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| <b>PROGRAMME NAME</b>    | BA Hons (Semester I)   |
| <b>COURSE NAME</b>       | Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World-I |
| <b>SEMESTER DURATION</b> | July-November  |

| <b>Week</b> | <b>Topic(s)</b>  | <b>Teaching methodology adopted/<br/>continuous internal evaluation</b>   |
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| 1-2         | Evolution of humankind and Palaeolithic cultures. Environmental context of human evolution. Biological evolution of hominins. Social and cultural adaptations: mobility and migration; development of lithic and other technologies; changes in the hunting-gathering economy; social organization; art and graves.  | Lecture and discussion method, audio visual, organizing interactive session, flip teaching method/written test. |
| 3-6         | Understanding the Mesolithic Age. Mesolithic as a stage in prehistory. Environmental change and changes in subsistence strategies based on case studies from West Asia, Europe and Meso-America: seasonal and broad-spectrum exploitation of resources, food storage, tools, semi-sedentism and features of social complexity.   | Lecture and discussion method, audio visual, organizing interactive session, flip teaching method/written test. |
| 7-10        | The Neolithic Age. Debating the origins of food production - climate change; population pressure; ecological choices; cognitive reorientations. Features of the Neolithic based on sites from West Asia, Europe and East Asia: nature and size of settlements; tool-kits, artifacts and pottery; family and household. Features of social complexity in late Neolithic communities; ceremonial sites and structures. | Lecture and discussion method, audio visual, organizing interactive session, flip teaching method/written test. |
| 11-13       | The Bronze Age. Concepts: 'Bronze Age', 'Urban Revolution', 'Civilization' and 'State'. Ecological context of early civilizations. Aspects of social complexity: class, gender and economic specialization.  | Comparative study method, interactive teaching, audio visual/paper presentation and discussion.                 |
| 14-15       | Nomadic pastoralism. Conceptualizing nomadic pastoralism. The emergence of specialised pastoral economy in West Asia and its relationship to sedentary farming, third and second millennium BCE. Socio-political interactions between nomadic pastoralists and urban-state societies in West Asia, third and second  | Discussion, audio visual and test.  |

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|                      | millennium BCE.<br>The advent of iron - its origins and implications. |  |
| Dispersal of classes |   |  |