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Paper - VIII
Eighteenth Century India
(Special Paper)

First Half

Regional History of Awadh, Benaras and
Rajasthan from 1700 A.D to 1800 A.D

1. Growth of Awadh as a new Subhedari.
2. Rule of the Nawabs.
3. Shuja Ud Daula's; rise to power, role in Mughal politics.
4. Awadh's relation with the British between 1757-1800.
5. Political History of 18th century Benaras.
6. Economic and Social History of Awadh and Benaras region with reference to agriculture, growth of trade.
7. Society and Culture.

Rajasthan in 18th Century

1. Political Background — Rajasthan at the time of disintegration of the Mughal empire — decentralization of authority.
2. The War of Succession — Maratha-Rajput interactions.

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3. The relations between local political structure and functioning of the Village Society — the relations between jagirdars and bhomiars (landlords and peasants) — major areas of conflict and the formation of new alignments.
4. The nature of rural economy — trends in agricultural production — its relations with ecological condition and political changes-Cropping and investment patterns-market conditions.
5. Land Revenue System in Rajasthan — the Jbara System — The role of the revenue officials.
6. The Village panchayat — its Socio-economic domination over rural Society.
7. Evolution of Kshatriya centred Caste ideology in Rajasthan-Rajput polity — its 18th Century dimensions.

Second Half

South India in early Colonial Period : Mysore, Carnatic, Travancore, Cochin, Hyderabad & other parts of Madras Presidency.

Section I

Political History

1. The Rise of the European Trading Powers in South India — The Anglo-French Conflict — Foreign Trade and Political influence — The three — Carnatic Wars.
2. The Mechanism of British sub-alliance in 18th Century Parlance.