BA PROGRAMME HISTORY SEMESTER IV

Paper 4: History of Contemporary India (1947-2000)

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UNIT I POLITY AND POLITICAL HISTORY

- 1. Partition legacies; migration and resettlement.
- 2. The making of the Constitution and establishment of the Republic.
- 3. The integration of the Princely states.
- 4. Reorganization of the states.
- 5. The issue of National Language.
- 6. Political parties and major political developments.
- 7. India's relations with neighbours; India's foreign policy.

UNIT II

ECONOMY, SOCIETY AND CULTURE

- 8. Economic planning and the model of mixed economy.
- 9. Industrialization and growth of capitalism.
- 10. Land reforms and agrarian class structure; Green Revolution and capitalism in agriculture; rural labour and migration.
- 11. Caste and politics in Independent India; Dalit and Backward Caste assertion.
- 12. Regionalism and regional inequalities; secessionist movements.
- 13. Advances in science and technology.
- 14. Art, culture, literature and ass media.

UNIT III

ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN HISTORY

- 15. Poverty and illiteracy; demographic trends.
- 16. Communalism and religious identities.
- 17. The caste question.
- 18. Gender inequalities.
- 19. The tribal movements and the state policy.
- 20. Ecology and environmentalism.
- 21. Liberalization and globalization.

Reading list:

- 1. Paul Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence* (New Cambridge History of India Series), 1990.
- 2. Bipan Chandra et al, *India After Independence*, 1947-2000, Penguin, New Delhi, 2000.
- 3. Francine Frankel, *India's Political Economy, 1947-1977*, Princeton University Press, Princeton,1978.
- 4. Lloyd and Susanne Hober Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State*, Chicago University Press, Chicago, 1987.
- 5. Sunil Khilani, *The Idea of India*, London: Hasmish Hamilton, 1997.
- 6. Madhav Gadgil and Ramachandra Guha, The Use and Abuse of Nature, OUP, Delhi, 2004.
- 7. Ramachandra Guha, *India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*, Picador, London, 2007.
- 8. Maria Misra, *Vishnu's Crowded Temple: India Since the Great Rebellion*, Allen Lane, London, 2007 (Chapters 5, 6, 7 & 8)
- 9. Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture Political Economy*, OUP, Delhi, 2004 (Chapters 18 and 19).