

BA PROGRAMME HISTORY
SEMESTER V

Paper 5: History of the Modern World: From Sixteenth Century to the
Nineteenth Century

Credit: 04

UNIT I

RISE OF THE MODERN WORLD

1. Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism in Europe: Various theories.
2. Voyages of Discoveries: Conquest of the New World and Early Colonial empires.
3. Renaissance and Reformation.
4. The Enlightenment: Philosophical, Political and Economic aspects.

UNIT II

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, REVOLUTIONS AND NATIONALISM

5. Industrial Revolution in Britain.
6. French Revolution.
7. American Revolution and Emergence of the U.S.A.
8. Nationalism and Movements for National unification in 19th century Europe- Germany and Italy.

UNIT III

LIBERALISM, SOCIALISM AND BEGINNING OF IMPERIALISM

9. Liberalism and the growth of Parliamentary democracy in Britain.
10. Socialism and its variants: working class movements in 19th century Europe.
11. Colonialism and beginning of Imperialist rivalries in the late 19th century; scramble for Africa.
12. Anti-Colonial struggle in Asia and Latin America in the 19th century.
13. *Meiji* Restoration and Japan's emergence as a modern nation.

Reading List:

1. Rodney Hilton, *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*.
2. Meenaxi Phukan, *Rise of the Modern West: Social and Economic History of Early Modern Europe*.
3. V. Scammell, *The First Imperial Age: European Overseas Expansion, 1400 – 1715*.
4. Arvind Sinha, *Europe in Transition; From Feudalism to Industrialization*.
5. J.R. Hale, *Renaissance Europe, 1480-1520*.
6. A.R. Hall, *From Galileo to Newton*.
7. Hobsbawm, E.J. *The Age of Revolution, 1789-1848*.
8. Hobsbawm, E.J. *Nation and Nationalism*.
9. Lefebvre, Georges, *Coming of the French Revolution*.
10. James Joll, *Europe Since 1870: An International History*.
11. Fisher, H.A.L., *A History of Europe*.
12. Porter, Andrew, *European Imperialism 1860-1914*.
13. Stephen, J. Lee, *Aspects of European History 1494-1789*.
14. Thompson, David, *Europe Since Napoleon*.
15. Adams, G.B., *The Constitutional History of England*.
16. Briggs, A., *Age of Empowerment 1784-1867*.
17. Allen, George C., *Modern Japan and its Problem*.
18. Allen, George C., *A Short Economic History of Modern Japan 1867-1937*.
19. Fredrich Engels, *Socialism; Utopian and Scientific*.
20. Pankaj Mishra, *From the Ruins of the Empire*.