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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

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

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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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.

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DSC-1.1 - History of India from Earliest Times up to 300 CE

I. A broad survey of Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures.

II. Harappan Civilization: Origin, Extent, dominant features & decline.

III. The Vedic Period: Polity, Society, Economy and Religion.

IV. Territorial States and the rise of Magadha, Conditions for the rise of Mahajanapadas and the Causes of Magadha’s success

V. Alexander’s Invasion and impact

VI. Jainism and Buddhism: Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Decline and Contributions

VII. The Satvahanas Phase; Aspects of Political History, Material Culture, Administration, Religion

VIII. Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire; State, Administration, Economy, Ashoka’s Dhamma, Art & Architecture

IX. The Sangam Age: Sangam Literature, Polity, Society & Culture


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Unit-I: Socio-political life of Early and Medieval Odisha:
[1] Kalinga War (261 B.C.) and its significance
[3] The Bhauma Karas and The Somavamsis

Unit-II: Religion, Art and Literature of Early and Medieval Odisha:
[4] Panchasakhas, Sri Chaitanya and Bhakti Movement in Odisha

Unit-III: Political and Economic structure in Medieval Odisha:
[1] Mughal Administration
[2] Maratha Administration
[3] Impact on Odisha’s Socio-Economic Condition

Unit-IV: Colonialism in Odisha:
[2] The Odia Identity Movement

Unit-V: Socio-cultural Changes in Modern Odisha:
[1] Development of Modern Education
[2] Social Reform Movements in Odisha

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