

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

# Semester II (Open Elective 2) ENE 459: POLITICS, SOCIETY AND FAMILY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY INDIA

- Soft Core 3 credits (4 lectures)
- End Semester Examination 70 Marks
- Internal Assessment 30 marks Monthly Tests/ Assignments/ Class Reports

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

The course is designed as an elective under the CBCS scheme and targeted at non-literature students. Hence the primary learning objective is to create an awareness of the importance of literary studies in non-literature students. With this in view the core seeks to introduce the students to an in depth understanding of

- 19<sup>th</sup> century socio political movements of India
- The immediate cultural past of India
- The roots of modernity in India
- The roots of resistance to colonialism

#### **COURSE OUTCOME:**

The student is expected to achieve the following objectives by the end of the semester

- Be clearly conscious of the cultural dilemmas surrounding the present
- Have an understanding of the contribution of nationalist thought and movements, colonial governments in shaping our lives
- An awareness of national leaders like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Tagore, Bankimchandra Chatterjee, M K Gandhi and their roles in shaping Indian sensibility.

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#### **Section A**

Asiatic Society, Indian National Congress, Partition of Bengal, Social Reform Movements,

Macaulay's Minutes

#### **Section B**

The Home and the World, Rabindranath Tagore, Tr. Surendranath Tagore, London: Macmillan, 1919

Anandamath, Bankim Chandra Chattopadyay Tr. BasantaKoomar Roy. Orient Paper Backs(first published 1882)

#### **Section C**

Hind Swaraj, M.K. Gandhi,

The Nation and Its Fragments - Colonial and Postcolonial Histories (Princeton Studies in Culture, Power, History)

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