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DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  

Minutes of the Meeting  

**Subject:** B.A. (Hons.) Economics, Sem. V (CBCS) Discipline SEC  
**Course:** iii) Economic History of India (1857-1947)  
**Date of Meetings:** 8th May, 2017  
**Venue:** Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi  
**Chair:** Prof. Ashwani Deshpande  

**Attended by:**  

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**Note:**  
1. The maximum marks for the final examination would be 75, remaining 25 marks are allocated for internal assessment (2 tests of 10 marks each and 5 marks for attendance).  
2. In the end semester examination, students will be asked to answer 5 questions out of 8 questions. The questions should cut across topics.  
3. Readings with an asterisk (*) mark are essential for teachers. Students are encouraged to read them for better comprehension though questions will not be set on these.
Topic Wise Reading List 2017

1. Colonial India: Background

2. Macro Trends
   - Population:
     - Sumit Guha, 1991, *Mortality decline in early 20th century India*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, vol. 28, Issue 4, pp 371-74 and 383-87; (Note: the pages in between, which involve Guha’s critique of Klein, are to be de-emphasised for detailed reading and examination)
   - Labour force and Occupational structure
   - National Income

3. Agriculture (land, labour, capital, technology, commercialization, famines and environment)
   - Irfan Habib, 2006, *Indian Economy 1858-1914, A People’s History of India*, vol. 28, Tulika, Delhi, Ch. 3 pp.51-74 (Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3)

4. Railways and Industry (Railways; The deindustrialization hypothesis; The rise of the modern industrial sector and the growth of entrepreneurship; Traditional industries; Supply of industrial labour)
5. **Economy and State in the Imperial context** (The imperial priorities and the Indian economy; Drain of wealth; International trade, Capital flows and the colonial economy – changes and continuities; Government and fiscal policy)