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

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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