

## **HIS4(3) C03 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF BRITAIN: II**

This course is the second of the two courses designed to be introduced to the students of allied disciplines of History as complementary course. The focus of this course is on the Social and Cultural History of Britain, from the age of Anglican Reformation to the developments associated with BREXIT. Students will acquire basic understanding regarding the major historical situations and the major thinkers who contributed to enrich the historical situations which contributed to design the socio- political and economic atmosphere of the Colonial and Post- colonial Britain.

### **Module I Age of Transitions**

- Anglican Reformation
- University Wits – Marlowe – John Lyle – William Shakespeare
- Development of Science – Isaac Newton
- Growth of Royal absolutism
- Civil War – Puritan Revolt – Oliver Cromwell
- Glorious Revolution – the philosophy of Locke – Constitutional Monarchy
- The American Revolution
- Impacts of French Revolution
- Romantic Revival – William Blake – Wordsworth– Walter Scot – Jane

Austen

### **Module II The Consolidation of the British Empire**

- Colonialism and Imperialism
- Ideology and Implementation
- Major trends and Writings – Whiteman’s Burden – Orientalism – Utilitarianism
- New technology – Agrarian, Industrial and Commercial Revolutions
- Factory System
- Trade Unionism
- Chartism
- Development of party system
- Laissez-faire – English Economists

### **Module III British Society, Culture and Achievements**

- Nature of Victorian society

- Religion
- Impact of Social Darwinism
- Oxford movement
- Socialist movement – Ideology and practice – Christian socialism- Marxian socialism – Fabian socialism
- England after the World Wars – Nationalism
- De-colonization – Post-war socio-economic problems
- Concept of welfare state

#### **Module IV Britain and the World**

- The concept of British Commonwealth – foundation and history
- Aspects of contemporary culture and society
- Globalization
- New World order – Terrorism – Feminism – Gender issues
- European Union
- BREXIT

#### **Books for Reading**

1. G. M. Travelyan, A Social History of England, Vol. I
2. G. M. Travelyan, Illustrated English Social History
3. Carter and Mears, A History of England
4. H. A. L. Fischer, History of Europe
5. E J Hobsbaum, Age of Capital
6. E J Hobsbaum, Age of Empire
7. G. B. Adams, Constitutional History of England