

SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
 (Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.25)
 Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022

B.A. (Indian Culture) Semester-I

Course Code	UA01GICL51	Title of the Course	Cultural History of India Ancient Periods (Indus valley to 3rd Century B.C.)
Total Credits of the Course	04	Hours per Week	04
Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The course covers the cultural history of India from Harappan civilisation till the Mauryas 2. It delineates the development of varna system and ashrama systems and with the Ramayana age culture 3. It familiarises the students with the basic philosophy of the Upanishads and of the religious movements like the Buddhism and Jainism. 		
Course Content			
Unit	1.		Weightage* (%)
1.	Culture and civilization : meaning and differences.		25
2.	Salient features of Indian Culture.		
3.	Literary sources of cultural history of Ancient India.		
4.	Archaeological tools of cultural history of Ancient India		
Unit	2.		
1.	Town planning of Indus valley civilization.		25
2.	Sculpture of Indus Civilization.		
3.	An introduction of Vedic literature.		
4.	Philosophy of the main Upanishads		
Unit	3.		
1.	Vedic Varna system.		25
2.	Vedic ashram agreement.		
3.	Indian ideals reflected in the Ramayana.		
4.	The message of Indian religion and the Bhagwat Geeta reflected in Mahabharat		

Unit	4.	
1.	The Contribution of Jainism to Indian culture in the field of literature religion and art.	25
2.	The Contribution of Buddhism to Indian culture in the field of literature religion and art.	
3.	The effect of Alexander's raid on India.	
4.	The rise of the Magadha before the establishment of the Mauryan empire.	
Teaching-Learning Methodology	Lecture, Recitation, Group discussion, Guest speaker, Debate, Assignments, Seminar, Quizzes	
Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Examination	70%
Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to		
1.	To make student understand the use of sources in reconstructing ancient India	
2.	How various reform movements in ancient India changed Indian culture	
3.	How literature affected the general outlook of ancient Indians	
4.	To make students understand the historical importance of Alexander's raid	
Suggested References:		
Sr. No.	References	
1.	R.C.Majbudar , The classical age.	
2.	Vikram Sinh , Glimpses of Indian culture.	
3	પરમાર થોમસ . બી , ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિની ઝલક (પ્રાચીન કાલ)	
4	શાસ્ત્રી હરિપ્રસાદ , પ્રાચીન ભારત, ભાગ -૧-૨ .	
5	ચાવડા વિજયસિંહ , ભારતનો સાંસ્કૃતિક ઇતિહાસ.	

On-line resources to be used if available as reference material

On-line Resources

Relevant entries on Wikipedia and Encyclopaedia Britannica