

Kolhan University, Chaibasa  
Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)  
History, MJ-2, Credits: 4, Sem-II

## **Major Paper-2**

### **World Civilizations**

#### **UNIT I: Egyptian and Mesopotamian Civilizations (20 lectures)**

- I. Egyptian Civilization: Political developments, Art, Architecture and Religion
- II. Mesopotamian Civilization: Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian: Society, Religion, Law, Architecture, Administration and Education

#### **UNIT II: Classical Greece (15 lectures)**

- I. Homeric Age
- II. Athens, Sparta
- III. Persian war and the Peloponnesian war
- IV. Main features of the Periclean age

#### **UNIT III: Roman Empire (15 lectures)**

- I. Roman Republic and Roman law
- II. Expansion of Rome
- III. Imperial Age in Rome

#### **UNIT IV: Rise of Christianity and Islam (10 lectures)**

- I. Rise, establishment and growth of Christianity; fall of western empire
- II. Birth and expansion of Islam; contribution of Arab civilization

#### **Suggested Readings**

- A.H.M. Jones, *The Greek City from Alexander to Justinian*, Clarendon Press, London, 1984
- Antony Andrews, *Greek Society*, Harmondsworth, 1991
- Antony Andrews, *The Greeks*, London, 1968
- Amar Farooqi, *Prachin aur Madhyakalin Samajik Sanrachanayen aur Sanskritiyan*, Granth Shilpi, 2003
- Antony Andes, *Greek Society*, Penguin Books, London, 1975
- B. Trigger, *Understanding Early Civilizations: A Comparative Study*, Cambridge University Press, 2003
- Cyril Aldred, *The Egyptians*, Thames and Hudson, London, 1998
- D. Oates, *The Rise of Civilization*, Oxford, 1976
- D.T. Potts, *Mesopotamian Civilization: the Material Foundation*, London, 1997

George Roux, *Ancient Iraq*, Penguin, 1992  
Ian Shaw, *The Oxford History of Ancient Egypt*, OUP  
J. Romer, *History of Ancient Egypt*, Penguin Books  
Jacques Gernet, J. R. Foster, Charles Hartman, *A History of Chinese Civilization*, Cambridge  
James Henry Breasted, *History of Egypt*, London, 1941  
Marc Van De Mieroop, *History of Ancient Egypt*, Wiley-Blackwell  
Nicholas Postgate, *Early Mesopotamia: Society and Economy at the Dawn of History*, Routledge, 1992  
Redman, *The Rise of Civilization*, San Francisco, 1978  
S.P. Shukla and Rajender Singh, *Vishva ki Prachin Sabhayatayen evam Sansthayen*, Pointer Publication, Jaipur, 2003  
Shriram Goyal, *Vishva ki Prachin Sabhyatayen*, Vishvavidyalaya Prakashan, Varanasi, 1994  
Susan Pollock, *Ancient Mesopotamia: An Eden that Never Was*, 1999  
Sushil Madhav Pathak, *Visva ki Prachina Sabhyataon ka Itihas*, Bihar Hindi Granth Academy, Patna, 1986  
Uday Naraiyan Ray, *Vishva Sabhyata ka Itihas*, Lok Bharti, Allahabad, 1982

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### **Major Paper-3**

## **History of India (From Earliest Times to 300 BCE)**

### **UNIT I: Sources and Prehistoric India (20 lectures)**

- I. Sources of ancient Indian History up to 300 BCE: archaeology, epigraphy, numismatics, literary sources; religious and non-religious
- II. Prehistoric India: Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures
- III. Indus Valley Civilization: significant features of Indus Valley Civilization (agriculture, technology and crafts, trade, religious practices), major cities, town planning, decline of the civilization, post urban phase

### **UNIT II: Vedic Culture (20 lectures)**

- I. Early Vedic and post Vedic literature
- II. Vedic polity, society and economy
- III. Vedic religion and philosophy
- IV. Iron age cultures with special reference to Painted Grey Ware and Northern Black Polished Ware cultures, megaliths

### **UNIT III: India from Sixth Century BCE to Fourth Century BCE (20 lectures)**

- I. New religious movements: Jainism, Buddhism, Ajivikas
- II. Emergence of urban centres: social and material life
- III. Rise of territorial states: mahajanpadas, growth of urban centres, rise of Magadhan imperialism

### **Suggested Readings**

- A. S. Altekar, *State and Government in Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1996
- A. L. Basham, *A Cultural History of India*, Oxford University Press, 1997
- A. L. Basham, *A Wonder that was India*, Rupa, New Delhi, 1994
- D.D. Kosambi, *The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Vikas, 1976
- D.N. Jha, K.M.Srimali (eds), *Prachin Bharat ka Itihas*, Delhi University, 2007
- D.N. Jha, *Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Manohar, New Delhi, 1998
- D.N. Jha, *Prachin Bharat*, Hindi Madhyam Karyanvaya Nideshalay, Delhi University, 1995
- D. P. Chattopadhyaya, *History of Science and Technology in Ancient India*, 1986

Hemchandra Raychudhuri, *Political History of Ancient India*, OUP, 1996  
Irfan Habib, *Prehistory*, Tulika, New Delhi, 2001  
J.L. Mehta, Sarita Mehta, *History of Ancient India*, Lotus Press, 2008  
R.K. Mukherjee, *Prachin Bharat*, Raj Kamal Prakashan, New Delhi, 1990  
R.S. Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, OUP, 2005  
R.S. Sharma, *Prarambhik Bharat ka Parichay*, Orient Blackswan, 2004  
R.S. Sharma, *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1996  
R.S. Tripathi, *History of Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1999  
Romila Thapar, *The Penguin History Of Early India: From The Origins to AD 1300*, Penguin, 2003  
Sheeren Ratnagar, *Understanding Harappa*, Tulika, 2001  
U.N. Ghosal, *Studies in Indian History and Culture*, Orient Longman, 1965  
Uma Chakravarti, *Trade and Traders in Early Indian Society*, New Delhi, 2007  
Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From Stone Age to the 12th Century*, Pearson, 2009  
Upinder Singh, Nayanjot Lahiri, *Ancient India: New Research*, OUP, 2010