

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

SECOND YEAR – SEMESTER- III

Course code	503C3B	HISTORY OF WORLD CIVILIZATIONS (EXCLUDING INDIA) ANCIENT PERIOD	L	T	P	C
Core/Elective/Supportive	Core		4	0	0	4
Pre-requisite			Syllabus Version	2023- 2024		
Course Objectives:						
The main objectives of this course are to:						
To understand about various ages and it's features						
To study about origin and growth of river valley civilizations						
To compare the features of ancient world civilization						
To study about inventions and developments emerged in various civilizations						
Expected Course Outcomes:						
On the successful completion of the course, student will:						
1	Get knowledge regarding various historic ages and its features.					K1
2	Know about various civilizations and its elements.					K2
3	Understand ancient civilizations and its dimensions.					K3
4	Students got knowledge regarding various historic ages and its features.					K4
5	Analyse various civilizations and its elements.					K5
K1 - Remember; K2 - Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;						
Unit:1	Evolution of cultures				14 hours	
Introduction – Definition of Civilization – Comparison between Culture and Civilization – Origin and Growth of Civilizations – Pre – historic Culture – Palaeolithic and Neolithic Culture – rivers , resources and civilizations.						
Unit:2	Early civilizations				14 hours	
The role of environment – the invention of writing – Mesopotamian Civilization – Sumerian – Babylonian – Life under Hammurabi – the Kassite interlude – Egyptian and the Age of Pharaohs – the rise of the Hittites and their greatness – The fall of empires and survival of cultures						
Unit:3	Rise of Empires				14 hours	
The evolution of Jewish religion – the power of Assyria – Assyrian rule and culture – Chaldean Babylonia – The rise of Persia – the coming of the Medes and Persians – Zarathustra – Persia's World Empire.						

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Unit:4	Beginning of Empires in the East	14 hours								
China's Classical Age – the Zhou dynasty – Age of Confucius and his followers – the Qin unification – the glory of the Han Dynasty – contribution to the World – development of Art and Architecture – Religion and Science – Japanese Civilization and Culture – Maya, Aztec and Inca Civilizations										
Unit:5	Birth of Republics	14 hours								
Greek Civilization – the Minoans and Mycenaean's – Homer- the Heroic Past – the Polis – Sparta – Athens – the Age of Pericles – the spread of Hellenic civilization – the Greeks and the opening of the East – Hellenic Religion, Science and philosophy – The Roman republic – the Pax Romana – Administration and expansion under Augustus.										
Total Lecture hours		70 hours								
Text Book(s)										
1	Swain J.E , A History of World Civilization, Eurasia Publishing House, New Delhi, 1938.									
2	Will Durant, The Story of Civilization I and II (Simon and Schuster, New York, 1966)									
3	Gokale, B.K , Introduction to Western Civilization, S.Chand & Company, New Delhi, 1999.									
4	Hayes C.J , History of Western Civilization, Macmillan, New York, 1967.									
5	Joshel P, Slavery in the Roman World. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2010									
6	Manoj Sharma, History of World Civilization, Anmol Publication Pvt.Ltd, New Delhi, 2005.									
Reference Books										
1	Judd, G.P, History of Civilization, Macmillan, New York, 1966.									
2	Rebello , World Civilization – Ancient and Medieval, Part II, Mangalore, 1969.									
3	Scarre C. and Brian Fagan , Ancient Civilizations, New Jersey: Pearson, 2008.									
4	Finley M.I, Ancient Slavery: Modern Ideology, London: Chatto and Windus 1980.									
5	Brunt P.A. , Social Conflicts in the Roman Republic, London: Chatto and Windus, 1971									
Mapping with Programme Outcomes										
COs	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	L
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S
CO4	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	L	S	S
CO5	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S

*S-Strong; M-Medium; L-Low