

## CORE-I: HISTORY OF INDIA- I

### Unit-I: Reconstructing Ancient Indian History

- [1] Early Indian notions of History
- [2] Sources of historical Writings
- [3] Historical Geography (Identification of Ancient historic sites and their importance)

### Unit-II: Pre-historic hunter-gatherers

- [1] Paleolithic culture- Upper, Middle and Lower; Tool making habit
- [2] Mesolithic culture-New developments in technology and economy; rock art.

### Unit-III: The advent of food production

Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures:

- [1] Regional and chronological distribution
- [2] Settlements and Food Production

### Unit-IV: The Harappan civilization

- [1] Origins; settlement patterns and town planning
- [2] Agrarian base; craft productions and trade
- [3] Social and political organization; religious beliefs and practices
- [4] Causes of Decline

### Unit-V: Cultures in transition

- [1] Origin of the Aryans
- [2] Early Vedic Age- Society, Polity, Religion and Philosophy
- [3] Later Vedic Age- Social Stratification (Varna and Gender), Polity, Religion, Literature and Philosophy

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