

Kumaun University, Nainital

Syllabus for Undergraduate course in History

Academic Session 2008-09 onwards

B.A. I

Note: All the units will be represented in the question paper.

Paper I : History of India Up to c. A.D. 1200 (75 Marks)

Unit 1: Meaning of History, Scope and Sources

Unit 2: Prehistoric period: Prehistoric hunter-gatherers: Paleolithic Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic culture.

Unit 3: Proto-historic period : i. The Harappan civilization: Outline of Chalcolithic period, pattern in non-Harappan India.

ii. Iron Age culture in India: Megaliths in the Deccan, Far South and North.

iii. Rise of territorial states: Vedic, Mahajanapadas and rise of Magadha empire up to Mauryas.

Unit 4: The Mauryan and Post- Mauryan period: i. The Mauryas : State, administration, u. Post-Mauryan period: Sungas, Western Kshatrapas, Satavahanas, Kushanas, Cheras, Chola and Pandyas in the far South.

Unit 5: The Gupta and Post-Gupta period : i. Administration, agrarian and revenue systems ii. Post-Gupta period upto 750 A D Pallavas, Chalukyas and Vardhanas.

Unit 6: Polity and administration (A.D. 750-1200) : i. North India: Gurjara-Pratiharas, Palas and Senas. ii. Deccan: Rashtrakutas and their contemporaries. iii. South India: Cholas and their contemporaries, relation with south East Asia. iv. Invasions of the Arabs, Ghaznavids and Ghorids and their impact.

Paper II (a) World History from Mid 15th century to 1814 A.D. (75 Marks)

1. Decline of Feudalism and the rise of the modern era-Renaissance and Reformation.
2. Economic origins of the modern western world: Mercantilism and commercial Revolution.
3. Rise of the Absolutist State: France, Spain and Britain.
4. Scientific Revolution, Agricultural Revolution and Industrial Revolution.
5. Glorious Revolution (1688)
6. American Revolution (1776)
7. French Revolution (1789)
8. Napoleon Bonaparte

Paper II (b) : ARCHAEOLOGY OF INDIA (From Indus valley Civilization to 6th Century B.C.)

Note: Only for Regular Student of S.S.J. Campus, Almora

(50 Marks)

- 1- Definition of Archaeology.
- 2- Archaeology : Its relation with other sciences
- 3- Salient features of Indus Valley Civilization.
- 4-Late Harappan Cultures in Central India and Rajasthan.
- 5-Copper Hoards Culture.
- 6-Painted Grey Ware (PGW) Culture.
- 7-Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) Culture.

Practical:**(25 marks)**

- 1- Identification of Harappan building remains, Pottery Seals and symbols copper and Bronze Objects, Sculptures and Terracotta Objects.
- 2- Plotting of Indus Valley sites in the Map.
- 3- Identification of Late Harappan Pottery.
- 4- Plotting of Late Harappan Site in Map.
- 5- Identification of Chalcolithic Pottery in Map.
- 6- Identification of painted Grey Ware (PGW) and its associated wares.
- 7- Plotting of Painted Grey Ware in Map.
- 8- Identification of Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) and its associated wares.

Division of Marks:

Practical Examination	15
Record	05
Viva-Voce	05