

SYLLABUS UNDER AUTONOMY

HISTORY

SEMESTER II

COURSE :A.HIS.2.01

WORLD HISTORY FROM THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION TO WORLD WAR II

(60 Lectures)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. To learn to identify the major happenings and significant players (both men and women) in World History
2. To trace the growth and development of individual rights, democracy, liberalism and the nation state.
3. To understand the social and ideological forces that shaped the modern world and understand the present political structures, economic activities, social developments, cultural achievements and scientific innovations in the light of the past.
4. To recognize how certain countries and economic systems dominated the world through empire building.

Unit I: The Industrial Revolution and the age of new ideas

[15 lectures]

a) Great Britain and the Industrial Revolution: reasons, inventions, social and economic consequences.

b) Socialism.

c) Communism

Unit II: The New Imperialism (1850-1914):

[15 lectures]

a) Factors, nature and forms , impact

b) Imperialism and imperialist rivalries in Asia: China and Japan

c) The Partition of Africa.

Unit III : The World at War 1914-1945

(30 lectures)

a) Alliances, power blocks and World War I

b) The Paris Peace Conference.

c) Russian Revolutions in February and October

d) Dictatorships, the origins of World War II impact and the formation of the UNO

C.I.A: Quiz (multiple choice or map based)

Mid semester exam with two small essay type questions. Group Project work with written assignment.

Essential Readings:

Charques, Richard, *Twilight of the Russian Empire*

Fergusson and Brunn, *A Survey of European Civilization,*

Hayes, C, Moon, T.P and Wayland, J.W, *World History, 3rd Revised ed. The Mac Millan Co. New York, 1950*

Hobsbawm, Eric, *Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991, Viking, Penguin Books, 1995*

Keylor, William, *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: International History Since 1900*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2006

Lowe, Norman, *Mastering World History*, Macmillan Education Ltd., London 1985.

Palmer and Colton, Joel, *A History of the Modern World*

Revill J.C., *World history*, Longmans Green and Co. , London,

Roberts, J.M., *History of the World*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1993.

Wallbank, Walter T and Taylor, Alistair, M., *Past and Present*.

Reference Readings:

Durant, Will, *The Story of Civilization, vol. V, The Renaissance and vol. VI the Reformation,1300-1564*

Nelson, *A dictionary of World History*

