

BA PROGRAMME HISTORY
SEMESTER VI
Paper 6- History of Twentieth Century World

Credit: 04

UNIT I
IMPERIALISM, REVOLUTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION, ECONOMIC CRISIS
AND WORLD WARS

1. Imperialism and imperialist rivalries.
2. The First World War and its consequences.
3. The Russian Revolution and 'Socialism in one country'.
4. The Great Depression.
5. Fascism and its variants.
6. The Second World War: Causes and Consequences.
7. The Chinese Revolutions.

UNIT II
FROM COLD WAR TO THE RISE OF THE UNIPOLAR WORLD

8. Cold War: Beginnings, stages and end.
9. Decolonization and emergence of independent nations in Asia and Africa; end of Apartheid in South Africa.
10. Neo-colonialism and underdevelopment in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
11. China under Communism.
12. Middle East and Arab-Israel Conflict.
13. Economic development in Europe and European Integration.
14. The collapse of the Soviet Union and socialist regimes in Eastern Europe.
15. Technological and Scientific Advances.
16. Cultures, Literature and Arts.

UNIT III
ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY WORLD HISTORY

17. Globalization and its discontents.
18. Problems of capitalism and new international economic order.
19. International organization and international security.
20. Debate on world population.
21. Human rights, feminist and other social movements.
22. Environment and climate change.
23. Communication media and their social and cultural contexts.

Reading List:

1. Eric J. Hobsbawm , *The Age of Extremes: A History of the World, 1914-1991* Vintage Books, , New York, 1996.
2. Carter Findley and John Rothney, *Twentieth Century World*, 6th Edition, Mifflin, Houghton, 2006.
3. William J Duiker, *Contemporary World History*, 5th Edition, Wordsworth, 2010.
4. J.M. Roberts, *The Penguin History of Twentieth Century: The History of the World. 1901 to the Present*, 2004
5. Norman Lowe, *Mastering Modern World History*, Macmillan, Delhi, 3rd Edition, 1997.
6. J.A.S. Grenville, *A History of the World in the 20th Century*, Enlarged Edition, Belknap Press, 1994.