

PAPER – GE I : ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY
(Early times to pre-Gupta age)

- 1. Survey of sources to Ancient Indian History :**
Literary and archaeological Sources
- 2. Proto- History- Harppan civilisation :**
Origin, distribution, morphology of major sites (Mohenjodaro, Harappa, Kalibanga, Lothal, Dholavira), Feature and Decline.
- 3. The Vedic Civilization**
 - a) Early Vedic Civilization : Political, Social, Economic, Religious & Cultural Life (as reflected in Vedic Lierature)
 - b) Later Vedic Civilization : Political, Social, Economic, Religious & Cultural Changes in the life of the Aryans.
- 4. The rise of Magadha as paramount political power :**
from Haryak dynasty to Nand dynasty.
- 5. The Mauyran Empire :**
 - i. Chandragupta Maurya,
 - ii. Dhamma of Ashoka : concept and propagation,
 - iii. Mauyran administration
- 6. Alexander's invasion and its impacts**
- 7. Post Mauryan developments (c. 200 BC. - c. 300 BC.)**
 - a. Invasions and their impacts : Bactrian Greeks, Scythians, Kushana
 - b. Polity : Shungas (Pushyamitra Shunga), Kushanas (Kanishka) and Satvahanas (Gautamiputra Satkarni)
 - c. Economy : land grants, trade and trade routes
 - d. Art and culture : Gandhar and Mathura art
 - e. Sangam age : polity, society, literature and culture.