UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Minutes of the Meeting

Subject: B.A. (Hons.) Economics CBCS- Sem. V 2017 - DSEC
Course: v) Political Economy I
Date of Meetings: 8th May, 2017
Venue: Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,
University of Delhi
Chair: Prof. Aditya Bhattacharjea

Attended by:
1. Archana Aggarwal Hindu College
2. N. Kalithasammal Sri Venkateshwara College
3. Divya Misra LSR College
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Course Outline:
1. Analysing Social Change in Historical Perspective: The method of historical materialism; the transition from feudalism to capitalism; capitalism as a historical process – alternative perspectives.
2. Capitalism as an Evolving Economic System: Basic features; accumulation and crisis; monopoly capitalism— alternative perspectives.
3. The State in Capitalism: The state and the economy – contestation and mutual interdependence; the state as an arena of conflict; imperialism – the basic foundations.

Scheme of Examinations:
The maximum marks for the final examination is 75, with the remaining 25 marks for internal assessment. Students should be asked to answer 4 questions in all. The question paper should be divided into two parts. Part A would have 3 questions of 15 marks each, of which students would have to answer any one. Part B would have 7 questions of 20 marks each of which students would have to answer any three.

Readings:
15. David Laibman, “The End of History? The Problem of Agency and Change in Historical Materialist Theory”, Science & Society, Vol. 70, No. 2, 2006, pp. 180- 204. [This reading is an advanced reading (for Topic 1) for interested students and no questions will be asked from this]