

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021

BHS-DSC11

CORE-XI: HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION
(EXCLUDING INDIA)

Instr.Hrs.: 5
Credits : 4

Year : III
Semester: V

Learning Outcomes:

Students will acquire

- a) adf**
- b) dfa**

Objectives:

- To make students aware of the Great Civilizations of the world.
- To give a critical understanding of the contributions made by the significant Civilizations of the world.
- To study various aspects of Civilizations like Polity, Literature, Philosophy, Science and Arts of these Civilizations.

Contents

UNIT I

Introduction: Definition of Civilization – Comparison between Culture and Civilization – Origin and Growth of Civilization – Toynbee and D.D. Kosambi's views on Civilization.

UNIT II

Egyptian Civilization: Society, Religion, Culture and Art – Mesopotamian Civilization: Sumerian, Babylonian – Code of Hammurabi, Religion, Art and Architecture – Persian Civilization and its important features.

UNIT III

Ancient Greek Civilization: City States, Legacy in the fields of Science and Philosophy – Roman Civilization: Society, Government, Law and Architecture – Chinese Civilization and its important features.

UNIT IV

Middle Ages: Byzantine and Saracenic Civilization – Feudalism – Origin, Merits and Demerits – Crusades – Growth of Cities and Progress of Education.

UNIT V

Transition to Modern Age: Geographical Discoveries – Renaissance: Causes and Results – Reformation and Counter Reformation – Industrial and Agrarian Revolutions.

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Books for Reference:

1. Will Durant : The Life of Greece
2. Will Durant : The Age of Faith
3. Will Durant : The Renaissance
4. Will Durant : The Reformation
5. Edward MacNall Burns : Western Civilization
6. Hayes C.J. : History of Civilization
7. Swain. J.E. : A History of World Civilization
8. Barnes. H.E. : The History of Western Civilization
9. Rebellow : History of Civilization
10. Judd. G.P. : History of Civilization
11. Hedger G.A. and Others : An Introduction to Western Civilization
12. Thorndike. L. : History of Civilization
13. Joshi P.S. : History of Civilization
14. Dharam Singh : Ancient and Modern Civilizations
15. T. Walter Wall Bank & Alastair : Civilization: Past and Present
16. Phul. R.K. : World Civilization
17. Gokhale. B.K. : Introduction to Western Civilization
18. <http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history>
19. <http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp?historyid=ab25>