

M.A. (Previous)
ANCIENT SOCIETIES

Paper-I

Max. Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

Note: 10 questions shall be set in the Paper spread over to 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 questions shall carry equal marks.

Unit-I

Origins

Tool Making; Hunting and Gathering; Food Production and Village Settlements; Division of Labour and Craft Specialisation.

Bronze Age Civilizations

1. Mesopotamia (upto the Aquadian Empire): State Structure; Economy (Industry and Trade); Social Stratification and Religion.
2. Egypt (Old kingdom; State Structure; Economy (Industry and Trade); Social Stratification and Religion.
3. Harappan Civilization: Origin; Authors; Extent; Town Planning; Economy; Society; Religion; Decline.

Unit-II

Iron Age Cultures

Greece: Agriculture; Currency; Scripts; Religion; Crafts and Warfar slave societies in Ancient Greece and Rome: Agrarian Economy; Urbanisation and Trade; Cultures; Athenian.

Democracy: Roman Republic; Roman Empire and Its Decline.

Unit-III

Vedic Society

State Structure; Economy; Society; Religion; State Structure.

Age of Reason Revolt

Jainism; Buddhism

Agrarian Empires

The Mauryas and the Guptas with special reference to Society and Economy.

Decline of Trade and Commerce in Post Gupta Period.

Indian Feudalism: Origin, Development and Nature.