

DINABANDHU MAHAVIDYALAYA
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
LESSON PLAN - 2023-2024

Honours	Chapter & topics	No of Lectures (Theory)	TUTORIAL
SEM –I Paper I: History of India-I (From Earliest Times to c.300 BCE) Course Code – DS-1	I. Reconstructing Ancient Indian History: (a)Early Indian Notions of History (b)Sources and approaches to ancient Indian history	5	1
	II. Pre-historic hunter-gatherers (a) Paleolithic 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.	5	1
	III. Food production: Understanding the regional and chronological distribution of the Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures: subsistence and patterns of exchange	5	1
	IV. The Harappan civilization Origin & antiquity; settlement patterns, agrarian base; craft productions and trade; religious beliefs and practices; art and architecture; the first urbanization, the problem of urban decline and the late/post-Harappa Cultures.	30	8
	V. Cultures in transition (since circa 1500 BCE): a) Iron Age cultures with special reference to Painted Grey Ware and Northern Black Polished Ware Cultures b) The Aryan Problem –	8	2

	Society, economy, polity and religion in the Vedic Age c) Expansion of settlements and the second urbanization – craft production, trade, social Structure		
	VI. Polity & Religion (since circa 600 BCE): a) Janapadas and Mahajanapadas – early monarchical states and gana-sanghas – rise of Magadhan Empire b) Protestant religious movements – Jainism, Buddhism, Ajivikas and other systems	7	2
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Semester -II DS-2: Aspects of Ancient World History Credits- 5 (4+1)	I. Human Evolution; Paleolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic cultures.	5	1
	II. Bronze Age Civilization in Mesopotamia (up to the Akkadian Empire); state structure, economy, social stratification, religion.	10	2
	III. Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia; Debate on the advent of iron and its implications	5	1
	IV. Polis in ancient Greece: Athens and Sparta; political developments, the Peloponnesian War	15	4
	V. Economy, society, and Culture in Ancient Greece	8	2
	VI. The Roman Republic, the Principate, and Empire – political institutions and administration.	10	3
	VII. Economy, society, and Culture in Ancient Rome	7	2