

Semester	1
Course ^{*1}	Major
Paper Code	C1HS230111T
Paper Title	India From the Earliest Times to c. 300 BCE
No. of Credits ^{*2}	4
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	4 hours per week
Number of Modules	2
Syllabus	<p><u>Module 1</u> = 18 CLASSES</p> <p>I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History: Sources = 3 LECTURES</p> <p>II. Pre-Historic Phase = 5 Classes An overview of the pre-Historic cultures of India: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods</p> <p>III Harappan Civilization = 10 Classes</p> <p>a. Origin; Urban culture; Economy; Religious features; Decline</p> <p>b. Late/post-Harappan settlements and cultures</p> <p><u>Module 2</u> = 18 Classes</p> <p>I. The Vedic Period (c. 1500-600 BCE) = 10 LECTURES</p> <p>a. Aryan Problem</p> <p>b. Early Vedic and Later Vedic periods- Polity; Economy; Society and Religion.</p> <p>II Age of Transition (c. 600-300 BCE) = 8 LECTURES</p> <p>a. Political Developments- Mahajanapadas- Ganasanghas- Rise of Magadha</p> <p>b. Economic progress; Second Urbanization; Social features; Religion: Heterodox Religious Movements</p>
Learning Outcomes ^{*3}	This introductory paper will enable students to develop an understanding of the prehistoric cultures in India helping them to form an idea about the antiquity of

	<p>Indian culture. This will increase students' comprehensive knowledge of the political, social, economic and cultural characters of the significant early periods of Indian history. The course also intends to give a brief idea about the different sources and the changing interpretations of ancient Indian history. After completing this course students are expected to have a fair knowledge about the prehistory, protohistory and the sources of Ancient Indian History. This will be helpful if the students prefer to pursue internship in museums or other ancient Indian historical institutes.</p>
<p>Reading/Reference Lists *4</p>	<p>B.N. Mukherjee, The Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire, Firma K.L.M, 1988 D.C. Sircar, Indian Epigraphy, Motilal Banarsidass, 2017 D.C. Sircar, studies in the Geography of Ancient and Medieval India, Motilal Banarsidass, 2014 D.N.Jha, Ancient India in Historical Outline, Manohar Publishers & Distributors, 2020 D.D. Kosambi- An Introduction to the Study of Indian History, Sage Publications India Private Limited, 2016 D.D. Kosambi- The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India In Historical Outline, Vikas Publishing House Pvt Ltd, 1997 R.S. Sharma- Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 2015. R.S. Sharma, India's Ancient Past, New Delhi, OUP, 2007 R.S. Sharma, Looking for the Aryas, Delhi, Orient Longman Publishers, 1995 Bridget & F. Raymond Allchin, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan, Viking, 1997 Romila Thapar, The Penguin History of Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300, Penguin India, 2003 Romila Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas, Oxford, 2012 Radhakumud Mookerji, Indian Shipping: A History of the Sea-Borne Trade and Maritime Activity of the Indians from the Earliest Times, Gyan Publishing House, 2023 Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, 2008. Upinder Singh, Ancient India: New Research, Oxford, 2010 Ranabir Chakravarti, Exploring Early India (Up to c. AD 1300), Primus, New Delhi, 2016 A. L. Basham, The Wonder that Was India Vol.1, Rupa, 1954. D. K. Chakrabarti, The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology, New Delhi, 2006. H. C. Raychaudhuri, Political History of Ancient India,</p>

	<p>Rev. ed. with Commentary by B. N. Mukherjee, 1996 K. A. N. Sastri, ed., History of South India, OUP, 1966. B D Chattopadhyaya, Suchandra Ghosh, Bishnupriya Basak, Inscriptions and Agrarian Issues in Indian History Essays in memory of D C Sircar, Asiatic Society, 2011 B.D. Chattopadhyay, The Concept of Bharatvarsha and Other Essays, Permanent Black, 2019</p>
Evaluation	<p>Theory CIA: 5(CIA)+20(Mid-Sem)+5 (Attendance)=30 Semester Exam: 70</p>
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	<p>Total Marks: 70 Two modules of 35 marks each. (3 questions of 5 marks from 5 options: 3X5=15 2 questions of 10 marks from 3 options: 2X10=20)</p>