

HIS119: SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

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

Course Outcomes: Through this course students should be able to

- CO1 :: identify the features of world's earliest civilizations.
- CO2 :: discuss the evolution of agriculture cropping pattern and animal husbandry
- CO3 :: assess the history of Bronze age with reference to world civilisations
- CO4 :: construct the idea about life, society and cultures of nomadics
- CO5 :: analyze the condition of slavic societies in Greece and Rome
- CO6 :: explore the social cultural and political history of ancient world

Unit I

Evolution of humankind : palaeolithic cultures, mesolithic cultures, neolithic cultures, chalcolithic cultures

Unit II

Food production : beginnings of agriculture, cropping pattern, implements and tools, animal husbandry

Unit III

Bronze age civilizations : Egypt (Old Kingdom), Mesopotamia (up to the Akkadian Empire), China (Shang), Eastern Mediterranean (Minoan) economy

Unit IV

Nomadic groups in Central Asia, West Asia and Africa : debate on the advent of iron and its implications, origins of iron metallurgy in Africa, origins of iron working in India, development of industry

Unit V

Slave society in ancient Greece : agrarian economy, urbanization, trade, Athens and Sparta

Unit VI

Slave society in Ancient Rome : trade and economy, debt slavery, slavery and violence, trade, treatment and legal status

Text Books:

1. EARLY SOCIAL FORMATIONS by AMAR FAROOQUI, MANAK BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.
2. A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE by STEPHEN P. KERSHAW, HACHETTE INDIA IMPORT SUBST.

References:

1. WORLD CIVILIZATIONS by BURNS AND RALPH, NORTON LONDON
2. HISTORY OF THE WORLD by S .P. NANDA, LPU LIBRARY
3. ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WORLD: FROM EVOLUTION OF HUMAN TO THE CRISES OF FEUDALISM by RAKESH KUMAR,, SAGE PUBLICATIONS

