

BA PROGRAMME HISTORY
SEMESTER I

Paper 1: History of Ancient India Up to AD 800

Credits: 04

UNIT I

1. Prehistoric Cultures in India: From Hunting Gathering to Agriculture
2. Harappan Civilization: Ecological Setting, Town Planning, Trade and Commerce, Society and Culture
3. The Indo-Aryans: Images from Texts and Archaeology

UNIT II

4. Changes in Material Culture and Society; the Emergence of Shramanic Traditions
5. The Mauryan Empire: Political Economy and Administration; Ashoka and his Dhamma
6. Polity in the post-Mauryan Period

UNIT III

7. Crafts, Commerce and Urban Development (c. 200 BC to AD 500)
8. Society and Culture (c. 200 BC to AD 500)
9. The Making of Regional Identities: Historical Process in Peninsular India, Bengal and Rajasthan.

READING LIST:

1. D.N.Jha, *Early India: A Concise History*, Manohar, Delhi, 2008 (Also in Hindi)
2. R.S.Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, OUP, Delhi, 2005 (Also in Hindi)
3. Ranbir Chakravarti, *Exploring Early India Up to C AD 1300*, Macmillan, Delhi, 2009
4. Romila Thapar, *Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300*, Penguin, Delhi, 2002. (Also in Hindi).
5. Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Pearson Longman, Delhi, 2009.