# PAPER II: SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

### Unit. I.

Evolution of humankind; Paleolithic and Mesolithic cultures.

#### Unit. II.

# **Neolithic Revolution:**

Food production: beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry.

#### Unit. III.

Bronze Age Civilizations, with reference to any one of the following: i) Egypt (Old Kingdom); ii) Mesopotamia (up to the Akkadian Empire); iii) China (Shang); IV) Eastern Mediterranean (Minoan) economy, social stratification, state structure, religion.

Slave society in ancient Greece: agrarian economy, urbanization, trade.

Polis in ancient Greece: Athens and Sparta; Greek Culture.

# Unit-V (Tutorial-I)

(a) Identification of Major sites and Geographical location of Early Civilizations.

## Unit-VI (Tutorial II)

(a) Understanding socio economic life during early civilization through historical documentaries and report writing.

# ESSENTIAL READINGS

Burns and Ralph. World Civilizations.

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. I.

V. Gordon Childe, What Happened in History.

G. Clark, World Prehistory: A New Perspective.

B. Fagan, People of the Earth.

Amar Farooqui, Early Social Formations.

M. I. Finley, The Ancient Economy.

Jacquetta Hawkes, First Civilizations.

G. Roux, Ancient Iraq.

Bai Shaoyi, An Outline History of China.

H. W. F. Saggs, The Greatness that was Babylon.

B. Trigger, Ancient Egypt: A Social History.

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R. J. Wenke, Patterns in Prehistory.

G. E. M. Ste Croix, Class Struggles in the Ancient Greek World.

J. D. Bernal, Science in History, Vol. I.

V. Gordon Childe, Social Evolution.

Glyn Daniel, First Civilizations.

A. Hauser, A Social History of Art, Vol. I.

