

SYLLABUS

SEMESTER -1

HISTORY GE-1

UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

GE-1 : History of India from Earliest Times up to 300 CE

I. Sources & Interpretation

II. A broad survey of Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures.

III. Harappan Civilization : Origin, Extent, dominant features & decline, Chalcolithic age.

IV. The Vedic Period: Polity, Society, Economy and Religion, Iron Age with reference to PGW & Megaliths.

V. Territorial States and the rise of Magadha, Conditions for the rise of Mahajanpadas and the Causes of Magadha's success

VI. Iranian and Macedonian Invasions, Alexander's Invasion and impact

VII. Jainism and Buddhism: Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Decline and Contributions

VIII. The Satavahanas Phase: Aspects of Political History, Material Culture, Administration, Religion

VIII. Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire; State Administration, Economy, Ashoka's Dhamma, Art & Architecture

IX. The Satvahana Phase: Aspects of Political History, Administration, Material Culture, & Religion

X. The Sangam Age: Sangam Literature, The three Early Kingdoms, Society & the Tamil language

XI. The age of the Indo-Greeks, Shakas: Parthians & Kushanas: Aspects of Polity, Society, Religion, Arts & Crafts, Coins, Commerce and Towns.

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