

Indian Culture

DEGREE STANDARD

UNIT I

Geographical Features of India - Geographical influence on Indian culture - Unity in Diversity - Sources (Ancient, Medieval and modern period) (literary and Archeological) monuments - coins - inscriptions) - Harappa culture.

UNIT II

Political system in Vedic age - Mauryas to Guptas - Delhi Sultanate - Mughals - South Indian Kingdoms Bhamini and Vijayanagar - Sangam Age in Tamil nadu.

UNIT III

Social and Economic condition in Ancient, Medieval and Modern period - Position of Women - Festivals - Social Evils - Child Marriage - Infanticide, Sati, Slavery - Navigation.

UNIT IV

Religions in North and South India:- Vedic Religion - Religious Renaissance of the 6th B.C. (Buddhism and Jainism) Religion in Sangam Age - Saivism and Vaisnavism in North and South India - Islam, Sikkism and Christianity.

UNIT V

Bhakthi Movement in South India - Alwars - Nayanmars - Sankara, Ramanuja and others Bakthi movement in North India - Gurunanak, Chaitanya, Kabir and others. South's contribution to literature, Fine Arts - Sculptures, Paintings, and Architecture. North's contribution to literature, Fine Arts - Sculptures, paintings - Architecture.

UNIT VI

Growth of Philosophy and Ethical Principles From Vedic Age to Mahatma Gandhi - Dharma - karma - Sin and Theories of punishment - moral institutions and mutts - Arya Samaj, Brahma Samaj, Theosophical Society, Ramakrishna and Vivekananda.

UNIT VII

Socio - Religious Reformers - Buddha - Mahavira - Nayanmars and Alwars - Arunagiri - Thayumanavar - Kumaraguruparar - Ramalinga Swamigal - Bharathi. Ethics with special reference in classical - North and South ethical texts - Thirukural and Kilkanakku - Medieval and Modern Ethical Texts.

UNIT VIII

Western influence - Persia, Greek and European countries - Society, economy, religion, literature, Fine Arts - Music, Sculpture, Painting, architecture.

UNIT IX

Cultural Intermingling and Toleration in Social, Economic, Education, Fine Arts and Architecture.

UNIT X

Greater India - Cultural Expansion - spread of Indian culture Abroad - Far East and Near East Countries - Malaya Archipelago.