

M.A. HISTORY PART I

SEMESTER I

Popular Culture in Modern India

(1757-1947)

(CBCS-5-A--1)

Code No. 108701 Credits: 4 Lectures: 60 Marks: 100

Objectives:

- To get acquainted with Cultural studies and study of popular culture.
- To understand various theories and approaches to study popular culture.
- To understand popular culture in Modern India.
- To utilise primary sources to understand popular culture in Modern India.

Course Content:

Credit Lectures Marks

I : Popular Culture: an Introduction : 1 15 25

- a) Definitions and critical approaches
- b) Means of spreading popular culture:
Literature, Newspapers, Magazines,
Calendar Art
- c) Popular culture : Theatre, Music
Photography and Cinema

II : Literature and Theatre : 1 15 25

- a) Emergence of Opera and Musical Plays
in the nineteenth century
- b) Development of Theatre- its relationship
with the social reform and the national movement.
- c) Literature as a mean of social change and politics

III: Photography and Calendar Art : 1 15 25

- a) Development of Indian Photography -
Contribution of Lala Dindayal
- b) Rise of Company Art and Influence of
West Calendar Art : Raja Ravi Varma
- c) Paintings and national consciousness -
Rise of Independent Art Schools -Bombay School and Bengal School

IV : Cinema: 1 15 25

- a) Rise of Cinema as a medium of entertainment
- b) Filmic representations of nationalism.
- c) Changing life-styles, fashions, consumerism
and gender formations

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