

1. Science and Human Past

Learning Outcomes:

After successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Students will understand the meaning of history and its relation to other social sciences and historical writing.
- Learn about the origin and evolution of human culture.
- Know how humans transformed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.
- Understand the greatness of the first Indian civilization in the Indus Valley.
- Learn about the richness of Vedic culture.

Syllabus:

Unit-I

What is History-Is History a science?-Facts, Interpretations-Relation with other Social Sciences-Sources of Indian History: Archaeological and Literary Sources.

Unit-II

Hunting Gathering to the Food Production Society: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Phases in India- Evolution of tools, belief systems and art forms.

Unit-III

First Urbanization in India: The Indus Valley Civilization-Definition of Civilization and Urbanization-Origin, Extent-Sites-Features of IVC-Trade and Commerce- Social and Cultural Life-Divide of the Civilization.

Unit-IV

The Vedic Corpus: Vedic Literature- Indo-Aryans Theories-Society, Economy, Culture, religion and Polity during the Early Vedic Period-Society, Economy, Culture, religion and Polity during the Later Vedic Period-Origin of Varna System.

Unit-V

Second Urbanization in India: Iron Age Cultures in the subcontinent-Impact of Iron technology-The emergence of City life- Urban Occupations, Crafts, Guilds-Trade and Commerce.

Curricular Activities:

- A student seminar can be conducted on history and its relationship to other social sciences.

- Map-pointing should be a compulsory activity as it helps students understand the text more vividly and clearly and should be made part of the internal examination by allotting 5 marks out of 25 for this skill-based activity.
- Collection of news reports and maintaining a record of paper cuttings relating to topics covered in the syllabus
- Pictures are drawings of Stone Age cultures. Students can be asked to create a calendar charting the dates of key events.
- Students should be asked to prepare an inventory of items preserved in the museum and their usage
- An assignment can be given on metal-age cultures with student justification.
- A test can be conducted on Indus valley civilization.
- A comparative table of Indus and Vedic culture can be prepared.
- Book Reviews on latest Developments in History
- Seminars/Group Discussions/Quiz/Unit Tests
- Collection of Articles and Books
- Preparation of Videos/Charts
- Identify the important places in the Map
- Project Works
- Prepare the synapses
- Write articles to the reputed journals and Magazines
- Photos Exhibitions on Temple Architecture
- Visit to the Museums
- Membership from AP History Congress

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