



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-II

Early India: Post Mauryan Age to the Rashtrakutas

Objectives:

The history of India after the Mauryas is very important to understand the developments in early India after the Mauryas, which finally led to the transition to medieval India. The course is aimed at introducing the students to the developments in different parts of India through a brief study of regional kingdoms up to the tenth century C.E. It attempts to highlight the consequences of the foreign invasions, particularly on the polity, economy, society and art and architecture. The attempt is also to instill the spirit of enquiry among the students.

Unit I: Central Asian Contacts and the Age of the Shung-Satvahanas [12]

- (a) The Indo-Greeks, The Shakas, The Parthians, The Kushanas: Economy, Society, Religion and Culture
- (b) The Age of Shung-Satvahanas: Polity and Administration, Society, Economy, Culture

Unit II: Early History of South India [12]

- (a) Period of Sangam Literature –Society and Culture, early polities
- (b) Economy: Towns, Trade and Crafts

Unit III: North India: Gupta and Harshvardhan [12]

- (a) The Gupta Empire – Brief Political History, Administration, Society, Trade, Science and Technology
- (b) Harshvardhan: Administration, Religion, Education

Unit IV: Regional Kingdoms: A Brief History [12]

- (a) The Chalukyas, Pallavas, Pandya - Struggle for Supremacy over Peninsular India
- (b) Rashtrakutas, Palas, Parmaras- Tripartite Struggle
- (c) Literature, Religion, Art and Architecture

Reference Books: English

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2. Jha D. N., 'Early India: A Concise History' Manohar Publication, New Delhi, 2010
3. Sharma R. S., 'Rethinking India's Past', Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2009
4. Thapar Romila, 'Early India: From The Origins To A.D. 1300', Penguin Books, 2002
5. Raychaudhari Hemchandra, 'Political History of Ancient India', University of Calcutta, Calcutta,1923.
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8. Mahajan V. D., Ancient India, S. Chand & Company Ltd, New Delhi. Reprinted 2019.

