

Reduce Syllabus for B. A. Honours Course in History

Fifth Semester

Core Course- 11:

Renaissance and Reformation in Europe

Unit –I : Renaissance: its social roots, city-states of Italy; spread of humanism in Europe; Art and Literature

Unit- II : Origins, course and results of the European Reformation in the 16th century

Unit-III: Economic developments of the sixteenth century: Shift of economic balance from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic; the Price Revolution, Transition Debate- Feudalism to Capitalism.

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Core Course -12:

Mid 18 th Century to 1871 Europe

Unit-I: Mercantilism and European economics; 17th and 18 th Century

Unit-II: The Industrial Revolution and its Impact.

Unit-III: The French Revolution and its European repercussions, Intellectual currents, Social classes and Phases of the French Revolution 1789 – 99

Unit-IV: Napoleonic consolidation - reform and empire.

Unit -V: Restoration and Revolution: c. 1815 - 1848

Unit-VI: Varieties of Nationalism and the Remaking of States in the 19th National identities in Germany, Italy

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Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)-1:

Modern China & Modern Japan

China

Unit-I: Pre-modern Social Structure of China and the Canton commercial system.

Unit-II: The transformation of China into an informal colony; the Opium Wars; the Unequal Treaties; the Open Door policy.

Unit-III: Agrarian and Popular Movements: Taiping and Boxer Movement

Unit-IV: The Revolution of 1911: Sun Yat-sen and his contribution;

Unit-V: The Communist Movement (1938-1949) and the rise of Mao Tse Tung

Japan

Unit-I: Meiji Restoration : Its nature and Significance

Unit-II: Meiji Constitution

Unit-III: Japanese Imperialism and Second World War

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Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)—2

History of North Bengal (Colonial Period)

1. Pre-colonial North Bengal; North Bengal and Sub-Himalayan Region-adjointing areas; Ethno Socio-Religious confluence.
2. Colonial penetration; Colonial administration; Re-organisation of North Bengal.
3. History of the Cooch Behar Raj since 1772: Cultural Response and Reaction.
4. Saga of National Movement and North Bengal
5. Protest Movement: Peasant movement; Plantation worker movement
6. Social Movement with special reference to Rai Saheb Panchanan Barma

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5th Semester

DSE-1

Some Aspect of European History

1. Decline of Feudalism and the rise of the modern era: Renaissance and Reformation.
2. Scientific Revolution, Agricultural Revolution, Industrial Revolution and emergence of new social classes.
3. Glorious Revolution (1688): Causes and Effects.
4. American Revolution (1776): Causes and Effects and Significance.
5. French Revolution (1789): Crisis, Effects and Significance.
6. Nationalism in Europe: Germany and Italian Unification (1871).

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Skill Enhancement Course(SEC-3)

Orality and Oral Culture in India

- I. History & Historiography of Orality
- II. Research Methodologies
- III. History of Oral Tradition: Culture and Heritage