

Ancient Indian History and Archaeology

B.A. Part-II

Paper :1 Political History of Northern India

[Form A.D. 606 upto A.D. 1206]

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UNIT I

- 1- Harsha and his contemporaries
 - a- Shashanka
 - b- Bhaskarvarman.
- 2- Yashovarman of Kanauj.
- 3- Lalita Ditya, Muktapad of Kashmir .

UNIT II

- 1- Origin of Rajputs.
- 2- The Gurjara Pratiharas- Origin, Nagabhata I, Vatsaraja, Nagabhata II, Mihirabhoja, Mahendrapala I, Mahinpala I .
- 3- The Palas – Dharmapala, Devapala.
- 4- The Senas- Vijayasena, Lakshmanasena .

UNIT III

- 1- The Chandellas – Yashovarman, Dhanga, Vidyadhara and Kirtivarman.
- 2- The Paramaras [Munja, Bhoja]
- 3- The Ghahamanas [Arnoraja, Vighararaja IV, Prithviraja III].
- 4- The Gahadawalas [Govindachandra, Jayachandra]

UNIT IV

- 1- The Kalachuris [Gangeyandeva, Lakshmikarna] .
- 2- The Western Chaulukyias [Hayasimha, Siddharaja, Bhima II].
- 3- Muslim Invasions –
 - a- Arab Invasion on Sindh.

- b- Excursions of Mahmud of Ghazni.
- c- Invasions Mohammad Ghuri.
- d- Causes of the Defeat of the Indians.

Books Recommended:-

- 1- Pathank, Vishuddhananda : उत्तर भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
- 2- Rao, R. & Pradeep Rao : गुप्तोत्तर युगीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
- 3- Pandey, V.C. & A. Pandey : A New Hisotry of Ancient India.
- 4- Ray H.C. : Dynastic History of Northern India.
- 5- Majumdar, R.C. : History of Bengal .
- 6- Puri, B.N. : Hisotry of Gurjara Pratiharas .
- 7- Dixit, R.K. : Chandellas of Jejakabhukti .
- 8- Gangoly , D.C. " Hisotry of Paramaras.
- 9- Niyogi, Roma: History of Gahadawalas.
- 10- Srivastava, B.N. : Harsha and His Times.
- 11- Majumdar, A.K. Chaulukyias of Gujarat .
- 12- Sharma , D: Early Chauhan Dynasty .

Paper – II : Elements of Indian Archaeology :-

UNIT I

- 1- Elements of Pre and Proto History
 - a- Stone age Cultures : Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic .
 - b- Chalcolithic Cultures of India .
 - c- Harappan Civilization .

UNIT II

- 1- Field Archaeology :
 - a- Archaeology and its relations with other sciences .
 - b- Development of Archaeology in India.
 - c- Methods of Locating Ancient Sites.

- d- Types and methods of Excavation .
- e- Results of the Excavations at-
 - i- Hastinapur.
 - ii- Lothal

UNIT III

- 1- Epigraphy & Paleography.
 - a- Origin and Antiquity of writing in India.
 - b- Writing materials in Ancient India.
 - c- Inscriptions as sources 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 India History .
 - e- General Features of :-
 - i- Punch – Market Coins .
 - ii- Gupta Gold Coins .

Books Recommended:-

- 1- Agarwal D.P. Archeology of India
- 2- पाण्डेय, जयनारायण: पुरात्त्व विमर्श ।
- 3- वर्मा आर० के०: प्रागैतिहासिक संस्कृतियों एवं क्षेत्रीय पुरात्त्व ।
- 4- Atkinson : Field Archaeology .
- 5- Raman, K.V. : Principles and methods of Archaeology.
- 6- Kenyon, K: Beginning in Archaeology .
- 7- Puri, B.N. : पुरात्त्व विज्ञान ।
- 8- Thaplyal, K.K. : पुरात्त्व प्रवेष्टिका ।

- 9- Sircar, D.C. : Indian Epigraphy . .
- 10- Pandey , R.B.: Indian Palaeography .
- 11- Ojha, G.S. : प्राचीन लिपिनाला ।
- 12- Chakraborty, S.K.: Ancient Indian Numismatics .
- 13- Altekar , A.S. : The coinage of Gupta Coins गुप्तकालीन मुद्राएं ।
- 14- Thaplyal, A.K. : Ancient Indian Coins .

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