

SUBJECT NAME – HUMANITIES

SUBJECT CODE – 3316205

FOCUS:

Elementary concept of civilization, society, settlements, culture and its articulation in Architecture and built form; Historical context of building forms. Growth of civilizations; societal institutions, operational cultural elements, significance of sacred & secular spaces.

CONTENTS:

- Understanding, culture and cultural elements, traits, attributes important theories of society and change, urbanization – its impact on various cultural attributes and on the built form.
 - World History
 - Prehistoric shelters – evolutionary stages of man.
 - Early settlements and evolution of Settlement patterns
 - Life in a pre-historic period
 - Egyptian
 - Geographical and climatic conditions
 - Society
 - Prominent structures/ buildings/ architectural style
 - Materials used for buildings and construction method
 - Script/ Decorations/ Ornamentations
 - Mesopotamian civilization
 - Geographical and climatic conditions
 - Society
 - Prominent structures/ buildings/ architectural style
 - Materials used for buildings and construction method
 - Script/ Decorations/ Ornamentations
 - Code of Hammurabi
 - Minoan & Mycenaean civilization
 - India
 - Indus valley civilization
 - Geographical and Climatic conditions
 - Society
 - Construction material and methods
 - Town planning and drainage
 - Vedic period / Aryanisation of India
 - Geography
 - Society
 - Influences
 - Hinduism

SUGGESTED BOOKS

- History of Architecture : Settings and Ritual by Kostof, Spiro, , Oxford Press , N.Y. ,1995
- The Bronze Age, Past and Present, Childe, Gordon, Penguin, 1942 (reprints thereafter)
- The Birth of Civilization in the Near East, Frankfort, Henri, Williams and Norgate,1951
- Ancient Egypt , Casson, Lionel, (ed.), Time Life Books, Amsterdam , 1987
- The Wonder that was India., Basham , A.L. , Penguin, Delhi, 1992
- Hindu Art & Architecture, Michell, George, Thames & Hudson, 2007