

Syllabus for One Year (Two Semesters)

Foreign Casual Course

Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology

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Semester I **Paper I: Survey of Ancient Indian Culture – I**
(40+10 Marks)

Semester II **Paper II: Survey of Ancient Indian Culture – II**
(40+10 Marks)

(Total: 100 Marks in Two Semesters)

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Semester I

Paper I: Survey of Ancient Indian Culture-I

Total Marks: 50 (10 Internal and 40 for written examination)

1. Sources of Indian Civilization.
2. Textual Traditions (Epics, Jatakas, Avadanas and Puranic literature).
3. Law, Political Economy and Spirituality (Upanishad, Mimansa, Vedanta, Arthasastra, Manusmrti Dharmasastra).
4. Changing layers of Politics in Early India (From Territorial States to Regional Kingdoms from the sixth Century BCE to twelfth Century CE).
5. Illustrious Figures in Early Indian History: (Buddha, Mahavira, Sankara, Asoka, Kanishka, and Samudragupta, Harsha, Pulakesin and Rajendra Chola).

Semester II

Paper II: Survey of Ancient Indian Culture-II

Total Marks: 50 (10 Internal and 40 for written examination)

1. Urbanization and Urbanism in Early India (Indus Valley Civilization, Early Historic Urbanism and Early Medieval Centres of Urbanity).
2. From Stupa to Temple (Mauryan and Post-Mauryan Art; Regional Schools of Architecture in the Early Medieval Period).
3. Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain Iconography (Textual norms to Artists' choices: developments from the mid-first millennium BCE to early second millennium CE).
4. Environment and Medicine (Water conservation and Buddhism, Irrigation and Hindu temples, Buddhist texts, monasteries and Medicine, Hindu medicine).

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