



## **Minor Paper 1A:**

### **MN-His-01**

### **Ancient Indian History (Early times to 650 AD)**

**Full Marks: 100 (75+25)**

**Pass Marks: 40**

**Total Credits: 04**

**Course Objective:** This course aims at acquainting the students with the significant historical events, processes and changes that have occurred in India's ancient past. It also seeks to help students appreciate the multiple perspectives and arguments related to history and enable them to think critically, formulate their own opinions and present their ideas about India's past in a cogent manner.

**Learning Outcomes:** After the completion of this course, a student is expected to –

- Narrate the main events and changes in India's ancient past
- Identify the continuities and changes in a particular historical period
- Formulate and express arguments related to historical events and processes

#### **Unit I:**

- i. Stone Age: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Age
- ii. Chalcolithic Period
- iii. Harappan Civilization: Features and Decline

#### **Unit II:**

- i. Vedic Period: Society, Economy and Religion
- ii. Jainism and Buddhism
- iii. Mahajanapada and Magadhan Empire

#### **Unit III:**

- i. Mauryan Empire: Chandragupta Maurya and Asoka
- ii. Mauryan Administration and Art-Architecture
- iii. Post Maurya Era: Indo Greeks, Kushanas and Satavahanas





#### Unit IV:

- i. Gupta Period: Chandragupta and Samudragupta
- ii. Gupta Administration and Art-Architecture
- iii. Harshavardhana

#### **Suggested Readings:**

- Romila Thapar: Early India (Hindi translation as प्राचीन भारत)
- Romila Thapar: Ancient Indian Social History
- R. S.Sharma: Ancient India(Hindi translation as प्राचीन भारत)
- R. S.Sharma: Material culture and Social Formations in Ancient India
- D. N.Jha: Ancient India(Hindi translation as प्राचीन भारत)
- A. L.Basham: The Wonder that was India
- D. D.Kosambi: An Introduction to the Study of Indian History
- डी. एन. झा एवं श्रीमाली: प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास
- विशुद्धानंद पाठक: उत्तर भारत का राजनीतिक इतिहास
- वी. डी. महाजन: प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास
- उपिंदर सिंह: प्राचीन एवं पूर्व मध्यकालीन भारत का इतिहास