

SAINT CLARET COLLEGE, ZIRO
B. A. (ANTHROPOLOGY)
SYLLABUS AS PER RGU SEMESTRAL SCHEME
(Subjected to syllabus enrichment by SCCZ for Claretines)

Semester VI

BANT 609: Indian Prehistory

Total Marks: 100 (80- End Semester and 20- Sessional)

Objectives Having studied this paper, a student will be able to:

- a. Understand the chronology and reconstruct Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic culture of India with special reference to Sohan, Bhimbetka, and Burzahom respectively*
- b. Describe the features and chronology of Indus Valley Civilization and its decline*
- c. Familiarise with the archaeology of Northeast Indian states.*

Unit 0: Baseline Analysis: Introduction of basic concepts, objectives, and goal setting

Unit 1: Indian Palaeolithic: Chronology and Reconstruction of Indian Palaeolithic lifestyle of Indian subcontinent. Sohan Culture

Unit 2: Indian Mesolithic: Chronology and Reconstruction of Indian Mesolithic. Bhimbetka

Unit 3: Indian Neolithic: Chronology of Indian Neolithic. Emergence of agriculture. Burzahom

Unit 4: Indus Valley Civilization: Chronology. Harappa. Mohenjodaro. Prehistoric Trade. Decline

Unit 5: Archaeology of Northeast India: Archaeology of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. Archaeology of Arunachal Pradesh. Megalithic Traditions in Northeast India

Unit 100: Advanced Skills: Revision of concepts, journal/magazine reviews, and assignments/projects

Recommended Readings:

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