

First Semester

Paper No: HSH. 403 (Hard Core)

COLONIALISM IN INDIA

Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce students to historiographical debate on Colonial penetration in to India by Britain
2. To know the Process of the establishment of colonial rule in India and its apparatus
3. To understand the ideologies of the British Raj
4. To realise the differential impact of Colonialism

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the paper, students will come to know the following

1. Understand the various debates on the nature of the establishment of British Raj in India
2. Get Enlightened on the way the Colonial Power exercised its power and the apparatus it created for the same
3. Understand the sources of legitimacy, its ideological pretensions and Contradictions in Colonial rule
4. Realise the impact of the colonial legacy on Post-Independence India

1. Historiography: The Eighteenth century in Indian history – The British East India Company and Indian trade – From traders to conquerors – ‘How was India won?’.
2. The Colonial State: Consolidation and Governance – The apparatus of the Company Raj – Parliament and the Company – The bureaucracy – Princes and Paramountcy – Imperial rule and revenue contraction: Revenue settlements – The commercial, industrial and financial capitalism at work – Impact on the Indian economy.
3. Ideologies of the Raj: The Orientalist Turn – Reforms, Liberalism and Empire – Social policy and religious reforms – New Education and the Anglicist turn – Colonial knowledge and its subjugative powers: historiography – Census – Gazetteers – Maps – Colonial science and medicine.
4. The educational mode of conquest: Western education – Creation of the “Middle Class” – Social relations in the colony.
5. Differential impact of colonialism: contradictions between colonial claims and performance – the colonial legacy.

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