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Minutes of the Meeting

Subject: B.A. (Hons.) Economics, Fifth Semester.

Credits: 6

Course: Economic History of India 1857-1947. Discipline Specific Elective HE56.

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Venue: Online (Google Meet)

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The following readings for Units 1 and 2 were agreed upon. Readings for later units will be notified after further discussion.

Readings:

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. Additional readings may be used by students and teachers to obtain greater perspective and understanding regarding the themes of this paper.

Core Readings

Unit 1

1. P. Parthasarathy, 2011, **Why Europe Grew Rich and Asia did not: Global Economic Divergence, 1600-1850**, CUP, Cambridge, Ch 2, pp. 21-27, 46-50, Ch8, pp 224-226, 239-244, 251-262.

Unit 2:

1. 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)
2. Tirthankar Roy, 2011, *Population and Labour*, **The Economic History of India 1857-1947**, 3rd edn, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 11, Section on Labour Force, pp.282-285.
3. J. Krishnamurty, 1982, *Occupational Structure* in Dharma Kumar (ed.) **Cambridge Economic History of India 1754-c.1970**, vol. 2, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 6, pp. 533-550.
4. Tirthankar Roy, 2011, *Growth and Structural Change*, **The Economic History of India 1857-1947**, 3rd edn, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 3 pp.80-89.

Additional Readings for teachers (not specific to Units 1 and 2)

1. Tirthankar Roy, 2018, **A Business History of India: Enterprise and the Emergence of Capitalism from 1700**, Cambridge University Press, Delhi, Ch. 4,5,6.
2. Lakshmi Subramanian, **History of India 1707-1857**, Orient Blackswan, 2010, Chapter 4.
3. Jean Dreze, *Famine Prevention in India* in Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen (eds.) **Political Economy of Hunger**, WIDER Studies in Development Economics, 1990, pp.13- 35.
4. A K Bagchi, *Deindustrialization in India in the nineteenth century: Some theoretical implications*, **Journal of Development Studies**, 1976. 11.
5. B.R. Tomlison, 1975, *India and the British Empire 1880-1935*, IESHR, Vol.XII. 14.
6. Dharma Kumar, 1982, *The Fiscal System*, in Dharma Kumar (ed.) **Cambridge Economic History of India 1754-c.1970**, vol. 2, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 12.
7. Basudev Chatterjee, 1992 *Trade, Tariffs and Empire*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, Epilogue.
8. Patnaik, Utsa (2017). "Revisiting the "drain", or transfer from India to Britain in the context of global diffusion of capitalism". In: *Agrarian and Other Histories: Essays for Binay Bhushan Chaudhuri*. Ed. by Shubhra Chakrabarti and Utsa Patnaik. Tulika Books, pp. 277–317.