

Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous)

Syllabus for 3 Year B. A. in Humanities (Multidisciplinary)

History

1st Semester

Course Type: Multidisc. Major

Course Code: HISMDMJA1

Course Title: T: Ancient India Up to C. 1200 CE

(Credits 04)

Course Contents:

Unit 1. Evolution of Harappan Culture: Maturity of the Civilization, Town Planning, Causes of Decline

Unit 2. Vedic Age: Corpus of Vedic Literature, Society, Economy and Polity in Early & Later Vedic Period

Unit 3. State Formation in Early India: Mahajanapadas

Unit 4. Mauryan Empire: Chandragupta Maurya to Asoka: Polity, Administration, Society, Culture and the Decline of the Mauryas

Unit 5. Gupta Empire: Chandragupta I to Skandagupta: Polity, Administration, Society, Culture and Downfall

Unit 6. Early Medieval India: Shashanka and Harsha, the Chalukyas, the Palas and the Senas of Bengal, Tripartite Struggle, the Rashtrakutas and the Gurjara-Pratiharas, the Pallavas and the Cholas. The Economy, Society and Culture of Early Medieval India.

Suggested Readings:

1. Allchin, Bridget and Raymond, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan.
2. Basham, A.L., The Wonder that was India.

3. Bhattacharjee, Sukumari, Women and Society in Ancient India.
4. Chakrabarty, Ranabir, Exploring Early India upto A.D. 1300.
5. Habib, Irfan (General Editor), A Peoples History of India
 - (a) Vol. I –Pre History.
 - (b) Vol. II –The Indus Civilization.
 - (c) Vol. III – The Vedic Age.
 - (d) Vol. IV –The Mauryas.
6. Jha, D.N., Ancient India in Historical Outline
7. Jha, D.N., Ancient India : An Introduction.
8. Kochar,R., The Vedic People.
9. Kosambi, D.D., An Introduction to the Study of Indian History.
10. Kulke, H., The State in India (1000-1700).
11. Lahiri, Naianjyot, The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization.
12. Ratnagar, Shireen, The End of the Great Harappan Tradition.
13. Sastri, K.A., A History of South India from Pre-historic Times to the Fall of Vijaynagara,
14. Sharma, R.S., India’s AncientPast.
15. Singh, Upinder, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India.
16. Thapar, Romila, From Lineage to State.
17. Thapar, Romila, Early India: From the Origins to A.D. 1300.
18. Thapar, Romila, The Mauryas Revisited.
19. Romila, Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas.
20. Ranabir Chakraborty, Bharat Itihaser Adiparba

Skill Enhancement Course in History

Course Type: SEC – 1

Course Code HISSEC01

Course Title: P: Techniques of History Writing

(Credits 3)

Course Contents:

Unit 1: What is History, Meaning and Scope of History, Generalization in History, Judgement in History

Unit 2: Understanding Sources of History, Survey of Sources: Archaeological and Literary Sources, Accounts of the Foreign Travellers, Oral History, Sources of Contemporary History, Data Mining from Internet/Web Sources

Unit 3: History Writing: Review of a Research Paper/ Original Work/ Book on General History/Biography etc.

Unit 4: Writing Biographical History: Individual, Family, Organization History

Unit 5: Writing Local History: Village/ Town/ Street/ Festival/ Monument etc. Problems and Scope

References:

1. E.H. Carr, What is History, Penguin Classic
2. E. Sreedharan, A Text Book of Historiography, Orient Longman
3. Sumit Sarkar, Writing Social History, Oxford University Press
4. B. Sheikh Ali, History-Its Theory and Method, Laxmi publications
6. Steven Roger Fischer, History of Writing, Reaktion Books
7. Amartya Sen, Argumentative Indian, Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity,
8. R.G. Collingwood, The Idea of History, Oxford University Press
9. K. Rajayyan, History in Theory and Method: A Study in Historiography, Raj Publishers

10. G. P Singh, Ancient Indian Historiography Sources and Interpretations, D.K.Print World Ltd
11. N.R. Ray, Sources for the History of India, New Delhi
12. R.C.Majumdar, Historiography in Modern India: 18th and 19th Centuries, Asia Publishing House
13. Ramasundari Mantena, The Origins of Modern Historiography in India: Antiquarianism and Philology, 1780- 1880, Palgrave and Macmillan
14. Arthur Marwick, The Nature of History, Palgrave and Macmillan

Course Type: Multidisc. Minor

Course Code: HISMDMIC1

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Unit 6. Overview of the Early Medieval India: Formation of Regional States

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