

**1<sup>st</sup> semester General paper**  
**His 101: history of India upto The Mauryas**

**Unit 1:**

- **Archeological sources**- coins, monuments, epigraphy;
- **literary sources**- Buddhist, jain & Hindu;
- **travelers account**- fahien, huin tsang ;
- **prehistory: Paleolithic**- upper & lower Paleolithic;
- **Mesolithic-tools**, life subsistence, agriculture;
- **Neolithic**

**Unit 2:**

- **Harrapan culture:**
- **origin;**
- **extend;**
- **urban planning**- town planning, drainage, roads, granary;
- **political and economic organisaton**- agriculture & cattle breeding, industrial work, trade and commerce; religion- worship of mother goddess, proto-shive, pasupati, trees, animals, stones, phallus and belief in life after death; **Decline**- Aryan invasion theory, ecological changes theory, climate change theory.

**Unit 3:**

- **Vedic Culture:**
- **Early And Later Vedic:**
- **Society**- varna system, condition of women, family;
- **Polity**- assembly, tax, composition of assembly;
- **Economy**- agriculture, cattle breeding, trade and mode of exchange;
- **Religion**- different gods and rituals.

**Unit 4:**

- **Rise of Religious Movements in India:** material background of Buddhism and Jainism; their teachings.

## Unit 5:

- **Factors Leading To Rise Of Mahajanpadas-** 16 states,
- **Rise Of Magadha-** strong rulers, rich natural resources, geographical set up, complex culture;
- **Mauryan Empire-**
- **Ashoka's Dharma-** code of conduct, non-violence, religious tolerance, universalism;
- **Administration-** king, provincial, district, village administration, tax;
- **Economy-** agriculture, craft, internal and external trade;
- **Art And Architecture-** remains of royal palace, stupas, rock-cut chaityas, cave dwelling;
- **Decline-** weak successors, partition of Empire, lack of finance, highly centralized administration, foreign invasions.