

T.Y.B.A. History

SEMESTER - V

Core Course VI A – Introduction to Archaeology

Objectives:

1. To understand the basic facets of Archaeology.
2. To evaluate the importance of Epigraphy.
3. To study the importance of Numismatics as an important source of history.

Module I: Aims and Methods of Archaeology

- (a) Definition, Aims and Development of Archaeology in India
- (b) Archaeology and History; Archaeology and Other Sciences
- (c) Field Archaeology: Methods of Exploration, Excavation and Dating Antiquities; Significance of Archaeology

Module II: Pre-Historic, Proto-Historic and Early Historical Periods

- (a) Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Periods
- (b) Neolithic and Chalcolithic Periods
- (c) Megalithic and Early Historical Periods

Module III: Epigraphy

- (a) Definition and History of Indian Epigraphy
- (b) Types of Inscriptions and their significance
- (c) Evolution of Brahmi and Kharosthi Scripts; Edicts of Ashoka

Module IV: Numismatics

- (a) Definition and History of Indian Numismatics
- (b) Ancient Indian Coinage: Punch-Marked, Satavahana, Western Kshatrapas, Kushana and Gupta Coins
- (c) Contribution of Numismatics to Indian History



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SEMESTER -VI

Elective Course VI A - Introduction to Museology and Archival Science

Objectives:

1. To inform the students about the role of Museums in the preservation of Heritage.
2. To understand the importance of Archival Science in the study of History.
3. To encourage students to pursue careers in various Museums and Archives in India and abroad.

Module I: Museology

- (a) Definition of Museology, Museum Movement in India
- (b) Role of the Curator
- (c) Types of Museums

Module II: Museums

- (a) Methods of Collection and Conservation of Objects in Museums
- (b) Preservation Techniques and Types of Exhibitions
- (c) Changing Role of Museums: In-house and Out-reach activities of Museums

Module III: Archival Science

- (a) Meaning, Scope, Objectives and Classes of Archives
- (b) Importance of Archives: Value of Records as Sources of History
- (c) Classification of Records

Module IV: Management of Archives

- (a) Appraisal and Retention of Records
- (b) Conservation and Preservation of Records
- (c) Digital Archives



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