

**GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE IN HISTORY**  
**6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**  
**HS618GE: Themes in History-II**

**UNIT – 1 (Beginning of Modern World)**

- a) Geographical Explorations: Causes and Impact
- b) Renaissance and Reformation: A Brief outline
- c) Age of Enlightenment: Main features

**Unit – II (Beginning of Colonial Era in South Asia)**

- a) European Penetration in India: Struggle for Hegemony
- b) Establishment of British rule in India: Battle of Plassey and Battle of Buxar
- c) Colonial Structures and Institutions with special reference to Civil Services

**Unit – III (Impact of British Rule and Indian Response)**

- a) Economy: Drain of Wealth and De-industrialization
- b) Modern Education: Macaulay's minute & Woods Dispatch
- c) Socio Religious Reform movements: Brahmo Samaj, Aligarh Movement
- d) Revolt of 1857: Causes, Failure and Consequences

**Unit – IV (Mughal Empire)**

- a) Formation of Indian National Congress
- b) Role of Moderates & Extremists
- c) Gandhian Era
  - i. Khilafat & Non-Cooperation Movement
  - ii. Civil Disobedience Movement
  - iii. Quit India Movement
- d) Freedom & Partition:
  - i. Cabinet Mission Plan
  - ii. Mountbatten Plan
  - iii. Redcliff Commission

**Suggested Readings:**

- Chandra, Bipin, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, K.N Panikar and Sucheta Mahajan. 1989. India's Struggle for Independence, New Delhi : Penguin Books India.
- Chandra, Bipin, Modern India, Orient longman
- Sarkar, Sumit, 1983, Modern India, 1885-1947. New Delhi: Macmillan
- Bandopadhyay, Sekhar; From Plassey to Partition; Orient longman
- Lowe, Norman: Mastering World History
- Dev Arjun, Indra Arjun: History of Modern World
- Charravarty Ramjan: A History of Modern World