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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

Minutes of the Meeting

Subject	:	B.A. (Hons.) Economics 6 th Sem. DSE (2018)
Course	:	(ix) Comparative Economic Development 1850-1950
Date of Meetings	:	10 th January, 2018
Venue	:	Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
Chair	:	Prof. Ashwini Deshpande

Attended by:

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1	C. Saratchnad	Satyawati College
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It was agreed to drop a few readings. Revised reading list is given below:

Comparative Economic Development

Course Description

This course investigates selected issues in comparative historical perspective over the 19th century and the first few decades of the 20th century. The course focuses on a set of countries, which followed clearly diverse trajectories and patterns of growth to achieve their industrial transition and compares the outcomes of these diverse trajectories on sectoral change, intersectoral relations, labour processes and industrial relations and also compares the role of the state in facilitating the respective trajectories.

Scheme of Examinations:

The maximum marks for the final examination would be 75, with the remaining 25 marks for internal assessment. Students should be asked to answer four questions in all. The question paper should be divided into two parts. Part A would have three questions of 15 marks each. Part B would have six questions of 20 marks each of which students would be expected to answer any three.

No direct question will be asked from Section 1 (introduction and overview) but the students need to go through the readings both for comprehension and contextualisation of the subject matter in the subsequent sections, which should find reflection in the answers they write.

Course Outline and Readings:

1. Introduction and Overview of the countries selected for case studies

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Chs.1

Japan:

Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Chs. 1, 2 and 3.

USSR:

Davies, R. W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Chs, 1, 2 and 3

2. Agriculture

Agrarian surplus and the role of the peasantry in economic development.

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Ch.5

Japan:

Y Hayami (1975), *A Century of Agricultural Growth in Pre-War Japan: Its Relevance to Asian Development*. University of Minnesota Press, Chs. 1 and 3.

Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 6

USSR:

Tauger, Mark B., "Soviet Peasants and Collectivization 1930-39: Resistance and Adaptation", *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 31: 3-4, (2004).

Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Ch. 6 (also done under Unit 3).

3. Industry

The industrial revolution in Britain; Industrialisation in late industrialisers.

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Chs. 2, 3 & 6.

Japan:

Norman, E. H., *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State*, Ch. 4.

Macpherson, W. J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 5, 7 and 8. Ch. 7 of this book is also useful for Unit 4.

USSR

Gregory, Paul and Robert C. Stuart, *Soviet Economic Structure and Performance*, Ch. 4 (3rd Ed.) or Ch. 3 (2nd Ed.).

Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Chs. 4, 5 and 6

4. The Factory System and Making of the Industrial Working Class:

Division of labour, structure of industrial authority, organisation of work and industrial production, relationship between workers and managers.

Britain:

E.J. Hobsbawm (1984), *World of Labour: Further studies in the history of labour*. London Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Ch. 11

Japan:

Okochi, Karsh and Levine (1965), *Workers and Employees in Japan, The Japanese Employment relations system*, University of Tokyo, Ch.13

USSR:

Maurice Dobb (1966) *Soviet Economic Development Since 1917*. 6th Edition. Routledge. Reprinted in 2012. Chapter 17: Trade Unions, Wages and Conditions of Labour.

5. The Role of the State in Industrial and Developmental Transition

Britain

E.J. Hobsbawm (1968), *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain since 1750*. Weidenfeld & Nicholson, Chs.12

Japan

Macpherson, W.J., *The Economic Development of Japan 1868-1941*, Ch. 4.

Norman, E. H., *Japan's Emergence as a Modern State*, Ch. 2.

Chalmers Johnson (1982), *MITI and the Japanese Miracle: The Growth of Industrial Policy 1925-1975*, Stanford University Press, Ch. 1.

USSR

Gregory, Paul and Robert C. Stuart, *Soviet Economic Structure and Performance*, Ch. 7 (3rd Ed.) or Ch. 5 (2nd Ed.).

Davies, R.W., *Soviet Economic Development from Lenin to Khrushchev*, Chs. 7 and 8.