

GENERIC ELECTIVES  
(PAPER I)

HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA

UNIT-I

- a. Sources: A Survey
- b. Pre-Historic Cultures: Palaeolithic and Neolithic: Features.
- c. Harappan Civilization: Features and debate on Decline.

UNIT-II

- a) Vedic Age
  - i. Early Vedic Age: Polity and Society.
  - ii. Later-Vedic Age: Changes and Continuities in Polity and Society.
- b) Mahajanapadas: Rise of Magadha.

UNIT-III

- a) Mauryas :
  - i. Empire Building and Administration,
  - ii. Decline of the Mauryan Empire: Debate
- b) India between B.C 200 and C. E. 300 [Indo-Greeks, Sakas, Pallavas, Kushans] with special reference to impact on the Society, Economy and Culture.

UNIT IV

- a) Gupta Empire: Polity, Administration and Decline.
- b) Harshavardhana: Administration.

**Suggested Readings:**

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- > Sharma, R. S., 2005, *India's Ancient Past*, Oxford University Press.
- > Sharma, R.S. *Indian Feudalism*, 3rd edition, Macmillan India, Delhi, 2006.
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