

M.A. Syllabus (2013-14)
Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology

M.A. Previous (Semester First)

There shall be two semesters in M.A. Previous. First Semester will consist of four papers and second semester will consist of four papers and one viva-voce of 100 marks each

Paper – I Political History of North India (6th Century B.C. – 6th Century A.D.)
M.M. 100

Detailed Study of the Political History and the Chronological order of the events is expected. However, the main emphasis will be given to the original sources.

1. Political Condition of North India during the 6th Century B.C. Sodasa Mahajanpada and Republics
2. Rise of the Magadh Empire
 - a. Haryanka Dynasty – Bimbisara, Ajatashatru and Successors of Ajatashatru.
 - b. Sisunaga Dynasty
 - c. Nanda Dynasty
3. History of Mauryas – origin of Maurya's – Chandra Gupta Maurya, Bindusara, Ashoka, Causes of the Decline of the Maurya
4. Sung and Kanva Dynasty
5. Achaemenian and Alexander's Invasions.
6. History of the Indo-Greek, Sakas, (Pahalavas and the Kushanas)
7. Political Condition of India during Pre-Gupta Period
8. Detailed study of Gupta Kings
9. Huna Invasions and Impact ; decline of the Guptas empire

Books Recommended

1. H.C. Raj Chaudhary : Political History of Ancient India 6th Century
2. R.K. Mukarjee : Ground Works of Ancient Indian History
3. D.R. Bhandarkar : Ashoka
4. Sri Ram Goel : Priyadarshi Ashoka
5. N.K. Shastri : Nanda Maurya Yuga Bharat
6. N.K. Shastri : Comprehensive History of India Vol. II
7. A.K. Narayan : Indo-Greeks
8. B.N. Puri : India under the Kushanas
9. Pushalkar A.D. (Ed) : The Age of Imperial Unity
10. R. Thapar : A History of India
11. S. Chattopadhyaya : Early History of Northern India
12. R.D. Banarjee : The Age of Imperial Guptas
13. U. Thakur : Hunas in India
14. G.S. Chatterjee : Harshwardhan
15. A.S. Altekar & R.C. Majumdar : Vakataka Gupta Yuga
16. D. Sharma : History of the Chalukyas
17. V.V. Mirashi : Kalachuri Naresa and Unka Kala
18. R.B. Singh : Origin of the Rajputs
19. B.N. Puri : History of the Gurjar Pratihar
20. H.C. Ray : Dynastic History of North India, Vol. I & II

Paper II Political History of South India (from Beginning to 1300 A.D.)
Semester First (from Beginning to 7th Century A.D.)

MM 100

1. The Sangam Age
2. Satavahan and the struggle with Sakas, the Chedi of Kaling
3. Early dynasties of Vakataka and Rashtrakoot
4. Dynasties of Ganga and Kadamba

5. early Chaulukya, Cholas and Pallavas
6. Kalachuries
7. Dynasties of Nala, Bhoja and Traikutaka

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Paper III Social and Economic Life

MM 100

A. Social Life

1. Varnashram System – Original and Development of the Varnas, Antiquity of the asharam and its importance
2. Prerogative of the Bramhanas and the Social Status of the Sudras
3. Family – Origine and Develoment, Position of the Father, Relation between Wife and Husband Types of the Sons
4. Position of Women
5. Purusharth
6. Sacraments (Sanskar) – Hindu Marriage Concept and Aims of the Marriage, Different Types of the Marriage
7. Education – Concept and Aims, Relation between teacher and taught.

B. Economic Life

Varta, Land System and Ownershipship of the Land, Trade and Commerce, Shreni (Trade Organization, Revenue System)

Books Recommended

1. P.V. Kane : History of Dharmashatra Vol. I & II
2. P.H. Prabhu : Hindu Social Organization
3. Jai Shankar Mishra : Prachin Bharat Ka Samajik Itihas
4. R.B. Pandey : Hindu Sanskar
5. K.M. Kapadiya : Marriage and Family in India
6. R.S. Sharma : Sudras in Ancient India
7. A. S. Altekar : Position of Women in Hindu Civilization
8. R.S. Sharma : Light on Early Indian Society and Economy
9. R.K. Mukarjee : Education in Ancient India
10. Hari Dutta Vedalankar : Hindu Pariwar Mimansha
11. R.K. Chaudhary : Economic History of Ancient History

12. L. Gopal : Economic Life in North India (Early Medieval Period)
13. Moti Chandra : Sarthavaha
14. U.N. Ghoshal : Contribution to the History of Hindu Revenue System
15. G.L. Adhya : Early Indian Economy

Paper IV Archaeology, Pre and Proto History of India

MM 100

A. Field Archaeology

1. History of Indian Archaeology
2. Method of Excavation, Exploration
3. Stratification
4. Methods of Dating
5. Short Description of the Mains Excavated Sites
 - a) Kaushambi
 - b) Brahmagiri
 - c) Hastinapur
 - d) Lothal
 - e) Kalibandar

B. Pre History

1. Meaning of Pre History and Its relation with other natural Sciences
2. Lower Paleolithic Age (Sohan and Madras Culture)
3. Middle Paleolithic Culture
4. Upper Paleolithic Culture
5. Mesolithic Stone Age (Virbhanapur, Sarai Nahar Rai, Langhanaja, Tamilnadu)
6. Neolithic Age (North and South India)

Books Recommended

1. B.N. Puri : Puratattva
2. M.M. Singh : Puratattva Ki Roop Rekha
3. M. Sheeler : Archeology from the Earth
4. S. Pigot : Pre-Historic India
5. H.D. Sankalia : Pre and Proto History of India and Pakistan
6. H.D. Sankalia : Indian Archeology Today
7. F.E. Juner : Pre History of India
8. J.N. Pandey : Puratattva Vimarsh
9. B.B. Lal : Indian Archeology Since Independence
10. Different Volumes of Ancient India Published by the Archeological Survey of India

M.A. Previous Semester Second

Paper – I Political History of North India (7th Century B.C. – 12th Century A.D.)

M.M. 100

1. Political Condition of India during 7th-8th Century A.D.
2. Maukharyi and Leter Guptas
3. Pushyabhuti Dynasty – Harshvardhan and his Contemporary Shashank, the king of Gauda
4. Yashodharman, the king of Malwa and Yashovarman, the king of Kannauja
5. Lalitaditya, Muktapida, the king of Kashmir
6. Origin of the Rajputa's, Muslim inroads of the North-west India and Resistance by the Rajputas.
7. Detailed study of the following Rajput dynasties of North India

Gurjara- Pratihar, Parmar, Chaulukya of Gujrat, Chahman, Chandel, Garhwal, Pal, Sen, Kalchuris

8. Political Condition of North India during 12th Century A.D.

Books Recommended

1. H.C. Raj Chaudhary : Political History of Ancient India 6th Century
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20. H.C. Ray : Dunastic History of North India, Vol. I & II

Paper II Political History South India (from 7th Century A.D. to 1300 A.D.) MM 100

1. Political Condition of South India during 8th Century A.D.
2. Detailed study of the Political History of the following dynasties of the South India
Rashtrakutas, Cholas, Chaulukyas of Badami, Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi, Western Chalukyas of Kalyani, Pallavas, Pandyas of Madura, Hoyasalas, Yadavas of Devagiri, Kakatiyas of Varangala,
3. Struggle between different dynasties of South India

Books Recommended

1. A.S. Altekar : Rashtrakutas and Their Times
2. S.K. Ayanagar : The Beginnings of South Indian History
3. Yazadani (Ed) : Dakana ka Prachina Itihasa
4. R. Gopalan : History of the Pallavas of Kachi
5. D.C. Ganguly : The Eastern Chaulukyas
6. K.A.N. Shashtri : History of South India
7. K.A.N. Shashtri : The Pandyan Kingdom
8. K. Goplaachari : Early History of the Andhra
9. N. Venkata Ramanuchrya : The Eastern Chalukyas
10. D.C. Sircar : The early pallavas
11. J. Dubrel : Ancient History of the Deccan
12. B. Srivastava : Dakshina Bharata Ka Itihasa
13. R.B. Singh : Dakshina Bharata Ka Itihasa

Paper III Administrative and Legal Institution

MM 100

A. Administrative Institution

1. Sources of Hindu Polity

2. State : Origine of Ancient State, Types of the state, Nature (Saptajge Theory, The Aims and Function of the State)
3. Representative Assemblies, Sabha and Samiti, Paura Janapada
4. Kingship
5. Republics (Ganrajya)
6. Ministry (Mantri Parishad)
7. Main Administrative System
- B. Legal Institution
 1. Sources of Ancient Indian Laws
 2. Law of Succession - Dayabhaga and Mitakshara
 3. Stridhana
 4. Judicial System- Judicial Procedure
 5. Organization of the Courts

Books Recommended

1. A.S. Altekar : Prachina Bhartiya Sashana Paddhati
2. A.S. Altekar : State and Government in Ancient India
3. K.P. Jaiswal : Hindu Polity
4. K.P. Jaiswal : Hindu Rajtantra Part I and II (Hindi Translation)
5. U.N. Ghoshal : A History of Indian Political Ideas
6. Om Prakash Singh : Prashasanik Evam Vaidhanik Sansthayen
7. D.R. Bhandarkar : Some Aspects of Ancient Indian Policy
8. P.V. Kane : History of Dharmshastra (Relevant Volumes)
9. R.S. Sharma : Some Aspect of Political Ideas and Instutions
10. H.N. Tripathi : Prachina Bharat me Nyaypalika
11. A.L. Basham : Kingship in Ancient India

Paper IV ARCHAEOLOGY, PRE AND PROTO HISTORY OF INDIA MM 100

A. Proto History

1. Pre Harappan Culture of Sindh and Rajasthan
2. Harappan Culture
3. Post Harappan Chalcolithic Cultures – Ahar Cultures of Rajasthan and Malwas Culture of Madhya Pradesh
- B. Potteries/Wares
 1. Ochre Coloured Polished Ware (O.C.P.)
 2. Painted Grey Ware (P.G.W.)
 3. North Black Polished Ware (N.B.P.)

Books Recommended

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2. M.M. Singh : Puratattva Ki Roop Rekha
3. M. Sheeler : Archeology from the Earth
4. S. Pigot : Pre-Historic India
5. H.D. Sankalia : Pre and Proto History of India and Pakistan
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8. J.N. Pandey : Puratattva Vimarsh
9. B.B. Lal : Indian Archeology Since Independence
10. K.K. Thapliyal : Sindhu Sabhyata
11. S.C. Kala : Sindhu Sabhyata
12. Alchin : The Birth of Indian Civilization
13. R.K. Verma : Pragaitihasic Sanskritiyan
14. Different Volumes of Ancient India Published by the Archeological Survey of India

M.A. Final (Semester First)

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Paper I Ancient Indian Religions

MM 100

Bramhanical Religions

1. Vadic Religion – Vadic Secrifices (Yajna), Vadic Deities (Devmandal)
2. Central Idea of Upanishadas
3. Bhagwad Gita – Karmyog, Gyanyog, Bhaktiyog
4. Origine and Development of following sects upto Gupta Period – a. Vaishnavism, Pancharatra, b. Saivism, Pasupata c. Saktism d. Ganpati, e. Saura
5. Folk Religion – Yaksha and Naga

Books Recommended

1. Suryakant – Vadic Devshastra
2. B. Upadhyay – Bhagwat Sampraday
3. S. Jaiswal – Origin and Development of Vaishaniam
4. S. Chattopadhyay – Evolution of Hindus Sects
5. A.D. Pusalkar & R. C. Majumdar – The Vadic Age (Chapter Religion and Philosopohy)
6. A.D. Pusalkar & R. C. Majumdar – The Age Empire Unity (Chapter Religion and Philosopohy)
7. A.D. Pusalkar & R. C. Majumdar – The Classical Age (Chapter Religion and Philosopohy)
8. V.C. Srivastava – Sun Worship in Ancient India

Paper II Ancient Indian Sculpture

MM 100

1. Harappan Sculpture – Sone, Metal and Terracottas
2. Mauryan Sculpture – Construction of the Capital Pillar and Critical Appriciation of Foreign Impact on Them.
3. Sungs Sculpture – Sanchi, Bharhut and Bodh Gaya, Folk Elemints in the Sungan Art
4. Andhra – Satwahan Sculpture (Amrawati)
5. Centers of the Kushana Art – Gandhara and Mathura
6. Origin of the Gupta Sculptures, Their Characteristic features, Centres of the Gupta Art, Sarnath, Mathura, Pataliputra and Chief Images
7. Pal Sculpture – Fabrication, Lanchhana and Characteristic features.

Books Recommended

1. B.N. Sharma – Jain Pratimaye
2. B.B. Srivastava – Prachina Bhartiya Pratima Vigyan Evam Murti Kala
3. V.S. Agarwal – Indian Art
4. V. A. Smith – History of Fine Art in India and Ceylon
5. S.K. Saraswati – A Survey of Indian Sculpture
6. R.N. Mishra – Bhartiya Murti Kala
7. N.P. Joshi – Prachin Bhartiya Murti Vigyan
8. J.C. French – Art of the Pal Empire of Bengal

Paper III Ancient Indian Numismatics

MM 100

1. Importance of the Numismatics for the reconstruction of the Ancient Indian History.
2. Origine and Antiquity of the coins in Ancient India

3. The Panch-Marked Coins
4. Un-Inscribed Cast Coins
5. Local and Tribal Coins- Panchal, Mathura, Kaushambi, Yaudheya, Audumbaras and Kunindas – Role of These coins in the reconstruction of the political History
6. Indo-Greek Coins
7. Saka-Pahlava Coins
8. Coins of the Western Kshatrapas and Satwahan
9. Coins of the Kushanas
10. Gupta Coins

Books Recommended

1. R.D. Banarjee – Prachine Mudrayen
2. J. Allan – British Museum Catalogue of Ancient Indian Coins
3. R.B. Whitehead – Indo-Greek Coins
4. A.S. Altekar – Gupta Kalin Mudrayen
5. Vasudev upadhyay – Prachine Bhartiya Sikke
6. E.J. Rapson – Indian Coins
7. A.K. Narayan – Indo-Greeks
8. Different Volumes of Nomismatic Chronicles

Paper IV Philosophy of History

MM 100

1. Nature of History, relation with science and humanities
2. causation in History
3. Objectivity in History
4. Greko-Roman Traditions of Historical Writing
5. Western Historical Writers – Herder, Hegel, Spengler, Toynbee, Marx and Collingwood. the knowledge of Historical outlook of these writers is expected.

Books Recommended

1. Collingwood – The idea of History
2. Popper – The poverty of Historians
3. Shotwell – The story of History
4. Fritter Stern (Ed.) – The variety of History
5. V.S. Pathak – Ancient Historians of India
6. G.R. Eton – The Practice of History
7. Jharkhande Choubey – Itihas Darshan
8. G.C. Pandey (Ed.) – Itihas Swarup Evam Siddhant
9. E.H. Kar – Itihas Kya hai

M.A. Final (Semester Second)

Paper I Ancient Indian Religions (Buddism and Jainism)

MM 100

A. Buddhism

1. Background for the origin, Life of Lord Buddha his teachings, Buddhist Sects – Hinayana and Mahayana, Buddhist Councils, Four Noble Truth

B. Jainism Antiquity and Origin, Life and Teaching of Parshvnath and mahavir, Differences between Svetamber and Diamber Sects, Panch Mahavrat and Panch Anuvrat, Syadvad and Anekantavad.

Books Recommended

1. B.S. Upadhyay – Buddha Darshan tatha Anya Bhartiya Darshan
2. G.C. Pandey – Buddha Dharm Ka Itihas
3. Rhys Davids – History of Indian Buddhism
4. J.L. Jaini – Outline of Jainism

5. Hira Lal Jain – Jaina Dharma Ka Bhartiya Sanskriti Ko Yogdan
6. M.L. Mehta – Jain Dharma Darshan

Paper II Ancient Indian Architecture

MM 100

1. Harappan Architecture – Town Planning, Great Bath, Dorkyard and Lothal
2. Mauryan Architecture – Town Planning Assembly hall of Kumrahara, Palace, Barabar caves, Architechtural Feathers of Ashokan Pillar and Appriciation of The foreign effect on them
3. Stopas – Origin of the stup orchitechture – Sanchi, Bodh Bharhut, Bodh Gaya and Amrawati
4. Rock cut Chaityas and Viharas of the Western Coast.
5. Temple Architecture – Origin, Development and nature, Architechtural feathers of the Gupta and Post Gupta Temple
6. Main Styles of the Temple
7. Archtechirals Feathers of the temple of the chandel, rajasthan, orissa, gujrat, rashtrakoot, chalukya, pallav and cholas

Books Recommended

1. V.S. Agrawal – Student in Indian Art
2. P. Brown – Indian Arcitecture (Buddist and Hindu)
3. V.A. Smith – History of Fine Art in Indian and Ceylon
4. S. Pant – Origin of the Stupas
5. J. Marshall – Mohan Jodaro and Indus Civilization
6. A.K. Kumar Swami – A History of Indian and Indonatian Art
7. A.K. Mitra – Mauryan Art
8. R. Benzamin – Art and Architecture of India
9. A. Ghosh – Jain Art and Architecture
10. Krishna Dev – Temples of North India
11. E.V. Havel – Ancient and Medieval Architecture of India

Paper III Ancient Indian Incriptions and Palaeography

MM 100

1. Historical Significance of the Ancient Indian Enscriptions.
2. Classification of the inscriptions, characteristic features and limitations of the inscriptions.
3. Study and Historical importance of the following inscription.
 - i. Piprahawa Casket inscription and sohgaure copper plate inscription.
 - ii. Ashokan Rock Edicts No. 1,2 and 13
 - iii. Ashokan Pillar Edicts No. 2 and 7
 - iv. Rummindei Pillar inscription of Ashok
 - v. Bairat Edict of Ashok
 - vi. Basenagar Garun Pillar Inscription of Heliodorus
 - vii. Hathigumpha inscription of Kharavela
 - viii. Junagarh Rock inscription of Rudradaman I
 - ix. Allahabad Pillar inscription of Samudragupta
 - x. Mehrauli Iron Pillar inscription of Chandra
 - xi. Mandasore inscription of Kumargupta
 - xii. Junagarh Rock inscription of Skandhgupta
 - xiii. Bhirati Pillar inscription of Skandgupta
 - xiv. Aphasad inscription of Adityasena
 - xv. Harha Inscription of Isanvarman
 - xvi. Aihole inscription of Pulakesin II

Books Recommended

1. Hultzsa : Corpus Inscription indicatum Vol I
2. Sten Konow : Corpus Inscription indicatum Vol II
3. J. Fleet : Corpus Inscription indicatum Vol III

4. D.C. Sarkar : Select Inscription Vol I & II
5. Sri Ram Goel : Abhilekh Sangrah I & II
6. R. B. Pandey : Ashok Ke Abhilekh
7. Relevant Volumes of Epigraphia Indica
8. Relevant Volumes of Indian Antiquary

Paper IV Ancient Indian Historical Sources and Historiography MM 100

1. Sources of Ancient Indian History
2. Development of Indian Historical Writing – Vedic, Pauranic, Buddhist and Jain Tradition
3. Ancient Indian Historians – Baan, Bilhans, Kalhana and Jayanaka, The Historical insight of these writers is expected
4. some important historials 20th century A.D. – A Cunningham, V.A. Smith, K.P. Jaiswal, R.G. Bhandarkar, R.C. Majumdar, A.S. Alterkar, D.D. Kaushambi and A.K. Kumar Swami

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8. G.C. Pandey (Ed.) – Itihas Swaroop Evam Siddhant
9. E.H. Kar – Itihas Kya ha
10. Philips C.H. Ed.) – Historials of India Pakistan and Ceylon