



SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

(formerly University of Pune)

F.Y.B.A. HISTORY

Syllabus

(Semester & Choice Based Credit System)

(To be implemented from the Academic Year, 2019-20)

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Under the Faculty of Humanities

Total Credits: 03

Semester-I Early India: From Prehistory to the Age of the Mauryas

Objectives:

The history of Early India is a crucial part of Indian history. It is a base for understanding the entire Indian history. The course is aimed at helping the student to understand the history of early India from the prehistoric times to the age of the Mauryas. It attempts to highlight the factors and forces behind the rise, growth and spread of civilization and culture of India along with the dynastic history. It also attempts to help the students to understand the contribution of Early Indians to polity, art, literature, philosophy, religion and science and technology. It also aims to foster the spirit of enquiry among the students by studying the major developments in early Indian history.

Unit I: Early India: Sources and Prehistory [12]

- (a) Importance of Early History
- (b) Sources and Tools of historical reconstruction – Archaeology (Material remains), Epigraphy (Inscriptions), Numismatics (Coins), Literary Sources, Foreign Accounts
- (c) Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures: A Brief Review

Unit II: Harappan Culture: Bronze Age Civilization [12]

- (a) Geographical Extent, Town Planning, Trade, Religious Practices
- (b) Art, Crafts and Technology: Pottery, Seals, Beads, Images, Terracotta Figurines
Metallurgy, Script and Decline

Unit III: Vedic Culture, Religious Protest: Jainism and Buddhism [12]

- (a) Vedic and Later Vedic Culture: Original home, Tribal Polity, Social Divisions, Rituals and Philosophy
- (b) Jainism and Buddhism: Causes of Origin, Doctrines, Contributions and Importance

Unit IV: Emergence of the Mahajanpadas and the Age of the Mauryas

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- (a) The Mahajanpadas, Rise and Growth of the Magadhan Empire
- (b) The Age of the Mauryas: Chandragupta, Ashoka and his policy of Dhamma
- (c) The Mauryan Administration, Economy, Decline and Significance

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