Early India: Sources and Prehistory

1. Importance of Early History
2. Sources and Tools of Historical Reconstruction – Archaeology (Material Remains), Epigraphy (Inscriptions), Numismatics (Coins), Literary Sources, Foreign Accounts
3. Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures: A Brief Review

Unit II: Harappan Culture: Bronze Age Civilization

1. Geographical Extent, Town Planning, Trade, Religious Practices
2. Art, Crafts and Technology: Pottery, Seals, Beads, Images, Terracotta Figurines, Metallurgy, Script and Decline



Unit III: Vedic Culture, Religious Protest: Jainism and Buddhism

1. Vedic and Later Vedic Culture: Original Home, Tribal Polity, Social Divisions, Rituals and Philosophy
2. Jainism and Buddhism: Causes of Origin, Doctrines, Contributions and Importance

Unit IV: Emergence of the Mahajanapadas and the Age of the Mauryas

1. The Mahajanapadas, Rise and Growth of the Magadha Empire
2. The Age of the Mauryas : Chandragupta Maurya, Ashoka and his Policy of Dhamma
3. The Mauryan Administration, Economy, Decline and Significance



Semester-II : CC1B

Credit- 3

Course Title- Early India: Post Mauryan Age to the Rashtrakutas
Paper Code- 22-A1241

Objectives:

The history of India after the Mauryas is very important to understand the developments in early India after the Mauryas, which finally led to the transition to medieval India. The course is aimed at introducing the students to the developments in different parts of India through a brief study of regional kingdoms up to the tenth century C.E. It attempts to highlight the consequences of the foreign invasions, particularly on the polity, economy, society and art and architecture. The attempt is also to instil the spirit of enquiry among the students.

Unit I: Central Asian Contacts and the Age of the Shunga-Satavahanas

1. The Indo-Greeks, The Shakas, The Parthians, The Kushanas: Economy, Society, Religion and Culture
2. The Age of Shunga-Satavahanas: Polity and Administration, Society, Economy, Culture

Unit II: Early History of South India

1. Period of Sangam Literature –Society and Culture, Early Polities
2. Economy: Towns, Trade and Crafts

Unit III: North India: The Gupta Empire and King Harshavardhana

1. The Gupta Empire – Brief Political History, Administration, Society, Trade, Science and Technology
2. King Harshavardhana_: Administration, Religion, Education



Unit IV: Regional Kingdoms: A Brief History

1. The Chalukyas, Pallavas, Pandyas - Struggle for Supremacy over Peninsular India
2. Rashtrakutas, Palas, Parmaras- Tripartite Struggle
3. Literature, Religion, Art and Architecture

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