

Syllabus of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology (HUPH09)

Note:

- i. There will be one Question Paper which will have 100 questions.
- ii. All questions will be compulsory.
- iii. The Question Paper will have two Parts i.e. Part A and Part B
- iv. Part A will have 50 questions based on Research Methodology
- v. Part B will have 50 questions based on Subject-Specific Knowledge.

❖ Political History

Vedic Polity-the age of Mahajanpadas, Rise of imperial Magadha and Mauryas, Foreign dynasties in Post Mauryan period, Kushanas and Satavahanas, Guptas, Dynasties of Central, West and East India in early medieval period, Dynasties of Deccan and South India, Cholas, Pallavas and Pandavas.

Political ideas and institutions, concept of Saptanga, Mandala theory, the notion of law and Dharma, legal institutions, law of evidence and judicial process.

❖ Social and Economic History

Concept of Varna, Jati, Ashramas, Sanskara, Marriage, Family, Position of women, Education system.

Concept of Varta, Trade and Commerce, trade routes, agriculture, currency, crafts and guilds, International trade (over land) maritime trade (East and West), Taxation and Revenue system, land ownership, slavery, Feudalism and Temple economy.

❖ Archaeology

Prehistory, Proto-history, Early historic archaeology, Bronze age, copper age, Iron age cultural sequence, megalithic culture, exploration and excavation, chronology and dating methods, Documentation and report mattering, conservation and preservation of archaeological sites, structures and artifacts, Environmental Archaeology, West Asian Archaeology.

❖ **Idea of History and Historiography**

Meaning and Definition of history, idea of Itihas, objectivity and causation in History, Traditions of history (Greco-Roman, Jewish, Christian, Islamic and Chinese), Vedic and Pauranika traditions, Charitakavya and Rajatarangini, Modern historical writings (Positivism, idealism, Marxist and post Marxist), imperialist, nationalist and Marxist tradition of historiography, post modernist and Subaltern history writing.

❖ **Concept of Manavantara, Jambudvipa, Aryavarta, Bharatavarsha,**