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- It will imbibe a learning based on Targeted Score Maximization Program (TSMP) for students.
- The TSMP approach is envisioned to provide a focused, comprehensive and outcome-based program tuned to the requirements of the Civil Service Mains History Optional examination.
- The objective is to strengthen conceptual and analytical grasp over the subject as well as important nuances of answer writing.
- The target is to enhance the scoring potential of the students and put them comfortably in 320-340 zone of marking.
- The History Optional Test Series Program offers students access to cutting edge understanding organized in a pedagogical form that is accessible and interesting in the most comprehensive and time-bound manner.
- The courses range in time and space and across themes as per the syllabus in the most scientific and modular pattern.

COURSE STRUCTURE

• 8 Sectional + 4 full length (Mock) Tests

- Detailed discussion + One to One Doubt Clearing.
- The content, nature and level of questions is tailored to fulfill the twin requirements of vertical and horizontal coverage of the topics as enshrined in the syllabus.
- While broad coverage(Horizontal) of the syllabus, the discussions would help deepen the understanding over the topic and help master the art of answer writing.
- Model hints and flowcharts/mindmaps shall be provided to upgrade analytical skills, cognitive development and quick revision at the time examination.
- Discussion on the question papers via video lectures and 24/7 availability.

DATE	TEST	TOPICS
DATE 14 th June 2021	TEST TEST - 1 World History - I	TOPICS (1) Enlightenment and Modern ideas : (a) Major ideas of Enlightenment ; Kant, Rousseau (b) Spread of Enlightenment in the colonies (c) Rise of socialist ideas (up to Marx); spread of Marxian Soclism. (11) Origins of Modern Politics : (a) European States System (b) American Revolution and the Constitution (c) French revolution and aftermath, 1789 – 1815 (d) American Revolution and the Constitution (c) French revolution and aftermath, 1789 – 1815 (d) American Civil War with reference to Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of slavery (e) British Democratic politics (1815 – 1850) –Parliamentary Reformers, Free Traders, Chartists (111) Industrialization : (a) English Industrial Revolution; causes and impact on Society (b) Industrialization in other countries; USA, Germany, Russia, Japan (c) Industrialization and Globalization (IV) Nation – State System : (a) Rise of Nationalism in 19th century (b) Nationalism ; state – building in Germany and Italy (c) Disintegration of Empires in the face of the emergence of nationalities across the world. (V) Revolution and Counter – Revolution : (a) 19th Century European revolutions (b) The Russian Revolution of 1917 – 1921 (c) Fascist Counter – Revolution, Italy and Germany. (d) The Chinese

		(VII) The World after World War II :
		(a) Emergence of two power blocs
		(b) Emergence of Third World and non – alignment
		(c) UNO and the global disputes
		(VIII)Imperialism and Colonialism :
		(a) South and South – east Asia
		(b) Latin America and South Africa
		(a) Australia
		(b) Imperialism and free trade; Rise of neo – imperialism.
		(IX)Liberation from Colonial Rule :
		(a) Latin America – Bolivar
21 th June	TEST - 2	(b) Arab world – Egypt
2021	World History-II	(c) Africa – Apartheid to Democracy
		(d) South – East Asia – Vietnam
		(e) Decolonization and Underdevelopment
		(f) Factors constraining development: Latin America, Africa
		(X) Unification of Europe :
		(a) Post War Foundations : NATO and European Community (
		b) Consolidation and Expansion of European Community
		(c) European Union
		(XI) Disintegration of Soviet Union and the Rise of the Unipolar World
		(a) Factors leading to the collapse of Soviet communism and the Soviet Union, 1985–1991
		(b) Political Changes in Eastern Europe 1989– 2001
		(c) End of the cold war and US ascendancy in the world as the lone superpower.

Sources to be referred:-

- 1. Class notes and video lectures.
- 2. IGNOU B.A selected chapters. In addition few chapters from M.A (on Imperialism, Colonialism, Total War).
- 3. Alternatively, selected chapters from World Civilizations Vol. B and C may be referred
- 4. Norman Lowe for 20th century World History.
- 5. A Study of Modern Europe and the World 1815-1950 by L.Mukherjee.
- 6. Arjun Dev's- Contemporary World History- Old NCERT Class XII book. Again, this book is only meant for basic reading for later half of syllabus.

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28 th June 2021	TEST - 3 Modern India-I	 (I)European Penetration into India : (a) The Early European Settlements (b) The Portuguese and the Dutch (c) The English and the French East India Companies (d) Their struggle for supremacy: Carnatic Wars; (e) Bengal – the conflict between the English and the Nawabs of Bengal; Siraj and the English; The Battle of Plassey, Significance of Plassey. (II) Expansion in India :
		 (a) Bengal – Mir Zafar and Mir Kasim (b) The Battle of Buxar (c) Mysore (d) The Marathas (e) The three Anglo – Maratha Wars (f) The Punjab
		 (I) The Fullyab (III) Early Structure of the British Raj: (a) The early administrative structure - From diarchy to direct control (b) the Regulating Act (1773) (c) The Pitt's India Act (1784) (d) The Charter Act (1833) (e) The voice of free trade and the changing character of British colonial rule (f) The English Utilitarian and India.
		 (IV) Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule : (a) Land revenue settlements in British India - The Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari Settlement, Mahalwari Settlement, (b) Economic impact of the revenue arrangements (c) Commercialization of agriculture (d) Rise of landless agrarian labourers (e) Impoverishment of the rural society. (f) Dislocation of traditional trade and commerce (g) De – industrialization (h) Decline of traditional crafts (i) Drain of wealth (j) Economic transformation of India (k) Railroad and communication network including telegraph and postal services (l) Famine and poverty in the rural interior (m) European business enterprise and its limitations.
		 (V) Social and Cultural Developments : (a) The state of indigenous education and its dislocation (b) Orientalists-Anglicists controversy (c) The introduction of western education in India (d) The rise of press, literature and public opinion (e) The rise of modern vernacular literature (f) Progress of science (g) Christian missionary activities in India
		 (VI) Social and Religious Reform movements in Bengal and Other areas (a) Ram Mohan Roy (b) The Brahmo Movement (c) Devendranath Tagore (d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar (e) The Young Bengal Movement (f) Dayananda Saraswati (g) The social reform movements in India including Sati, widow remarriage, child marriage etc. (h) The contribution of Indian renaissance to the growth of modern India (i) Islamic revivalism – the Faraizi and Wahabi Movements.
		 (VII)Indian Response to British Rule : (a) Peasant movements and tribal uprisings in the 18th and 19th centuries including – • the Rangpur Dhing (1783) • the Kol Rebellion (1832) • the Mopla Rebellion in Malabar (1832 - 1920) • the Santhal Hul (1855) • indigo rebellion (1859 - 60) • Deccan Uprising (1875) • the Munda Ulgulan (1899 - 1900) (b) The Great Revolt of 1857 – Origin, character, causes of failure, theconsequences (c) The shift in the character of peasant uprisings in the post – 1857 period (d) The peasant movements of the 1920s and 1930s.

		(VIII) First Phase of Indian Nationalism
		(a) Factors leading to the birth of Indian Nationalism
		(b) Politics of Association
		(c) The Foundation of the Indian National Congress
		(d) the Safety – valve thesis relating to the birth of the Congress
		(e) Programme and objectives of Early Congress
		(f) the social composition of early Congress leadership
		(g) the Moderates and Extremists (h) The Partition of Bengal (1905)(i) The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal
		(k) The beginning of revolutionary extremism in India.
		(IX) Second Phase of Indian Nationalism : (a) Rise of Gandhi
		(b) Character of Gandhian nationalism (c) Gandhi's popular appeal
		(d) Rowlatt Satyagraha
		(e) the Khilafat Movement
		(f) the Non – cooperation MoMovemen
		(g) National politics from the end of the Non – cooperation movement to the beginning of the Civil
		Disobedience movement
		(h) the two phases of the Civil Disobedience Movement
		(i) Simon Commission
		(j) The Nehru Report
		(k) the Round Table Conferences
		(l) Nationalism and the Peasant Movements
		(m) Nationalism and Working class movements
		(n) Women and Indian youth and students in Indian politics (1885 - 1947)
		(o) the election of 1937 and the formation of ministries
		(p) Cripps Mission
		(q) the Quit India Movement
		(r) Cripps Mission
^h July 2021	TEST - 4	(s) the Wavell Plan
July 2021	Modern India-II	(t) The Cabinet Mission.
		(X) Constitutional Developments in the Colonial India between 1858 and 1935 Other strands in
		the National Movement:
		(a) The Revolutionaries of Bengal, the Punjab, Maharashtra, U.P., the Madras Presidency and outside
		India.
		(b) The Left within the Congress; Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose.
		(c) The Congress Socialist Party (d) The Communist Party of India and other left neutring
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		(XI)Separatist strands in the National Movement:
		(a) Politics of Separatism
		(b) the Muslim League
		(c) the Hindu Mahasabha
		(d) Communalism and the politics of partition
		(e) Transfer of power
		(f) Independence.
		(XII)Consolidation as a Nation
		(a) Nehru's Foreign Policy
		(b) India and her neighbours (1947 - 1964)
		(c) The linguistic reorganization of States (1935 - 1947)
		(d) Regionalism and Regional Inequality
		(e) Integration of Princely States
		(f) Princes in electoral politics
		(g) The question of National Language.
		(XIV) Economic development and political change
		(a) Land reforms
		(b) the politics of planning and rural reconstruction
		(c) Ecology and environmental policy in post– colonial India
		(d) Progress of science
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- 1. Class notes and video lectures.
- 2. Shekhar Bandhopadhyay's Plassey to Partition.
- 3. Bipan Chandra's India's Struggle for Independence 1857-1947
- 4. Bipan Chandra- India Since Independence.
- 5. India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha
- 6. Selected chapters from IGNOU
- 7. Selected chapters from Anew look at Modern Indian History From 1707 to the Modern Times- B.L Grover and Alka Mehta.

		Sources : (a) Archaeological sources : Exploration, Excavation, Epigraphy, Numismatics, Monuments
		(b) Literary sources : Indigenous: Primary and secondary: poetry, scientific literature, literature in
		regional languages, religious literature
		Foreign accounts : Greek, Chinese and Arab writers
		Pre – History and Proto – History :
		(a) Geographical factors
		(b) Hunting and gathering (Palaeolithic and Mesolithic)
		(c) Beginning of agriculture (Neolithic and Chalcolithic)
		(d) Megalithic Cultures
		(e) Distribution of pastoral and farming cultures outside the Indus
		(f) Development of Community life
		(g) Settlements
		(h) Development of agriculture
		(i) Development of Crafts
		(j) Development of Pottery
		(k) Development of Iron industry
		Indus Valley Civilization :
		(a) Origin
		(b) Date
		(c) Extent
	TEST - 5	(d) Characteristics
12 th July 2021	Ancient India-I	(e) Decline
		(f) Survival
		(g) Significance
		(h) Art and architecture
		Aryans and Vedic Period :
		(a) Expansions of Aryans in India
		(b) Religious and philosophic literature
		(c) Transformation from Rig Vedic period to the later Vedic period
		(d) Political
		(e) Social
		(f) Economic life
		(g) Significance of the Vedic Age
		(h) Evolution of Monarchy and Varna system
		Period of Mahajanapadas or post Vedic age:
		(a) Formation of States (Mahajanapada) - Republics and Monarchies
		(b) Rise of urban centres
		(c) Trade routes
		(d) Economic growth
		(e) Introduction of coinage
		(f) Spread of Jainism and Buddhism
		(g) Rise of Magadha and Nandas
		Iranian and Macedonian invasions and their impact

		Mauryan Empire :
		(a) Foundation of the Mauryan Empire, Chandragupta, Kautilya and Arthashastra
		(b) Ashoka's concept of Dharma
		(c) Ashokan Edicts
		(d) Polity
		(e) Administration
		(f) Economy
		(g) Art, architecture and sculpture
		(h) External contacts
		(i) Religion
		(j) Spread of religion
		k) Literature
		(l) Disintegration of the empire Post – Mauryan Period :
		a) Sungas and Kanvas
		(b) Indo – Greeks, Sakas, Kushanas, Western Kshatrapas
		(c) Contact with outside world
		(d) Growth of urban centres
		(e) Economy
		(f) Coinage
		(g) Development of religions
		(h) Mahayana
		(i) Society & Culture
		(j) Art & Architecture
	TEST - 6	(k) Culture
19 th July 2021	Ancient India-II	(l) Literature
		(m) Science.
		Early State and society in Eastern India, Deccan and South India :
		(a) Kharavela
		(b) The Satavahanas and Tamil States of the Sangam Age – their Administration and Economic life
		(c) Land grants
		(d) Coinage
		(e) Trade guilds
		(f) Urban centres
		(g) Buddhist centres
		(h) Sangam literature and culture
		(i) Art and architecture.
		Guptas, Vakatakas and Vardhans Age :
		(a) Polity and administration
		(b) Economic conditions
		(c) Coinage of the Guptas
		(d) Land grants
		(e) Decline of urban centres
		(f) Indian feudalism
		(g) Caste system
		(h) Position of women
		(i) Education
		(j) Education institutions - Nalanda, Vikramashila and Vallabhi
		(k) Literature including scientific literature
		(l) Art and Architecture

		Regional States during Gupta Era :
		(a) The Kadambas
		(b) Pallavas - Polity and administration (c) Chalukyas of Badami and Kalyani - Polity and administra-
		tion
		(d) Trade guilds
		(e) Literature
		(f) Institutions of temple and temple architecture
		(g) Palas, Senas, Rashtrakutas, Paramaras, Polity and administration (h) Cultural aspects.
		(i) Arab conquest of Sind
		(j) Alberuni
		(k) Hoysalas, Pandyas - Polity and Administration
		(l) Growth of art and architecture
		(m) Religious sects
		(n) Institution of temple and Mathas
		(o) Agraharas
		(p) Education and Literature
		(q) Economy and Society.
		Early Medieval India, 750 – 1200 :
		(a) Major political developments in Northern India and the Peninsula
		(b) Origin and the rise of Rajputs
		(c) The Cholas : administration, Village Economy and Society
		(d) Indian Feudalism
		(e) Agrarian economy and urban settlements
	TEST - 6	(f) Trade and Commerce
19 th July 2021	Ancient India-II	(g) Society :
		• the status of the Brahman and the new social order
		Condition of women
		(h) Indian science and technology
		(i) Philosophy :
		Shakaracharya and Vedanta
		Ramanuja and Vishistadwaita
		• Madhava and Brahma – Mimamsa
		(j) Religion :
		Forms and features of religion
		Tamil Bhakti movement - Growth of Vaishnava and Shaiva religions
		• Islam and its arrival in India
		• Sufism
		(k) Literature :
		Literature in Sanskrit
		Growth of Tamil literature
		Literature in the newly developing languages
		• Kalhana's Rajatarangini
		• Alberuni's India
		Art and Architecture : Temple architecture, Sculpture, Painting
		Themes in Early Indian cultural History:
		(a) Languages and texts
		(b) Major stages in the evolution of art and architecture

SOURCES TO BE REFERRED:-

- 1. History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century (PB): Book by Upinder Singh
- 2. Chapters from BA IGNOU and selected chapters from MA IGNOU.

3. DN Jha: Ancient India

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		DELHI SULTANATE :	
		(a) The Ghorian invasions – factors behind Ghorian success	
		(b) Economic, social and cultural consequences establishment of the Delhi Sultanate	
		(c) Foundation of Delhi Sultanate	
		(d) Consolidation : • The rule of Iltutmish and Balban	
		(e) The Khalji revolution	
		(f) Alauddin Khalji : • Conquests and territorial expansion • Agrarian and Economic measures	
		(g) Muhammad Tughluq : • Major projects • Agrarian measure • Bureaucracy of Muhammad Tughluq	
		(h) Firuz Tughluq : • Agrarian measures • Achievements in civil engineering and public works	
		(i) Decline of the Sultanate	
		(j) Foreign contacts ; Ibn Battuta's account	
		Political developments and Economy during 15th and early 16th Century : (a) Rise of Provincial	
		Dynasties : Bengal, Kashmir (Zainul Abidin), Gujarat, Malwa, Bahmanis	
		(b) The Vijayanagar Empire	
		(c) Lodhis	
		(d) The Sur Empire : Sher Shah's administration	
		(e) Portuguese Colonial enterprise	
		(f) Bhakti and Sufi Movements	
		Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries : (a) Society :	
	TEST - 7	composition of rural society	
26 th July 2021	Medieval India -I	ruling classes, town dwellers	
	Wieule vai mula -1	• women	
		religious classes	
		caste and slavery under the Sultanate • Bhakti movement	
		Sufi movement	
		(b) Culture :	
		Persian literature	
		Literature in the regional languages of North India	
		Literature in the languages of south India,	
		Sultanate architecture and new structural forms	
		• Painting	
		evolution of a composite culture	
		(c) Economy :	
		Agricultural production	
		Rise of urban economy and non- agricultural production	
		Trade and commerce	
		The Fifteenth and early sixteenth Century – Society and Culture :	
		(a) Regional cultural specificities	
		(b) Literary traditions	
		(c) Provincial architecture	
		(d) Society, culture, literature and the arts in Vijayanagara Empire	

		MUGHAL PERIOD :
		(a) Nature of the Mughal State
		(b) First phase : Babur and Humayun
		(c) Akbar :
		Conquests and consolidation of the Empire
		Establishment of jagir and Mansab systems
		Rajput policy
		Evolution of religious and social outlook,
		• Theory of Sulh –i– Kul
		Religious policy
		Court patronage of art and technology
		(d) Major administrative policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb
		(e) The Empire and the Zamindars
		(f) Religious policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb
		(g) Late Seventeenth century crisis and the revolts
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	Medieval India-II	(i) Shivaji and the early Maratha KingdomEconomy and society in the 16th and 17th Centuries:
		(a) Population, agricultural production, craft production
		(b) Towns, commerce with Europe through Dutch, English and French companies - a trade revolution
		(c) Indian mercantile classes, banking, insurance and credit systems
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- 2. Satish Chandra Medieval India Vol 1 and 2.
- 3. Class notes.

9 th August 2021	MOCK TEST - I
9 th August 2021	MOCK TEST - II
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16 TH AUG 2021	MOCK TEST - IV