

M.A. History (Final)

Group – B

Paper – VII

Ancient India

M. Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hrs.

Note : 10 questions shall be set in the paper spread over the entire syllabus more or less proportionately, out of which the candidates shall be required to attempt five questions, selecting at least one question from each unit. All question shall carry equal marks.

Unit – I

1. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History:
Source and Historiographical trends.
2. Stone age hunters and gatherers:
 - a) Paleolithic
 - b) Mesolithic cultures
3. Early farming Communities:
 - a) Postoralism and incipient farming.
 - b) Neolithic and Chalcolithic Village Cultures
4. Harappan Civilization :
 - a) Origin and Expansion
 - b) Town Planning and Drainage System
 - c) Political System
 - d) Decline

Unit – II

1. Vedic Civilization:
 - a) Beginning and Development
 - b) Main Features
 - c) Political Organisation and Institutions.
2. Janapadas and Mahajanapadas :
 - a) Territorial state's-Monarchical and Republican
 - b) Age of Reason and Revolt; Jainism; Buddhism; Ajivikism
3. Greek Invasion:
 - a) Political condition of India on the eve of invasion of Alexander.
 - b) Alexander's invasion and its effects.
4. Towards Empire :
 - a) Nandas-Establishment and Expansion.
 - b) Mauryan Empire-Formation; Administration; Nature of State; Ashoka's Dhamma; Downfall.

Unit – III

Post Mauryan Development:

1. Sungas
2. Kanvas
3. Indo-Creeks
4. Saka
5. Pahlavas
6. Satvahanas and Western Kshatrapas
7. Kushanas and their administration.
8. The Republics
 - a) Yaudheyas; b) Kunindas; c) Audambaras