

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Cent. B.C.
  - a- Sixteen Mahajanapadas
  - b- Ten 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 [ 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].

### **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 Maukhari .
  - 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. : Ealry Indian Economic History .
- 7- Goyal , S.R. : Religious History of Ancient India.
- 8- Bhandarkar, R.G. : Vaishanavism, Saivism, and other minor religious sects .

## **B.A. Part-II**

### **Paper :1      Political History of Northern India**

**[Form A.D. 606 upto A.D. 1206]**

#### **UNIT I**

- 1-     Harsha and his contemporaries
  - a-     Shashanka
  - b-     Bhaskarvarman.
- 2-     Yashovarmam of Kanauj.
- 3-     Lalita Ditya, Muktaped of Kashmir .

#### **UNIT II**

- 1-     Origin of Rajputs.
- 2-     The Gurjara Pratiharas- Origin, Nagabhatta I, Vatsaraja, Nagabhatta II, Mihirabhoja, Mahendrapala I, Mahinpala I .
- 3-     The Palas – Dharmapala, Devapala.
- 4-     The Senas- Vijayasena, Lakshmanasena .

#### **UNIT III**

- 1-     The Chandellas – Yashovarman, Dhanga, Vidyadhara and Kirttivarman.
- 2-     The Paramaras [ Munja, Bhoja]
- 3-     The Ghahamanas [ Arnoraja, Vigraharaja IV, Prithviraja III].
- 4-     The Gahadawalas [Govindachandra, Jayachandra]

## **UNIT IV**

- 1- The Kalachuris [Gangeyandeva, Lakshmikarna] .
- 2- The Western Chaulukyas [ Hayasimha, Siddharaja, Bhima II].
- 3- Muslim Invasions –
  - a- Arab Invasion on Sindh.
  - b- Excursions of Mahmud of Ghazni.
  - c- Invasions Mohammad Ghuri.
  - d- Causes of the Defeat of the Indians.

### **Books Recommended:-**

- 1- Pathank, Vishuddhananda : उत्तर भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
- 2- Rao, R . & Pradeep Rao : गुप्तोत्तर युगीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
- 3- Pandey, V.C. & A. Pandey : A New History of Ancient India.
- 4- Ray H.C. : Dynastic History of Northern India.
- 5- Majumdar, R.C. : History of Bengal .
- 6- Puri, B.N. : History of Gurjara Pratiharas .
- 7- Dixit, R.K. : Chandellas of Jejakabhukti .
- 8- Ganguly , D.C. " History of Paramaras.
- 9- Niyogi, Roma: History of Gahadawals.
- 10- Srivastava, B.N. : Harsha and His Times.
- 11- Majumdar, A.K. Chaulukyas of Gujarat .
- 12- Sharma , D: Early Chauhan Dynasty .

## **Paper – II : Elements of Indian Archaeology :-**

### **UNIT I**

- 1- Elements of Pre and Proto History
  - a- Stone age Cultures : Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic .
  - b- Chalcolithic Cultures of India .
  - c- Harappan Civilization .

### **UNIT II**

- 1- Field Archaeology :
  - a- Archaeology and its relations with other sciences .
  - b- Development of Archaeology in India.
  - c- Methods of Locating Ancient Sites.
  - d- Types and methods of Excavation .
  - e- Results of the Excavations at-
    - i- Hastinapur.
    - ii- Lothal

### **UNIT III**

- 1- Epigraphy & Paleography.
  - a- Origin and Antiquity of writing in India.
  - b- Writing materials in Ancient India.
  - c- Inscriptions as sources of Ancient Indian History .
  - d- Mauryan Brahmi Script .

## **UNIT IV**

- 1- Numismatics :-
  - a- Origin and antiquity of coinage in India.
  - b- Authority for issuing coins in Ancient India.
  - c- Techniques of manufacture of coins in Ancient India.
  - d- Coins as a source of Ancient India History .
  - e- General Features of :-
    - i- Punch – Market Coins .
    - ii- Gupta Gold Coins .

### **Books Recommended:-**

- 1- Agarwal D.P. Archeology of India
- 2- पाण्डेय, जयनारायणः पुरात्तव विमर्श ।
- 3- वर्मा आर० के०: प्रागौतिहासिक संस्कृतियोँ एवं क्षेत्रीय पुरात्तव ।
- 4- Atkinson : Filed Archaeology .
- 5- Raman, K.V. : Principles and methods of Archaeology.
- 6- Kenyon, K: Beginning in Archaeology .
- 7- Puri, B.N. : पुरात्तव विज्ञान ।
- 8- Thaplyal, K.K. : पुरात्तव प्रवेषिका ।
- 9- Sircar, D.C. : Indian Epigraphy ..
- 10- Pandey , R.B.: Indian Palaeography .
- 11- Ojha, G.S. : प्राचीन लिपिमाला ।
- 12- Chakraborty, S.K.: Ancient Indian Numismatics .
- 13- Altekar , A.S. : The coinage of Gupta Coins . गुप्तकालीन मुद्राएँ ।
- 14- Thaplyal, A.K. : Ancient Indian Coins .

### **B.A. PART – III**

**Paper I: Political History of South India  
[ 600 A.D. to 1320 A.D. ]**

#### **UNIT I**

- 1- Sources of South Indian History.
- 2- Chalukyas of Vatapi- Pulkeoen II, Vikramaditya I, Vikramaditya II.
- 3- A brief History of each dynasty :
  - a- Gangas
  - b- Kadambas
  - c- Kakatiyas .

#### **UNIT II**

- 1- Origin of the Pallavas .
- 2- The Pallavas : Mahendravarman I, Nandivarman II, Pallavamal .
- 3- Yadavas of Devagiri : Bhillam V, Ram Chandra
- 4- Hoyasalas .

#### **UNIT III**

- 1- Origin of Rashtrakutas
- 2- The Rashtrakutas : Dhruva, Govinda III, Amoghavarsha I, and Indra III.
- 3- Rashtrakuta Administration .

## **UNIT IV**

- 1- The Cholas : RajarajaI, Rajendra I, Kullotunga I,
- 2- Chola administration .
- 3- First Pandyan Empire .
- 4- Second Pandyan Empire .

### **Books Recommended :-**

- 1- Sartri, K.A. N. History of South India
- 2- Yazdani, G : History of Deccan .
- 3- Altekar, A.S. : Rashtrakutas and their times.
- 4- Aiyangar, S.K. : The Beginnings of South Indian History :
- 5- Srivastava, Balrama : दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास |
- 6- Mishra : दक्षिण भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास |
- 7- Pathak, Vishuddhananda: दक्षिण भारत का इतिहास |

## **Paper II, Ancient Indian Art & Architecture:-**

### **UNIT I**

- 1- Art and architecture of Harappan Civilisation .
- 2- Mauryan Art.
- 3- Art of Bharhut, Sanchi, and Amaravati.

### **UNIT II**

- 1- Mathura School of Art.
- 2- Gandhara School of Art.
- 3- Gupta sculptural Art.
- 4- Ajanta Paintings .

### **UNIT III**

- 1- Stupa Architecture with special reference to –
  - a- Sanchi Mahastupa
  - b- Amaravati stupa
- 2- Rock Cut Architecture with special reference to –
  - a- Bhaja
  - b- Karle

### **UNIT IV**

- 1- Architectural features of the following .
  - a- Gupta Temples
  - b- Khajuraho Temples - Kandariya Mahadeva .
  - c- Orissa Temples – Lingaraja Temple & Konark Sun Temple.
  - d- Pallava Temples – Rock Cut Rathas .
  - e- Rashtrakuta Temples – Kailasa Temple of Ellora.

### **Books Recommended :-**

- 1- Agarwal , Prithvi Kumar : प्राचीन भारतीय कला एवं वास्तु
- 2- Sahai, Shiv Swaroop : भारतीय कला ।
- 3- Bajapi , K.D. : भारतीय वास्तुकला का इतिहास ।
- 4- Shastri, Ajai Mitra : Ajanta .
- 5- Agarwal, V.S.: Studies in Indian Art.
- 6- Khosa, Sunit : Handbook of Indian Art.
- 7- Deva, Krishna : Temples of North Indian.
- 8- Srinivasan, K.R. : Temples of South India
- 9- Sivaramamurti, C: Indian Painting .

### **Paper III : Ancient World Civilizations :-**

#### **UNIT I**

- 1- Egypt – Social , Economic, Religious Life and Art.
- 2- Sumeria – Social, Economic, Religious life and Art.

#### **UNIT II**

- 1- Babylonia- Social , Economic, Religious life and Art.
- 2- Assyria – Social, Economic, Religious life and Art.

#### **UNIT III**

- 1- Persia – Social , Economic, Religious life [Zoroaster ] and Art.
- 2- China – Social , Economic, Religious Life [ Confucius, Lao-tes, Buddhism] and Art.

#### **UNIT IV**

- 1- Egean Civilization : Salient Features .
- 2- Greek Civilization : Social, Economic, Religious life and Art.

#### **Books Recommended :-**

- 1- Will Durant : The Story of civilization Part I.
- 2- Sykes, P: A History of Persia .
- 3- Goodrich : A Short History of the Chinese People .
- 4- Tripathi , R.P. : विश्व इतिहास
- 5- Goyal , S.R. : विश्व की प्राचीन सभ्यताएं
- 6- Pathak, S.M. विश्व की प्राचीन सभ्यताओं का इतिहास ।