

Core Course X

History of India- VI (c. 1750-1857)

I. India in the mid-18th Century: society, economy, polity and culture

- [a] Issues and Debates
- [b] Continuity and change

II. Dynamics of colonial expansion: indigenous states and Company power

- [a] Regional kingdoms: economic and military dimensions of colonial expansion: Bengal, Mysore, Marathas, Awadh and Punjab
- [b] Variations in development of agriculture, trade and technology
- [c] Culture and society

III. Colonial state and ideology: emergence of the Company State

- [a] Imperial ideologies: Orientalism, Utilitarianism, Evangelicalism and the question of Race
- [b] The colonial army: military culture and recruitment

IV. Law and education

- [a] Evolution of law and colonial courts
- [b] Indigenous and colonial education: institutions and medium of instruction

V. Economy and society

- [a] Land revenue systems and agrarian relations
- [b] Commercialization, indebtedness and famines
- [c] Forests and pastoral economy
- [d] Question of de-industrialization and foreign trade

VI. Cultural changes, social and religious reform movements:

- [a] Reform and revival: Brahmo Samaj, PrathnaSamaj, Ramakrishna and Vivekananda, JyotibaPhule, AryaSamaj, Wahabi, Deoband, Aligarh
- [b] Debates around gender, caste and community

VII. Popular resistance

- [a] The Uprising of 1857
- [b] Peasant resistance to colonial rule: Santhal Uprising (1856); Indigo Rebellion (1860); Pabna Agrarian Leagues (1873); Deccan Riots (1875).

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