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COURSE CONTENTS:

Sr. No.	Topics
1.	Evidences of Ancient Indian History: Literature, archaeology, Epigraphy, Numismatics, foreign travellers account. Physical Features: Physical features of India and their influence on the Indian history
2.	The Pre-Historic Cultures: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic.
3.	Indus Valley Civilization: Extent, Chronology, Origin, Society, Religion and Causes of decline.
4.	The Vedic Age: Original homelands, The Aryans, Political, Social, Religious and Economic Life, Difference and similarities between Indus Civilization and Vedic culture.
5.	The Later-Vedic Age: Political, Social, Religious and Economic Life.
6.	The Mauryas: ChandraGupta, Bindusara, Ashoka (Ashoka dhamm: its nature and propagation), Successors of Ashoka
7.	The Golden period: Guptas and their successors(to c.750 A.D.):Changes in political organization of empire, Economy and Society, Literature and Sciences, Arts. Samuragupta 'The Indian Napoleon': Extent of the empire, battles and Administration, Disintegration of the Gupta Empire.
8.	Religious movements: Jainism and Buddhism, Vardhamana Mahavira's and Gautama Buddha's contribution. Causes of decline of Jainism, Factors for the spread of Buddhism, Stupa architecture, Buddhist customs and manners.
9.	Bhagvatism, Shaivism and Brahmanism: Main Characteristics, important leaders, extent in India.
10.	State Formation and Urbanization: Urbanization, Society, political history, Mahajanapadas, Monarchies and Republics, Administration in Monarchies, Maps:- Important Historical places of Indus Valley Civilization, Ashoka's Empire, Empire of Samundragupta, Extent of Gupta's Empire

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL.

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Basham, A.L., The Wonder that was India, Fontana, 1977.
2. Jha, D.N., Ancient Indian in Historical Outline, Delhi: Manohar, (2nd Rev. ed.), 2005.
3. Sharma, R.S., India's Ancient Past, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005.
4. Sabharwal, S.P., History Ancient India: Duggal Publications, 2011.
5. Thapar, Romila, Early India from the origin to A.D. 1300, Penguin, 2002.