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PAPER- IV (A, B & C) (4) HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN PRE-COLONIAL INDIA

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Unit-I

Science and Technology- the beginnings.

- a. Science and technology meanings, scope and importance. Interaction of Science, Universalism of Science. Sources of history of science and technology.
- b. Origins and development of technology in prehistoric period. Beginning of agriculture and its impact on the growth of science and technology.

Unit-II

Science and technology during Vedic and later Vedic

- a. Times including physical and biological sciences.
- b. An outline of the development of concepts: doctrine of five elements, theory of atomism and attributes of matter in ancient India.

Unit-III

Development in Science and Technology in India, A.D. lst century to 17th century.

- a. Major development in the history of science and technology from AD lst century to c.1200.
- b. Developments in astronomy with special reference to Aryabhatta, Varahmihira and Bhaskara.

Unit-IV

- a. Development in medicine and surgery: Charaka and Sushruta Samhitas and Subsequent developments in Human anatomy, Physiology and materia medica.
- b. Development of Mathematics: geometry of the sulva sutra; mathematics of Bakshali Manuscript,mathematics of the classical period.
- c. Concept of rationality and scientific ideas in Arab thought and its reception in India

Unit-V

- a. <u>New developments in technology- Persian wheel;</u> gunpowder; textiles; bridge building; etc.
- b. Developments in medical knowledge and interaction between unani and ayurveda and 4 alchemy.
- c. Astronomy in the Arab world and its impact on Indian with special reference to Sawai Jaisingh

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