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B.A.(HONOURS WITHOUT RESEARCH) MULTIDISCIPLINARY

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ACADEMIC SESSION

Session- 2024-25

Semester II

Major-B

Subject Code- B.A-HIS-MAJ-02

**Paper- Ancient India: Political History from Earliest Times to
326 B.C.**

Credits: 4

Total Marks: 100

Time allowed: 3 hours

External Marks: 70

Internal Marks: 30

Internal assessment marks distribution
Performance in one Mid-Semester Test: 12
Assignment/Project/Seminar: 12
Attendance: 6

Instructions for the paper setters: The question paper will consist of three sections -A, B and C. Section A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus out of which the candidate will be required to attempt two questions each. Each question will carry 12 marks. Section C will be compulsory with eleven short- answer type questions of 02 marks each which will cover the entire syllabus. Only one Question on map can be given in one section either A or B.

SECTION A

1. Pre- History Period: Stone Age, Paleolithic Age, Mesolithic Age, Neolithic Age and Chalcolithic Age.
2. Physical features of India and impact on history; Map on Physical Features

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of Ancient India with explanation.

3. Sources: Archaeology, Epigraphy, Numismatics, Literary and Foreign accounts.
4. Indus Valley Civilization: Discovery, Extent and Town planning, Social, religious, economic and political condition of Indus Valley Civilization and causes of its decay; Map on Important sites of Indus Valley Civilization with explanation.

SECTION B

5. Early Vedic period: Political Social, Economic and Religious condition.
6. Later Vedic period: Political, Social, Economic, Religious condition.
7. Sixteen Mahajanpadas and rise of Magadha; Map on Mahajanpadas with explanation; Map on Magadha empire with explanation.
8. Alexander's Invasion: causes and effects.

ESSENTIAL BOOKS

1. Altekar, A. S., *State and Government in Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidas, New Delhi, 2016, (repr.).
2. Dhillon, Sukhninder Kaur, *Religious History of Ancient India*, Shree Publishers, New Delhi, 2005.
3. Jha, D.N., *Ancient India In Historical Outline*, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 2012.
4. Majumdar, R. C., Raychaudhary, H.C. and K.K. Datta, *An Advanced History of India Vol. I*, Macmillan India, Delhi, 1946.
5. Mookerji, R. K., *Ancient India Education*, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1947.
6. Raychaudhari, H.C., *Political History of Ancient India*, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, 1927.
7. Thapar, Romila, *History of India Vol. I*, Penguin India, New Delhi, 2000.
8. Tripathi, R.S., *History of Ancient India*, Exotic India, Delhi, 2014, (repr.).

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1. Basham A. L., *The Wonder That was India*, Picador India, New Delhi, 2019, (repr.)
2. Kosambi, D.D., *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*, Sangam Books Ltd., New Delhi, 2023, (repr.)
3. Sharma, R.S: *India's Ancient past*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006.
4. Singh, Upinder, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Pearson Education India, New Delhi, 2008

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