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B.A. Part - I

Paper I : Political History of Ancient India (from c 600 BC to c 320 AD)

Unit I

1. Sources of Ancient Indian history.
2. Political condition of northern India in sixth century BC- Sixteen mahajanapadas and ten republican states.
3. Achaemenian invasion of India.
4. Rise of Magadha-The Bimbisaris and the Saisunaga dynasty.
5. Alexander's invasion of India and its impact.

Unit II

1. The Nanda dynasty
2. The Maurya dynasty-origin, Chandragupta, Bindusara
3. The Maurya dynasty-Asoka: Sources of study, conquest and extent of empire, policy of dhamma.
4. The Maurya dynasty- Successors of Asoka, Mauryan Administration. The causes of the downfall of the dynasty.

Unit III

1. The Sunga dynasty.
2. The Kanva dynasty.
3. King Kharavela of Kalinga.
4. The Satavahana dynasty.

Unit IV

1. The Indo Greeks.
2. The Saka-Palhavas.
3. The Kushanas.
4. Northern India after the Kushanas.

PAPER- II: Social, Economic & Religious Life in Ancient India

UNIT- I

1. General survey of the origin and development of Varna and Jati
2. Scheme of the Ashramas
3. Purusharthas

UNIT- II

1. Marriage
2. Position of women
3. Salient features of Gurukul system- University of Nalanda

UNIT- III

1. Agriculture with special reference to the Vedic Age
2. Ownership of Land
3. Guild Organisation
4. Trade and Commerce with special reference to the 6th century B.C., Saka – Satavahana period and Gupta period

UNIT- IV

1. Indus religion
2. Vedic religion
3. Life and teachings of Mahavira
4. Life and teachings of Buddha
5. Vaishnavism upto Gupta period
6. Saivism upto the Gupta period

B. A. Part – II

Paper I : Political History of Ancient India (from c 320 AD to c 750 AD)

Unit I

1. The Gupta dynasty- Origin, Chandragupta I, Samudragupta
2. The Gupta dynasty- Kacha, Ramagupta

Unit II

1. The Gupta dynasty- Chandragupta II, Kumaragupta I, Skandagupta
2. The Gupta dynasty- Successors of Skandagupta, the causes of the downfall of the dynasty
3. The Gupta dynasty-Administrative system

Unit III

1. The Hunas in India
2. The Vakatakas
3. The Maukharis
4. The Later Guptas

Unit IV

1. The Pushyabhutis
2. Sasank of Gauda
3. Bhaskarvarman of Kamarupa
4. Yasovarman of Kanauj
5. Lalitaditya Muktapida of Kashmir

PAPER II: Elements of Indian Archaeology

UNIT I

1. Field Archaeology I
 - a. Archaeology and its relations with other sciences.
 - b. Development of Indian Archaeology
 - c. Methods of locating Ancient sites

UNIT II

1. Field Archaeology II
 - a. Types and methods of Excavation
 - b. Results of the excavations at:
 - i. Hastinapur
 - ii. Lothal

UNIT III

1. Epigraphy and Palaeography
 - a. Origin and antiquity of writing in India
 - b. Writing materials in Ancient India
 - c. Inscriptions as a source of Ancient Indian History
 - d. Mauryan Brahmi Script

UNIT IV

1. Numismatics
 - a. Origin and antiquity of coinage in India
 - b. Authority for issuing coins in Ancient India
 - c. Techniques of manufacture of coins in Ancient India
 - d. Coins as a source of Ancient Indian History
 - e. General features:
 - i. Punch-marked coins
 - ii. Gupta Gold coins

B. A. Part - III

Paper I: Political History of Early Mediaeval India

Unit I

1. The Gurjar –Pratihara dynasty- Vatsaraja, Nagabhata II, Mihirbhoja
2. The Pala dynasty- Dharmapala, Devapala
3. The Rashtrakuta dynasty- Dhruva, Govinda III, Amoghavarsha I, Indra III, administration

Unit II

1. The Paramara dynasty- Munja, Bhoja
2. The Chandella dynasty- Yasovarman, Dhanga, Vidyadhara
3. The Chahmana dynasty- Arnoraja, Prithviraja III
4. A brief survey of Arab and Turkish invasions of India and the causes of the defeat of the Rajputs.

Unit III

1. The Chalukyas of Vatapi- Pulakesin II, Vikramaditya I, Vikramaditya II
2. The Pallava dynasty- Mahendravarman I, Narasimhavarman I, Nandivarman II, Pallavamalla
3. The Kadamba dynasty

Unit IV

1. The Yadavas of Devagiri-Ramachandra
2. The Chola dynasty-Rajaraja I, Rajendra I, Kulottunga I
3. The Chola dynasty- Administration, with special reference to local self –government

PAPER- II: Ancient Indian Art & Architecture

UNIT- I

1. Art and architecture of Indus Valley Civilisation
2. Mauryan Art
3. Art of Bharhut, Sanchi, and Amaravati

UNIT- II

1. Mathura School of Art
2. Gandhara School of Art
3. Gupta sculptural Art
4. Ajanta Paintings

UNIT- III

1. Stupa Architecture with special reference to-
 - a. Sanchi mahastupa
 - b. Amaravati stupa
2. Rock-cut Architecture with special reference to-
 - a. Bhaja
 - b. Karle

UNIT- IV

1. Architectural features of the following-
 - a. Gupta Temples
 - b. Khajuraho Temples - Kandariya Mahadeva
 - c. Orissa Temples - Lingaraja Temple & Konark Sun Temple
 - d. Pallava Temples - Rock-cut Rathas
 - e. Rashtrakuta Temples- Kailasa Temple of Ellora

PAPER III: Ancient World Civilizations

UNIT I

1. Egypt—Social, Economic, Religious life and Art
2. Sumeria—Social, Economic, Religious life and Art

UNIT II

1. Babylonia—Social, Economic, Religious life and Art
2. Assyria—Social, Economic, Religious life and Art

UNIT III

1. Persia—Social, Economic, Religious life (Zoroaster) and Art
2. China—Social, Economic, Religious life (Confucius, Lao-tse, Buddhism) and Art

UNIT IV

1. Law code of Hammurabi
2. Contribution of Assurbanipal to Assyrian civilization
3. Salient features of Achaemenian administration