

2026

(4th Semester)



HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : HA - 403

(Economic History of Modern India)

*Full Marks : 60**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**Answer any five (5) questions*

1. a) Discuss the emergence of European companies in India.

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Or

- b) Critically analyse the debate between the imperialist and nationalist historians on the 'Drain of Wealth' theory.

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2. a) What is the Ryotwari System? How does it differ from the Zamindari and Mahalwari systems.

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Or

- b) Examine the impact of commercialization of agriculture on the peasants.

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(Turn Over)

3. a) Write an essay on the growth and impact of tea plantations in colonial India. 12

Or

- b) How did colonial policy on forestry affect Indian peasants? Analyze. 12

4. a) What is de-industrialization? To what extent was it related to the re-industrialization of small-scale industries in India. 12

Or

- b) What is the Five-Year Plan? Do you think that the planned economy was a success? 12

5. Write short notes on **any two**: 6x6

- a) Bengal Tenancy Act (1885)
- b) Trade Union Movements in India (1920-1947)
- c) Free Trade policy of the British in India
- d) Globalization and its impact on the Indian economy

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