



**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY**  
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat  
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Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022

**Master of Arts: History**  
**M. A. History: Semester I**

Course Code	PA01CHIS51	Title of the Course	Ancient World
Total Credits of the course	4 + 1	Hours per Week	5

Course objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To have students a general idea of how human beings evolved from their nearest kins, the apes, and the various theories of human evolution.</li><li>2. Also, how from making crude stone implements they invented agriculture and husbandry and built urban centres, and ultimately civilisations.</li></ol>
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage (%)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Origin of <i>Homo</i>: Evidence and Theories</li><li>• The Palaeolithic Cultures: The Lower, Middle, and Upper Palaeolithic</li><li>• The Mesolithic prelude and the Neolithic Revolution</li></ul>	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Urban Revolution and the Advent of Civilisation</li><li>• Ancient Egypt: Society, Economy, Contributions</li><li>• Ancient Mesopotamia: Society, Economy, Contributions</li></ul>	25%
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Central Asian Civilisation: main features</li><li>• The Problem of the Indo-Europeans</li><li>• The Greek Civilisation: Society, Economy, Contributions</li></ul>	25%
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Roman World: Polity, Society, and Economy</li><li>• The Decline and Disintegration of the Roman Empire</li><li>• The Rise of the Feudal Order</li></ul>	25%

Teaching-learning Methodology	Direct lectures, quizzes, seminars, tutorials, home assignments, audio-visual media (movies, documentaries, ppts, slides, etc.)
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written Exams (as per CBSC R. 6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (as per CBSC R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Exams	70%





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Course outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to	
1.	understand the general outline of human history. The emphasis is more on the processes than description. They will see how a society functions and changes vis-à-vis ecology, environment, polity, and economy. Classical Greece and Rome intellectually shaped modern Europe in post-renaissance period and thus will serve to understanding much of modern world. The case of the Indo-Europeans has been included to demonstrate how linguistics help reconstruct history.

Suggested References:	
Sr. No.	References
1.	Childe, V. G. 1942. <i>What Happened in History?</i> London: Harmondsworth.
2.	Eckhardt, R. B. 2000. <i>Human Paleobiology</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
3.	Grimal, N. A. 1992. <i>History of Ancient Egypt</i> . Cambridge, Mass.: Blackwell.
4.	Johnson, A. W. and Timothy Earle. 2000. <i>The Evolution of Human Societies: From Foraging Group to Agrarian State</i> . 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
5.	Mallory, J. P. 1989. <i>In Search of the Indo-Europeans: Language, Archaeology and Myth</i> . London: Thames & Hudson.
6.	Oates, J. 1986. <i>Babylon</i> . London: Thames and Hudson.
7.	Postgate, J. Nicholas. 1992. <i>Early Mesopotamia: Society and Economy at the Dawn of History</i> . London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.
8.	Redman, Charles. 1978. <i>The Rise of Civilization from Early Farmers to Urban Society in Ancient Near East</i> . San Francisco: W. H. Freeman & Co.
9.	मित्तल, नेमिशरण. प्राचीन सभ्यताएं. जयपुर: रिसर्च पब्लिकेशन.
10.	આચાર્ય, નવીનચંદ્ર અને થોમસ પરમાર. ૨૦૦૨. જગતની અગ્રગણ્ય સભ્યતાઓ. અમદાવાદ: યુનિવર્સિટી ગ્રંથનિર્માણ બોર્ડ.

On-line resources to be used if available as reference material
On-line Resources
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch/DZv8VyIQ7YU">https://www.youtube.com/watch/DZv8VyIQ7YU</a> for human evolution (AMNH)
<a href="https://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence">https://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence</a>
<a href="#">Stone Age - Wikipedia</a>
<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/list-of-ancient-civilizations-2079395">https://www.britannica.com/topic/list-of-ancient-civilizations-2079395</a>
Relevant books available on archive.org
Relevant articles on Jstor ( <a href="https://www.jstor.org/">https://www.jstor.org/</a> ), Project Muse ( <a href="https://muse.jhu.edu/">https://muse.jhu.edu/</a> )

