

Discipline: Arts, Humanities & Social Science

Subject Name: History of India I (Pre-History and Proto History)

Subject Code: UHISMAJ11001

Semester: Semester I

Course Name: MAJOR

Course Code:

(Will be provided by the University)

Course Credit: 4 Theoretical 4

Practical/Tutorial

Marks Allotted: 75 Theoretical 60

Practical/Tutorial

Continuing Evaluation 10

Attendance: 5

Course Type (tick the correct alternatives):

Major Core

AEC

Interdisciplinary/ DSE

SEC

Minor / Generic Elective

VAC

Research Project/Dissertation

Vocational

Is the course focused on employability / entrepreneurship? YES

Is the course focused on imparting life skill? YES

Is the course based on Activity ? NO

Remarks by Chairman, UG BOS, if any

UG BOS Meeting Reference Number:

Date:14/07/2023

Course Code: UHISMAJ11001

Course Name: HISTORY (MAJOR)

**Brief Course Description:**

UHISMAJ11001 deals with topics in Pre History and Proto History. In particular, the course will cover Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic culture of early human civilization. The course also provides the knowledge on Indus Valley Civilization.

Prerequisite(s) and/or Note(s):

(1) High school History.

(2) Note(s): Syllabus changes yearly and may be modified during the term itself, depending on the circumstances. However, students will be evaluated only on the basis of topics covered in the course.

**Course Objectives:**

Knowledge acquired:

- (1) Ideas on early human civilization, hunter, gatherers and development of stone tools and food production
- (2) Characteristic features of Harappa town planning
- (3) Early village communities and art and craft

Skills gained:

- (1) Archeological evidence exploration,
- (2) Identification of lithic tools and,
- (3) Urban growth and downfall

Competency Developed:

- (1) Facility in handling Archeological evidence
- (2) Facility in solving the various types of stone tools

**Course Syllabus Overview:**

Definition and Development of Concept of History

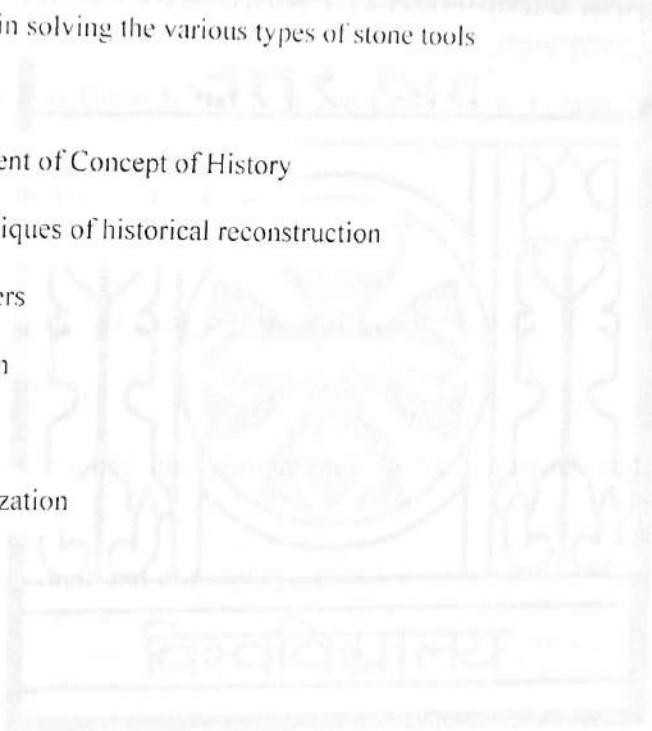
Sources, Tools, and Techniques of historical reconstruction

Pre-historic hunter-gatherers

Advent of Food Production

Proto-History

Legacy of Harappan Civilization

**Suggested Readings:**

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- Basham, A.L. *The Wonder That was India*. London: Fontana, 1971.
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## SEMESTER I

### Course: Major Course

Course Code: UHISMAJ11001

Paper Name: History of India I (Pre-History and Proto History)

Credit: 4,

Lecture: 60 hours (1 class= 1 hr)

Total Marks: 60(Theory)+ 10(Continuous Evaluation)+ 5 (Attendance)= 75

1. History: Definition and Development of its Concept
2. Sources, Tools, and Techniques of historical reconstruction.
3. Pre-historic hunter-gatherers.
  - [a] Palaeolithic cultures- sequence and distribution; stone industries and other technological developments.
  - [b] Mesolithic cultures- regional and chronological distribution; new developments in technology and economy; rock art.
4. Advent of Food Production.
  - a. The Neolithic Age and the Beginnings of Food Production
  - b. Understanding the regional and chronological distribution of Neolithic cultures, subsistence, and exchange patterns.
  - c. Neolithic Revolution: Debate.
  - d. Chalcolithic Cultures
5. Proto-History:
  - a. Origin, extent, and significant sites of Harappan Civilisation.
  - b. Settlement patterns and town planning.
  - c. Art and craft



- d. Harappan Economy
  - e. Society, Polity, and Religious Beliefs.
  - f. Decay of Harappan Civilisation
6. Legacy of Harappan Civilisation

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