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Basics: Distributed Database, Two General Problem, Byzantine General problem and Fault Tolerance, Hadoop Distributed File System, Distributed Hash Table, ASIC resistance, Turing Complete.

Cryptography: Hash function, Digital Signature - ECDSA, Memory Hard Algorithm, Zero Knowledge Proof.

Blockchain: Introduction, Advantage over conventional distributed database, Blockchain Network, Mining Mechanism, Distributed Consensus, Merkle Patricia Tree, Gas Limit, Transactions and Fee, Anonymity, Reward, Chain Policy, Life of Blockchain application, Soft & Hard Fork, Private and Public blockchain.

Distributed Consensus: Nakamoto consensus, Proof of Work, Proof of Stake, Proof of Burn, Difficulty Level, Sybil Attack, Energy utilization and alternate.

Cryptocurrency: History, Distributed Ledger, Bitcoin protocols - Mining strategy and rewards, Ethereum - Construction, DAO, Smart Contract, GHOST, Vulnerability, Attacks, Sidechain, Namecoin

Cryptocurrency Regulation: Stakeholders, Roots of Bitcoin, Legal Aspects - Cryptocurrency Exchange, Black Market and Global Economy.

Blockchain Applications: Internet of Things, Medical Record Management System, Domain Name Service and future of Blockchain.

Suggested Readings:

1. A. Narayanan, J. Bonneau, E. Felten, A. Miller, S Goldfeder, Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Technologies: A Comprehensive Introduction, Princeton University Press .
2. Wattenhofer, The Science of the Blockchain.
3. Antonopoulos, Mastering Bitcoin: Unlocking Digital Cryptocurrencies.
4. S. Nakamoto, Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System.
5. G. Wood, ETHEREUM: A Secure Decentralized Transaction Ledger, Yellow paper.2014.
6. N. Atzei, M. Bartoletti, T. Cimoli, A survey of attacks on Ethereum smart contracts.