

Syllabus for the Entrance Examination for admission into Master's Programme in AIHC & Archaeology

1. Archaeological and Literary sources of ancient India
2. Introduction to some of the dynasties of ancient India: Mauryas, Satavahanas, Kushanas, Guptas and Vakatakas
3. Brief Introduction to archaeological exploration and excavation methods
4. Brief Introduction to dating methods
5. Archaeology and its association with Social Sciences, Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences
6. Brief Introduction to Prehistoric cultures of India
7. Brief Introduction to the Harappan and Chalcolithic cultures of India and Iron Age
8. Brief Introduction to the Early Historic Archaeology (6th century BCE -3rd Century CE)
9. Brief Introduction to rock-cut architecture of ancient India, early temple architecture of India (Gupta-Vakataka period) and religious iconography of ancient India
10. Brief introduction to ancient scripts (Brahmi and Kharosthi) and ancient Indian coins (up to the Gupta Coins)
11. Brief Introduction to Mauryan, Shunga, Kushan, Gupta-Vakataka art styles
12. Brief Introduction to Sciences in Archaeology

Reading List

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