

HIS103:HISTORY OF INDIA FROM THE EARLIEST TIME UPTO 300 CE

L:3 T:1 P:0 Credits:4

Course Outcomes: Through this course students should be able to

CO1 :: understand the emergence of Pre-historic cultures in India

CO2 :: examine the emergence, growth and decline of Harappan civilization

CO3 :: identify the developments taking place in the field of polity, society, economy and culture in Vedic and post-Vedic times

CO4 :: analyze the vedic period and the rise of Mahajanapadas

CO5 :: assess the religious movements and Pre-Mauryan period

CO6 :: evaluate the growth of Mauryan empire

Unit I

Pre-historic culture in India : Paleolithic Culture, Mesolithic culture, Neolithic Culture, sources of ancient Indian history, Chalcolithic culture

Unit II

The Harappan civilization : date and extent of Harappa civilization, town planning and architecture, Indus script, causes of decline, Origin and extent of Harappan civilization, Major Harappan cities, Town planning, Society, Economy, Architecture, Harappan script, Causes of decline of Harappan civilization

Unit III

The Vedic period and Rise of Mahajanapadas : Polity, Society, Economy and Religion, Iron age with reference to PGW & Megaliths, territorial states and conditions for the rise of Magadha, causes of Magadha's success

Unit IV

Religious movements and Pre-Mauryan Empire : Jainism- causes of emergence, doctrines, spread, decline and contributions of Jainism, Buddhism- causes of emergence, doctrines, spread, decline and contributions of Buddhism, Iranian and Macedonian Invasions, Alexander's Invasion and impact

Unit V

Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire : Chandragupta Maurya, state, administration and economy, Kalinga war, Ashoka's Dhamma, art & architecture, decline of Mauryan empire

Unit VI

Post-Mauryan Empire : the age of Shakas, Parthians & Kushanas, Satvahana phase: aspects of political history, material culture, administration & religion, Sangam age and Sangam literature, the three early kingdoms: Chera, Chola and Pandya, society & the Tamil language

Text Books:

1. INDIA'S ANCIENT PAST by R.S. SHARMA, Oxford Paperbacks
2. A HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA by UPINDER SINGH, PEARSON

References:

1. THE WONDER THAT WAS INDIA VOL. 1: A SURVEY OF THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT BEFORE THE COMING OF THE MUSLIMS by A. L BASHAM, PICADOR PUBLISHER
2. INDIA - AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORY: PALEOLITHIC BEGINNINGS TO EARLY HISTORY FOUNDATION (PAPERBACK) by DILIP K CHAKRABARTI, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
3. ASOKA AND THE DECLINE OF THE MAURYAS by ROMILA THAPAR, Oxford Paperbacks
4. EXPLORING EARLY INDIA by RANABIR CHAKRAVARTI, PRIMUS BOOKS
5. THE PENGUIN HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA: FROM THE ORIGINS TO AD 1300 by ROMILA THAPAR, PENGUIN BOOKS INDIA

