DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
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Minutes of Meeting

Subject : B.A (Hons.) Economics, 2016
Course : GE I (b) – Economic History of India
Date of Meeting : Monday 1st August, 2016, 03.00 P.M
Venue : Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics
         University of Delhi, Delhi –110007
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ECONOMIC HISTORY OF INDIA 1857-1947

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.

Topic Wise Reading List 2016

1. Colonial India: Background

2. Macro Trends
   - Population:
     - Sumit Guha: ‘Mortality decline in early 20th century India’, IESHR 1991 [Particularly pp 371-74 and 383-87; 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, *Indian Economy 1858-1914* (A People’s History of India, Vol.28, Tulika 2006. Chapter 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 labor)
   - John Hurd, “Railways”, CEHI pp.737-761
   - MD Morris, Emergence of an Industrial Labour Force in India, OUP 1965, Chapter 11, Summary and Conclusions pp.198-210

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)

**Recommended Background Readings:**
3. A.K. Bagchi, “*Deindustrialisation in India in the Nineteenth Century: Some theoretical implications*”, Journal of Development Studies, 1976 (pp. 135-145) [This reading should be used as an essential background to P. Parthasarathy’s article in Section 4.]

The Background Readings are essential for teachers. Students are encouraged to read them for better comprehension though questions will not be set on these.