

**SEMESTER - V**  
**INDIAN CULTURE**  
**PAPER - III - INDIAN CULTURE AND CIVILISATION**  
**(From the earliest to 600 AD)**

**UNIT-I**

Introduction - Sources of History - Influence of Geographical factors - Unity in Diversity.

**UNIT - II**

Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic cultures - Harappan culture - Special Features - Decline of Indus valley civilization - The Dravidians.

**UNIT - III**

The Vedic Literature - Pre-vedic civilization - Society and culture - Later Vedic Literature - Society and Culture - The Epic Age - Ramayana and Mahabharata - Rise of New Religious Movements: Condition of 6th Century B.C. - Jainism - Features and Impact

**UNIT - IV**

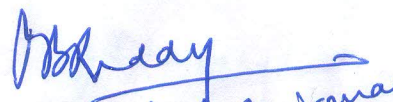
Buddhism - Features and impact Pre-Mourayan age - Foreign and Greek influence. Mauryan Empire - (Ashoka's Dhama,) Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art & Architecture - The Age of Satavahanas - Social, Economic, Religious and Cultural Developments.

**UNIT - V**

Kushans - Kanishka - Cultural Contribution - Hindu Cultural revival from 300 AD to 500 AD - Age of Guptas (Administrative system, Society, Economy, Art, Architecture Literature, Science and Technology) - Golden Age of Guptas.

**Books for Reference**

1. Sri Aravindo - Foundation of Indian culture
2. Romilla Thapar - History of India
3. Vikram Singh - Glimpses of Indian culture
4. S.Radha Krishnan - Hindu view of Life
5. K.S.Murthy - The Indian spirit
6. Benerjee - The covilization of Ancient India

  
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