

## **CORE-II: SOCIAL FORMATIONS AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**

**Unit-I: Evolution of humankind; Paleolithic and Mesolithic cultures.**

**Unit-II: Neolithic Culture:** Food production; beginnings of agriculture and animal husbandry

**Unit-III: Bronze Age Civilizations:** with reference to *any one* of the following: i) Egypt (Old

Kingdom); ii) Mesopotamia (Sumeria & Babylonia); iii) China (Shang); iv) Eastern

Mediterranean (Minoan); economy, social stratification, state structure, religion.

**Unit-IV: Nomadic groups in Central and West Asia;** Advent of iron and its implications

**Unit-V: Ancient Greece:**

Agrarian economy, urbanization, trade and politics in Ancient Greece: Athens and

Sparta; Greek Culture.

### **Reading List:**

Burns and Ralph. World Civilizations.

Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. I.

V. Gordon Childe, What Happened in History.

G. Clark, World Prehistory: A New Perspective.

B. Fagan, People of the Earth.

Amar Farooqui, Early Social Formations.

M. I. Finley, The Ancient Economy.

Jacquetta Hawkes, First Civilizations.

G. Roux, Ancient Iraq.

Bai Shaoyi, An Outline History of China.

H. W. F. Saggs, The Greatness that was Babylon.

B. Trigger, Ancient Egypt: A Social History.

UNESCO Series: History of Mankind, Vols. I - III. / or New ed. History of Humanity.

R. J. Wenke, Patterns in Prehistory.

G. E. M. Ste Croix, Class Struggles in the Ancient Greek World.

J. D. Bernal, Science in History, Vol. I.

V. Gordon Childe, Social Evolution.

Glyn Daniel, First Civilizations.

A. Hauser, A Social History of Art, Vol. I.