

BA HISTORY SUBSIDIARY
SEMESTER I

Paper 1: The Ancient World from the Earliest Times to the 5th Century

Credits: 04

UNIT I

FORAGING AND FOOD PRODUCING COMMUNITIES IN PRE-HISTORY

1. Early and middle Stone Age 200, 0000 to 8,000 BCE
 - a) Social Organization – Insights from the study of modern foraging communities
 - b) Economic Activities – An ethno-archaeological profile
2. New Stone Age, 10,000 to 4000 BCE
 - a) Agricultural Revolution
 - b) Important Centres – South America, China and West Asia

UNIT II

URBAN REVOLUTION AND THE ORIGIN OF STATES

3. Emergence of cities in a changing economy
 - a) Emergence of city life in West Asia
 - b) Early City states of Sumeria
4. State and ideology in Ancient Egypt
 - a) Consolidation of Egypt as a political unit
 - b) Warriors and Priests in the age of Pyramids

UNIT III

EMERGENCE OF EARLY EMPIRES IN WEST ASIA

5. Elements of imperial state formation
 - a) The idea of an empire
 - b) The Assyrians empire (1400 BCE to 700 BCE)
6. A transcontinental Empire: Persian-Achaemenids (550 BC – 330 BC)
 - a) Political structure
 - b) Encounters with Greek polis

UNIT IV

POLITY AND STATE IN THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD

7. Greek city-states
 - a) Changes in the idea of citizenship
 - b) Political Philosophy and Literature
8. The Roman Empire
 - a) Economic foundations
 - b) Empire and Christianity

Reading List

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20. H.J.M. Claessen and P. Skalnik (eds.), *The Early State*, the Hague, 1978.
21. J. Gledhill, B. Bender, and M.J. Larsen (eds.), *State and Society*, London, 1988.
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