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(Department of History)

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Course: Ancient Cultures and Civilization of India (5672) Semester: Spring 2014
Level: MA (History) Total Marks: 100
Pass Marks: 40

Assignment No. 1

(Units: 1-4)

- Q.1 Discuss in detail the role of historical and archaeological sources in reconstructing ancient Indian history? (20)
- Q.2 Keeping in mind the historical sites of Pakistan discuss about the Neolithic revolution in detail. (20)
- Q.3 How the earlier agricultural communities did transform themselves into the metal age and ultimately led to the formation of the Indus Civilization? Discuss. (20)
- Q.4 Discuss the main characteristics of Indus Civilization with special reference to the Cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro. (20)
- Q.5 Write notes on the following topics.
(i) Paleolithic and Mesolithic Revolutions
(ii) Causes of the decline of Indus Valley Civilization

Assignment No.2

(Unit 5-9)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 40

- Q.1 "The Vedas are not only religious discourses, but also contain material bearing on the other aspects of life". Discuss. (20)
- Q.2 Do you agree that 6th Century BC was period of religious unrest in ancient India? Explain with examples. (20)
- Q.3 Write a comprehensive note on the basis, historical background and achievements of *Hindu Shahi* dynasty. (20)
- Q.4 Examine critically the causes and factors which led to the decline and downfall of *Mauriyan* Empire. (20)
- Q.5 Write short notes on the following topics. (20)
(i) The Gupta Dynasty
(ii) Alexander invasion and its impact