

M.A. in Medieval and Modern History

Paper –History of India : 1757-1947 (Minor Elective Paper)

Objective:

- This paper intends to acquaint students with an important period of Indian history from the mid-eighteenth century to mid-twentieth century.
- It would inform student about the establishment of British rule in Bengal and Governor-Generals like Lord Cornwallis, Lord Wellesley, Lord William Bentick, Lord Dalhousie.
- It also informs them about Viceroyalty of Lord Lytton, Ripon and Curzon as well as about the formation of Indian National Congress.
- It introduce students to mass movement like Non Cooperation movement, Civil Disobedience movement and Quit India Movement.

UNIT-I

Historiography of Modern India

Establishment of British Rule in Bengal – Battle of Plassey and Buxar. Acquisition of Diwani of Bengal.

Lord Cornwallis and Permanent Settlement, Lord Wellesley and Subsidiary Alliance, Lord William Bentick, Lord Dalhousie.

UNIT-II

Revolt of 1857-Cause, Nature and Effects.

Origin of National Movement in India (1858-1885).

Viceroyalty of Lytton, Ripon and Curzon.

Foundation and Growth of Indian National Congress (1885-1905),

Partition of Bengal and Swadeshi Movement

UNIT-III

Renaissance in 19th century – Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Daya Nand Saraswati, Swami Vivekanand.

Morley-Minto reforms Act, 1909, Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms 1919, Government of India Act 1935.

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The Emergence of Gandhi in Indian Politics

Non-Cooperation movement, Simon Commission. Civil Disobedience Movement

Cripps mission, Quit India Movement, Wavell plan, Cabinet Mission Plan.

Mountbatten Plan and Indian Independence Act, 1947, Freedom and partition.

Learning Outcome: This paper familiarizes student with major events of Indian freedom struggle. It inform us about establishment of British rule in Bengal and Governor-Generals like Lord Cornwallis, Lord Wellesley, Lord William Bentick, Lord Dalhousie and Viceroys like Lytton, Ripon and Curzon. It also elaborates the process of emergence and development of Indian National Congress. It tell us about mass-movements like Non Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement and Quit India Movement. It also give details about various Missions and Commissions established by British Government like Simon Commission, Cripps Mission, Cabinet Mission. While informing us about the final phase of the British Empire in India it also gave description of Mountbatten Plan, and freedom and partition of India.

Teaching Method

Chalk & talk, demonstration and lecture method, ICT and projector, group discussion.

Books Recommended –

- Desai, A.R. (2016), Social Background of Indian Nationalism, Sage Publication Pvt. Ltd.
- Chandra, Bipan and Others: Freedom Struggle
- Rai, Satya M.(ed.): Bharat Mein Upniveshwad Aur Rashtrawad (Hindi)
- Mishra, J.P.: Aadhunik Bharat Kaltihas, Uttar Pradesh Granth Academic, Prabhag
- Sarkar, Sumit: (1993), Aadhunik Bharat (Hindi), Delhi, RajkamalPrakashan
- Sarkar, Sumit:(1983)Modern India , Macmillan–
- Singh, Ayodhya: (2012), Bharat Ka Mukti Sangram, Neha Publishers and Distributors
- Shukla, R.L. (ed.): Adhunik Bharat Kaltihas (Hindi), Delhi University Publication
- Tara Chand: History of the Freedom Movement in India, Vols. I – IV, Division Publication
- Grover, B.L: A New look on Modern Indian History
- Pylee M.V.: Constitutional History of India 1600-2010 S.Chand Publication 2014.

