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Unit – I

Meaning and concepts of Culture:

Traditional and Modern concepts of Culture-Notions of Culture in textual tradition, anthropological, archaeological and sociological understanding of the term culture. Elements of Culture, concept of Indianness and value system. Relation between culture and civilization. Historiography and approaches to the study of Indian Culture– Stereotypes, Objectivity and Bias, Imperialist, Nationalist, Marxist and Subaltern. Heritage of India and world’s debt to Indian Culture.

Unit – II

Sources of the Study of Indian Culture

Archaeological: cultural remains, Monuments, Numismatics, Epigraphy; Literary sources and Oral traditions; Foreign Accounts; Archival sources.

Unit – III

Pre-historic and Proto-historic Cultures

Stone age cultures- palaeolithic, mesolithic and neolithic; Proto-historic cultures - chalcolithic horizon, Harappan Culture- current debates on nomenclature and scripts, Town planning and architecture, art, social, religious and economic life. Evolution of India’s main language families.
Unit - IV

Vedic and post-Vedic Period


Unit – V

Mauryan and Post-Mauryan period


Unit - VI

Gupta and Post-Gupta period,

Unit –VII

Early Medieval Period


Unit –VIII

Sultanate Period

Unit – IX

Mughal Period


Unit – X

Modern Period