

PAPER-III
HISTORY OF INDIA UPTO 650 A.D.

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Unit-I

- a. Changing Approach to Indian History : The importance of Archaeological and Literary sources and their coroboration in interpretation.
- b. Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Cultures : Bolan, Sohan, Didwana, Bagor, Bhimbetaka with special reference to Rock Art.
- c. Neolithic - Chalcolithic Cultures Beyond the Harappan Distribution Zone - Burzhom, Ahar and Ganeshwar, Jodhpura Culture.
- d. The Indus or Harappan Civilization - Name Distribution, Origin & Decline, Mohanjodaro, Lothal, Kalibanga, Dholawira - Salient Features.

Unit-II

- a. Aryan Culture : Sources of evidence & Geographical Distribution.
- b. The political organisation of Aryans- Early & Later Vedic
- c. Caste and other social institutions - Early & Later vedic .
- d. Religion - Early & Later vedic.

2. Establishment of the UNO and its ideals; critical Analysis of UNO in establishing peace with special reference to Kashmir and Korea.
3. Communist Revolution in China and its Impact.

Unit-V

1. Ideological and Political Basis of Cold War; Pacts treaties : NATO, SEATO, Baghdad Pact.
2. Non-Aligned movement and the third world.
3. Disintegration of Socialist block and End of cold war.
4. Globalization and its political & economic impact.

Books Recommended :

1. Gooch : History of our times
2. Mahajan V.D. : History of Modern Europe Since 1789
3. Borgese B.G.A. : The March of Fascism
4. Arnold G.L. : The Pattern of World conflicts
5. Walter Lippmann : The History of Cold war.
6. H. Watson Seton : The struggle for Power in the Post war World
7. Ketalby : Adhunik Kaal ka Itihas (Hindi)
8. Khurana K.L. : Vishwa Ka Itihas (Hindi)

Unit-III

Republics & Kingdoms 600 BC to 321 BC

- a. Evolving Political Patterns – The rise of the kingdom of Magadha
- b. The rule of the Nandas – North western Indian and contacts with Persia, Invasion of Alexander & its impact
- c. The growth of Towns
- d. Rise of Heterodox Sects- Jainism & Buddhism

Unit-IV

Emergence and Disintegration of Empires 321BC to 300 A.D.

- a. The Mauryan Kings – Mauryan contacts with neighbouring States Chandragupta Maurya & Ashoka. Salient features of Mauryan Administration – Kautilya Arthashastra and edicts of Ashoka. Ashoka and his Policy of Dhamma, Salient Features of Mauryan Social and Economic conditions, Decline of Mauryas.
- b. Disintegration of Empires – 200 BC to 300 AD. The political disintegration of the sub continent. The shunga Dynasty. The Kharavela of Kalinga, The Indo Greeks, The shakas, The Kushanas & The Satavahanas, South Indian Kingdoms.
- c. The Rise of Trade & Ideas, Roman trade with south India, Hellenic Influence, India and China & southeast Asia, Changes in Society – Education & Literature, Buddhist Art & Architecture,

Mahayana Buddhism new development in Hinduism & the coming of christianity.

Unit-V

- a. The Rule of the Guptas- Samudragupta & Chandragupta II, Salient features of Gupta Administration, Huna invasion and Decline of Gupta emperie.
- b. Post Gupta dynasties – The reign of Harsha, Changing agrarian relations, Trade, education and learning methods.
- c. Hindu art & Architecture, Changes in Hinduism, Indian Contact with China & southeast Asia.
- d. Rise of South Indian Kingdoms. The Chalukya, Pallava & Pandya, their conflict, Society and Religions.

Recommended Books :

1. Romila Thapar, Pracheen Bharat, New Delhi,
2. Vidhyadhar Mahajan, Pracheen Bharat ka Itihas, New Delhi.
3. Dilip Chakravarti, India - An Archaeology History, New Delhi.
4. Neelkanth Shastri, Age of the Nandas & Mauryas, Banaras, (Hindi).
5. D.D. Koshambi, The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline, London (Hindi).
6. Neelkanth Shastri, Dakshin Bharat ka Itihas (Hindi).