

COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

Reduced Syllabus for B. A. Honours in History

Session- July, 2020- December, 2020

Semester – I

Core Course – I : HISTORY OF INDIA UP to 650 A.D. (Pre-history to Mahajanapadas)

Unit 1: Reconstructing Ancient Indian history.

A. Geographical background of India ; B. Sources and tools of historical reconstruction; literature; archaeology; epigraphy and numismatics.

Unit 2 : Pre-historic Age :

A. Paleolithic , Mesolithic and Neolithic culture : evolution and uses of stone tools and food production.

Unit 3: Proto-historic Age

A. The Harappan civilization- origin, extent,

B. Social and economic conditions;

C. The causes of Harappan decline.

Unit 4: Vedic Civilisation:

A. The Aryan problem; original homeland; Vedic literature.

B. Society and economy of the Aryans,

C. Position of women

Unit 5: Religion and Philosophy.

A. Rise of Jainism, Buddhism, and Ajivikas

Unit 6 : Mahajanapadas to Magadhan Empire

A. Rise of Sixteen Mahajanapadas ;

B. Growth of Magadhan Empire and its dynasties.

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Core Course – II : HISTORY OF INDIA A.D. 650-A.D. 1526 (Up to 1206 A.D.)

Unit 1: Reconstructing of Early Medieval Indian History. a. Historical sources and their interpretation. b. Arab conquest and its impact c. Political developments; nature of the regional politics with special reference to the Pratiharas, Palas, Senas, Rastrakutas, Cholas, and Pallavas d. Turkish invasions and its impact.

Unit 2: Economy and Society. a. Land grants and agrarian expansion; changes in land tenure; b. Indian feudalism and debates c. Social Stratification: class, caste (jati), and slavery.

Unit 3: Trade and Commerce. a. Urban centre; trade - internal trade; maritime trade b. Guilds and industries.

Unit 4: Culture a. Literature-rise and growth of regional languages. b. Schools of Indian Philosophy; Buddhism and Jainism; Bhakti;

Unit 5: Art and Architecture. a. Art , Architecture and Painting.

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DSC: Selected History of Ancient India

- I. Sources and Interpretation.
- II. Harappan Civilization : Origin, Extent, and it's decline.
- III. The Vedic Period: Society, Economy and Religion.
- IV. The rise of Magadha and Mahajanpadas and the Causes of Magadha's success.
- V. Rise of Jainism and Buddhism ; and Decay of Jainism and Buddhism .
- VI. Rise and Fall of Mauryan Empire; State, Administration, Ashoka's Dhamma.
- VII. The age of Kushanas : Aspects of Polity, Society, Religion and Art.
- VIII. The rise of the Imperial Guptas- administration; art and architecture; literature; science.