

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

FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- I

CORE I – HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA UPTO 1206 CE

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
106C1A	HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA UPTO 1206 CE	Core					5	5	25	75	100
Course Objectives											
C1	To know about the political history of ancient India.										
C2	To critically evaluate the socio-cultural ethos of Indian society.										
C3	To understand the culture and civilization of ancient Indians.										
C4	To know the contributions of Indian kings to ancient India.										
C5	To create awareness towards our rich natural and cultural heritage.										
UNIT	DETAILS										No. of Hours
I	Influence of Geography on Indian History – Sources for the study of ancient Indian History – Archaeological – Epigraphical – Numismatics – Literary – Harappan Civilization – Vedic Civilization.										15
II	State formation in the second millennium B.C – Janapadas and Mahajanapadas – Rise of Buddhism and Jainism – Invasion of Alexander- Cultural contacts between Macedonia and India.										15
III	Rise and Consolidation of the Mauryan Empire – Asoka and his Administration – The Sungas and Satavahanas.										15
IV	Kanishka – Mahayanism – Gandhara Art – Rise and Consolidation of the Gupta Empire: Samudra Gupta and Chandra Gupta II – Administration – Social and Economic life – Brahmadeya land grants – Art and Culture.										15
V	Harsha’s career and achievements — Accounts of Fahien and Hiuen Tsang and Itsing– Rise of Regional Kingdoms in North India – Rashtrakutas, Pratiharas and Palas – Arab Conquest of Sind–Consequences –Beginning of the Turks’ invasions and establishment of the Sultanate.										15
Total										75	
Course Outcomes									Programme Outcomes		
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	The course will create awareness towards our rich natural and cultural heritage.										PO1,PO2, PO5
2	The course inculcates the knowledge of social developments in ancient India.										PO2, PO3
3	The course familiarizes the students with the economic developments and intends toanalyze it by reinterpreting the existing primary and secondary sources.										PO1, PO2

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4	The course will impart the knowledge of the political developments and develop the skills of the students by giving new interpretations.	PO1, PO2
5	The course will create awareness towards our rich natural and cultural heritage.	PO1,PO2,P03

Text Book		
1	Basham,A.L., Aspects of Ancient Indian Culture, Asia Publishing House, Delhi, 1970.	
2	Basham,A.L., The Wonder that was India, Sidgwick and Jackson, 1977.	
3	Burton Stein, A History of India, Oxford University Press, 2004.	
4	Irfan Habib. The Indus Civilization. The People's History of India series. Tulika, 2002.	
5	Kosambi, D.D. The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India: A Historical Outline, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1971.	
6	Mahajan, V.D., Ancient India, Chand and Company, New Delhi, 1990	
7	Majumdar R.C. and Srivastava, A.L., History of India (From 320 to 1206 A.D.), Surjeet Book Depot, New Delhi, 1996.	
8	Romila Thapar. Early India from the Origins to 1300 AD. Penguin, 2015.	
9	Sathianathier, R., History of India, Vol.I, S.Viswanathan Printers, Chennai, 1972.	
10	Upinder Singh. A History of Ancient and Early Medieval South India, Pearson Longman, 2009.	
Web Resources		
1.	https://simplicable.com/economics/microeconomics	
2.	https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/the-production-possibilities-curve-ppc-in-economics/	
3.	https://www.tutor2u.net/economics	
4.	https://www.studysmarter.co.uk/explanations/microeconomics/production-cost/costs-of-production/	
5.	https://www.toppr.com/guides/business-economics-cs/analysis-of-market/basic-concepts-of-revenue/	

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3
CO 5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Weightage	14	14	14	14	13	15	13	15
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.00	2.6	3.00

S-Strong-3 M-Medium-2 L-Low-1