Bachelors with History as Major
3rd Semester

HST322J: History: HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA Credits: THEORY-4, TUTORIAL: 2
THEORY 4 Credits: 60 HOURS

Course Overview:

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the history of modern India, covering the period from the inception of British rule in India till its demise in 1947. It examines the different historical processes that shaped the politico-economic and socio-cultural structures/ aspects of life during the colonial period and helps in developing among the learners a nuanced understanding of the functioning and impact of colonialism. How the British empire was reared and sustained and what were the different ways and methods through which the colonized responded to colonialism are critically analysed to broaden the historical imagination of the learners. Through well thought out tutorial and assignments an attempt is made to take the learners out of the classroom settings to promote experiential learning, appreciate the value of heritage and gather history from ground.

Course Learning Outcomes:

After successful completion of the course the learners are expected to:

a. Develop proper understanding of the historical processes and dynamics that led to the establishment of British rule in India
b. Understand the nature and purpose of British rule in India
c. Develop a nuanced understanding of the different events and episodes in Modern India history by locating them [events/ episodes] in a space-time context.
d. Appreciate the contribution of masses and leaders in the struggle for freedom

UNIT I

I. Foundation of British rule: Battle of Plassey; Battle of Buxar
II. Expansion of British Empire: Subsidiary Alliance and Doctrine of Lapse
III. Consolidation of British Empire: Orientalism and Utilitarianism

UNIT II

I. Economic Impact of British Rule
II. Growth of Modern Education-Macaulay's Minute and Woods Dispatch
III. Socio-Religious Reform Movements-BrahmoSamaj, Aligrah Movement and Arya Samaj

UNIT III

I. Revolt of 1857-Causes, Nature and Significance
II. Indian National Congress-Role of Moderates and Extremists
III. Muslim League- Foundation and Role
IV. Gandhian Era: Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience Movement

UNIT IV

I. Major Constitutional Developments [Acts of 1909, 1919 & 1935]: Salient Features
II. Second World War and Indian Politics-Crips Mission and Quit India Movement
III. Cabinet Mission and Mountbatten Plan
IV. Freedom and Partition: Debate

TUTORIALS (2 CREDITS; 30 HOURS)

TUTORIAL I:

I. Debates/Group discussions on select themes relevant to the course
II. Biographical essay on any of the freedom fighters or social reformers of Modern India.

TUTORIAL II:

I. Debates/ Group discussions on any course relevant documentary/book/report of historical importance

II. Guided visit to Archives and Report writing

Selected Readings

- B.L. Grover, Advanced History of Modern India
- Thomas Metcalf; Ideologies of the Raj, 1997, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
- B. Metcalf and T. Metcalf, Concise History of Modern India, 2001, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Sumit Sarkar, Modern Times (1880-1950's), 2014, Orient Blackswan, New Delhi
- Ishita Banerjee-Dube, A History of Modern India, 2014, CUP, India
- SeemaAlavi, ed. 2002, *The Eighteenth Century in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- ShekharBandyopadhyay, 2004, *From Plassey to Partition and After*. OrientLongman.
- SugataBoseand Ayesha Jalal, 2004. *Modern South Asia*. Oxford UniversityPress..
- BipanChandra, et. al, 1989.*India's Struggle for Independence*, New Delhi: Penguin BooksIndia.
- Kenneth W Jones, 1994, *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India*, Cambridge: Cambridge UniversityPress.