

# SYLLABUS

## PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH B.A. (GENERAL) 1st SEMESTER EXAMINATION

### PAPER 1 : HISTORY AND CULTURE OF PUNJAB FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO PRE-MAURYAN PERIOD

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The syllabus has been divided into four Units.  
There shall be 9 questions in all. The first question is compulsory and shall be short answer type containing 15 short questions spread over the whole syllabus to be answered in about 25 to 30 words each. The candidates are required to attempt any 9 short answer type questions carrying 18 marks *i.e.* 2 mark of each. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each Unit shall have two essay type questions and the candidate shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each Unit-IV in all. Each question will carry 18 marks.
2. For private candidates, who have not been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the marks secured by them in theory paper proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper in lieu of internal assessment.  
**The paper-setter must put note (2) in the question paper.**
3. One question from Unit-IV shall be set on the map.

#### Explanation :

4. Each essay type question would cover about one-third or one-half of a topic detailed in the syllabus.
5. The distribution of marks for the map question would be as under :

Map	:	10 Marks
Explanatory Note	:	08 Marks

In case a paper setter chooses to set a question of map on important historical places, the paper setter will be required to ask the students to mark 5 places on map of 2 marks each and write explanatory note on any four of 2 marks each.
6. The paper-setter would avoid repetition between different types of question within one question paper.

<b>Paper I :</b>	Max. Marks	:	100
	Theory	:	90
	Internal Assessment	:	10
	Time	:	3 Hours

### UNIT - I

- I. Ancient Punjab : Physical features; impact and History
- II. Historical Sources : Literary; archaeological
- III. Harappan Culture : Extent and town planning

### UNIT - II

- IV. Harappan Culture : Social, Economic and Religious life; causes of disappearance
- V. Rig Vedic Age : The rise of Indo Aryans; main features of the life in early Vedic Age.
- VI. Later Vedic Age : Political, Social, Economic and Religious life of later Vedic Aryans.

### UNIT - III

- VII. Caste System : Origin and evolution.
- VIII. The Epics : Historical importance of Ramayan and Mahabharat.
- IX. Political Condition on eve Alexander's invasion.

### UNIT - IV

- X. Impact of Alexander's invasion on social and cultural life.
- XI. Position of Women : Harappan, early Vedic and later Vedic Age
- XII. Important Historical places of Punjab, Mohenjodaro, Harappa, Kotla Nihang Khan, Sanghol, Banawali, Taxila, Indraprastha, Hastinapur, Kurukshtra, Srinagar, Purusapura, Sakala.