

PROGRAMME NAME: B.AProg (Semester I)
COURSE NAME: History of India from the Earliest Times up to c. 300 CE
SEMESTER DURATION: July-November

WEEK	TOPIC(S)	TEACHING METHODOLOGY ADOPTED/CONTINUOUS INTERNAL EVALUATION
1-2	Interpreting Ancient India; survey of sources.	Lecture, visual aids
3-4	Prehistoric Cultures: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic; rock art.	Lecture, visual aids. Assignment/project.
5-6	Harappan Civilization: Origin and extent, town planning, economy, society and religion, decline and continuity. Chalcolithic cultures.	Lecture, discussion and surprise tests.
7-8	Vedic Culture: polity, economy, society and religion. Beginnings of the iron age; Megalithic cultures.	Lecture and Discussions.
9-10	Post-Vedic Period: material and social changes, Mahajanapadas and the rise of Magadha, Buddhism and Jainism: doctrines; spread.	Lecture, class test
11-12	The Mauryan Empire: state and administration, society, economy, Ashoka's Dhamma, decline, art and architecture.	Lecture, assignment

13	The Far South: Tamilakam; polity, economy and society.	Lecture, discussions
14-15	Revision	
	Dispersal of Classes	