

**Syllabus for the post of
Assistant Professor- Ancient Indian History,
Maharashtra Education Services, Group - A (Collegiate Branch)**

Steps of Exam: Written Exam - 200 Marks

Interview - 50 Marks

Level: - Degree

No. of Questions: - 100

Medium: English & Marathi

No. of Marks: - 200

Nature of Paper - Objective Type

Duration: - 1 hour

Final merit list will be prepared by considering the marks obtained in Written test & Interview.

SYLLABUS

PART-A 80 Question

From the Indus Valley Civilization to the Mahajanapadas

Age, extent and characteristics of the Indus Valley Civilization.

Vedic culture-Early and Late-Geography : Social and Political institutions, Economic conditions, Religious and Philosophical ideas.

Mahajanapadas, Republics, Economic growth-Emergence of Jainism and Buddhism-Rise of Magadha-Macedonian invasion and its effects.

History of India from 4th century BC to 3rd century AD

Foundation of the Mauryan Empire-Chandragupta, Ashoka and his Dharma. Mauryan administration, Economy, Art and Architecture, Disintegration of the Mauryan empire.

Sangam Age.

Sungas, Satavahanas and Kushanas : Administration, religion, society, economy, trade and commerce, culture-Art and Architecture, Literature.

India from the 4th century AD to 12th century AD

Gupta-Vakataka age-Harsh Pallavas-Early Chalukyas-Rashtrakutas.

Cholas-Pratiharas Palas-A brief survey of the history of the Paramaras, Kalachuris, Gahadavalas and Chauhans-Administration.

Feudalism, Society, Position of Women, Educational centres, Economy.

Religious trends, styles of temple architecture, art, Literature, An outline of scientific and technological developments.

India's contacts with the outside world.

India from 1206 to 1526

Expansion and Consolidation-The Ghorids. The Turks, The Khaljis.

The Tughlaqs, The Sayyids and the Lodis.

Vijayanagar and Bahamani Kingdoms.

State and Religion-Concept of sovereignty, religious movements and Sufism.

Economic Aspects-Urban Centres, Industries, Trade and Commerce, Land Revenue and Prices.

Mongol problem and its impact.

Administrative structure.

Art. Architecture and literature.

Sources-Archaeological, Persian and non Persian literature, Foreign travellers account.

Ancient Indian History

Stone-Age Cultures of India.

Origin, date, extent and characteristics of the Indus Valley Civilization.

Evolution of social and political institutions in the Vedic period.

Economic and religious developments in 6th century BC.

Sources of Mauryan history-Megasthenes, Kautilya, Asokan edicts and Simhalese Chronicles.

Economy and trade during 2nd century BC-3rd century AD-Schools of art-Development of Stupa and Chaitya architecture.

Assessment of the Gupta Age.

Ancient Indian Republics-History of Local Self-government in India.

Indian feudalism.

Indian contacts with the outside world in the ancient period.

Contribution of Sankara and Ramanuja to religion and philosophy.

PART-B 20 Question

World History-Concepts, Ideas and Terms

Renaissance, Reformation

Enlightenment, Rights of Man

Apartheid

Imperialism

Socialism

Nazism

Parliamentary Democracy

Commonwealth

Efforts at World Peace, Cold War

Post-modernism.

Research in History

Scope and Importance of History

Objectivity and Bias in History

Causation in History

History and its auxiliary sciences

Significance of Regional History

Recent trends of Indian History

Research Methodology

Area of Proposed Research

Sources-Primary/Secondary in the Proposed area of Research.

Recent Historical writings in the Proposed area of research.
