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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

BA FIRST SEMESTER

PAPER- 24MJHSA1LT: History of Ancient India-Part-I

(Early Times to the Shatavahans)

No .of Credits-05

End of Exam-80

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Marks -100

OBJECTIVES OF THE PAPER:

The objectives of the paper is to provide broad and extensive knowledge in Pre-history period and ancient Indian history and its rich Cultural heritage from beginning to times to Shatavahans, the religious and cultural accomplishment of the various rulers.

UNIT- I.

- Geographical Features of India
- Sources for the study of ancient India - Archaeological Sources, Literary Sources
- Pre-Historic Period –
 - Paleolithic age
 - Mesolithic age
 - Neolithic age and Iron age

UNIT- II.

- Indus Valley
 - Important Sites-Harappa, Mohanjodaro, Lothal, Kalibangan and Dholavira
 - Town planning
 - Society, Economy and Religion
 - Decline of civilization
- Vedic culture
 - Early Vedic period - Polity, Society, Religion, Economy
 - Later Vedic- Polity, Society, Religion, Economy
 - Ramayana and Mahabharata

UNIT- III.

- Causes for the rise of Jainism and Buddhism
- Life and Preaching's of Vardhamana Mahaveera and Gautama Buddha.
- The Political Conditions of India on the eve of the Alexander's Invasion
 - Causes, Course and Effects
 - Conflict between the Porus and Alexander

UNIT – IV.

- Foundation of the Mauryan Empire-
 - Chandragupta Maurya, Bindusara and Ashoka
 - Mauryan Administration, Art and Architecture
 - Arthashastra of Kautilya–Theory of saptanga
- Kushanas-
 - Origin
 - Early rulers
 - Kanishka- His Achievements
 - Cultural Contributions of Kushanas.
 - Gandhara and Mathura school of art.
- Shatavahanas
 - Gautamiputra Shatakarni and his military achievements, cultural contributions.

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B.A. SECOND SEMESTER

PAPER- 24MJHSA2LT: History of Ancient India-Part-II

(From Sangham Age to 1206 CE)

No.of Credits-05

End of Exam-80

I/A -20

Marks -100

OBJECTIVES OF THE PAPER:

The objective of this Paper is to provide broad and extensive knowledge in ancient Indian History and its rich Cultural heritage from the times of Sangham Age to 1206 CE with accomplishments of various rulers of the period.

UNIT-I:

- Sangam Age-Development of Literature
- The Guptas-
- The Political History,
- Samudragupta and his Conquests
- Chandragupta and his Conquests
- Golden age of the Gupta Empire with special reference to Development of Science, Medicine and Literature

UNIT-II:

- Vardhana dynasty-
- Early Rulers- Harshavardhana and his military achievements
- Religious Councils- Prayag and Kanauj
- Education and Literary developments -Nalanda University-Hiuen Tsang.

UNIT-III:

South Indian dynasties

- Pallavas of Kanchi-
 - Mahendravarman and Narasimhavarman-I
 - Pallavas Contribution to Art and Architecture
- Banavasi Kadambas
 - Mayuravarma and kaakutsya varma
 - Education and Land grants
- Chalukyas of Badami-
 - Early Rulers
 - Pulakeshi II- His military Conquest
 - Cultural Contribution of Chalukyas of Badami
- Rastrakutas of Manyakheta
 - Krishna-I, Govinda-III and Amogha varsha Nrupatunga
 - Cultural Contribution of Rastrakutas
- Cholas of Tanjaore-
 - Raja Raja Chola and Rajendra Chola-I –Their Military Achievements-
 - Administrative system - Local Self Government
 - Contributions - Art, Architecture and Religion.

UNIT- IV:

- The Arab Conquest of Sindh
- Mohammad-bin –Khasim- His Invasion and its impact
- Invasion's of Mohammad Ghazni and Mohammad Ghori
- Life and achievements of Prithviraj Chauhan

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