

Strategic Blue Print of History Module for UPSC:

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- **Days to cover the module** :-60 days
- **Included in the package:**
 - Detailed study notes for conceptual clarity
 - Answer writing practice
 - Doubt clearing session
- **Study notes based on:**
 - Modern India : Bipan Chandra
 - India after Independence : Bipan Chandra
 - Plassy to Partition : Shekhar Bandhopadhyay
 - Mastering Modern World History : Norman Lowe
 - NCERTS

Course Outline:

Modern India

1. British Conquest of India

- Decline of Mughal empire
- Rise of regional politics
- India in Eighteenth Century-Class Notes
- Advent of Europeans
- Factors that led to conquest of India by British
- Conquest of regional powers-various policies
- Resistance of Indian powers and causes of failure
- Evolution of British paramountcy over princely states

2. British Administration

- British colonialism in India: Phases
- British Economic Policies and their impact
- Rise of capitalist class
- Activities of Christian Missionaries
- Governors- Generals and administration till 1857

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- Colonial administration till 1857

3. Early Resistance to British Rule

- Tribal revolts
- Various tribal movements in India
- Civil rebellions and peasant revolts
- Nature and significance of civil rebellions
- Various peasant movements in India
- The revolt of 1857 and personalities associated

4. Nationalism in India

- Rise of nationalism in India
- Social basis of Indian Nationalism
- Rise and growth of Indian National Congress
- Policies and programmes of early nationalists
- Role of literature and news-media in freedom struggle
- Intensification of nationalist movement
- Home Rule League
- Militants and Revolutionaries
- Ghadar movement

5. Indian Freedom Struggle Under Gandhi

- Gandhi in South Africa
- Non-cooperation Movement
- Civil Disobedience Movement
- Round Table Conference
- Poona Pact
- 1939 Tripuri Session
- August Offer
- Individual Satyagraha 1940-41
- Quit India Movement
- British Official response to national movement

6. Social Reforms in British India

- Regeneration, reform and renaissance in India
- Social reformers in India
- Reforms in western India
- Reforms in south India
- Role of reformers
- Nature and limitation of 19th century renaissance
- Reasons of rise
- Caste movement in South India
- Caste movements in Northern and Eastern India

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7. Struggle by the Masses

- Trade union movement in India
- Peasant movements in modern India
- The Native states' people's movements
- Socialists and left bloc in congress
- Indian National Army
- Naval mutiny of 1946

8. Partition of India

- Rise and growth of communalism
- Partition of India and attainment of freedom
- Wavell Plan
- Cabinet Mission Plan
- Mountbatten Plan

India after Independence

1. Reorganisation of states

- Status on the eve of independence
- Factors that lead to merger
- Accession of the princely states
- Accession of States under France and Portuguese
- Accession of Sikkim
- Rehabilitation of the Refugees
- Federal crisis
- State reorganisation
- Need for Second State Reorganisation
- Formation of Telangana.
- Issue of linguistic regionalism

2. Issue related to vulnerable section

- Tribal Issue
- Caste and Communalism
- Women empowerment
- Issue of linguistic minorities

3. Overview of economic development since Independence

- Planning in India
- Agriculture development
- Manufacturing sector
- Service sector
- New economic policy and its impact

World History

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1. Industrial Revolution

- Decline of feudalism
- Beginning of Renaissance
- Pre-industrial Europe
- Agricultural Revolution
- Factors that led to industrial revolution
- Impact of industrial revolution

2. French Revolution

- Causes
- The revolution in France
- France under Napoleon
- Impact of Revolution
- Significance of Revolution

3. Nationalism in Europe

- Rise of the nation- state system
- Unification of Italy
- Unification of Germany

4. Colonialism and Imperialism

- Colonialism
- The age of Imperialism (1870-1914)
- Imperialism in Asia
- Analysis of Colonialism

5. Emergence of USA

- Foundation of American Colonies
- The Independence of United States of America
- The American Revolutionary War
- What was the impact of American Revolution?
- Political Effects of the Revolution
- How did the American Revolution influence the French Revolution?
- US Civil War
- Impact of Civil War on USA
- Global Impact of US Civil War
- Impact on India

6. World War-I

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- Major causes of the war
- Course of the war
- Analysis of major events of the war
- Consequences of World War I
- Aftermath of World War I
- League of Nations

7. Russian Revolution

- Major events in pre-revolution Russia
- Causes
- Course of Revolution
- Consequences
- Aftermath of the war
- Post-Lenin Russia

8. Inter-War Years (1919 To 1939)

- The Great Depression
- The Great Depression- an economic perspective
- Rise of Fascism in Italy
- Rise of Nazism in Germany
- Soviet Union (USSR)

9. World War- II

- Foundations of the war
- Course of the war
- Aftermath of war
- Analysis of the war
- Decolonization phase

10. Development In Middle East

- Democratic reforms in Middle East
- Arab nationalism
- Israel & Palestine Issue

11. Cold War

- Political philosophies
- Capitalism
- Socialism
- Communism

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12. Post Cold-War World

- Global issues since 1991
- Integration of Europe
- European integration- a timeline
- Rise of global Islamic terrorism
- Rise of China

Art and Culture

- Paleolithic art
- Art & culture during Indus Valley civilization
- Religion and Indian philosophy
- Architecture and sculpture Since Mauryan age
- Indian paintings
- Classical forms of dance
- Folk dance forms
- Classical music
- Musical instruments Indian paintings
- Classical forms of dance
- Folk dance forms
- Classical music
- Musical instruments Indian literature
- Government institutions related to art and culture
- Culture and social change

Note: Ancient, medieval and Uttarakhand History for Uttarakhand PCS would be covered separately.