

CORE COURSE VIII – HISTORY OF ENGLAND FROM A.D. 1603 TO 1914

Unit I

Stuart period – James I – Divine Right Theory – James I and his Parliaments – His religious and foreign policy – Charles I His relations with Parliaments – Personal rule – Long Parliament – Civil war and its constitutional importance – Commonwealth and the Protectorate – Oliver Cromwell – Puritanian England.

Unit II

Restoration of Monarchy – Charles II and his Ministries – James II – Glorious Revolution – Origin of Party system in England Revolutionary settlement – The Bill of Rights – Act of Settlement – William III and Mary – Queen Anne – Act of Union – Cabinet system in England – Ireland and Scotland under the Stuarts – English life in the Stuarts period.

Unit III

Hanoverian Succession – Its constitutional significance – George I Whig Oligarchy – Jacobite Revolts – South Sea Bubble – Sir Robrt Walpole – George II – Pitt the Elder – George III and his Personal rule – American War of Independence – French Revolution and England – Pitt the Younger – Agrarian Revolution Industrial Revolution – George IV and William IV Reform Movements.

Unit IV

Queen Victoria – Era of great Prime Ministers – Sir Robert Peel, Palmerston, Gladstone and Disraeli – Domestic policy – The Reforms – The Chartists – Foreign policy – Policy of Splendid Isolation – Victorian England.

Unit V

England in the 20th century – Edward the VII – Parliament Act of 1911 – England's relations with Russia, Japan and Germany – World War I and its impact on England.

Reference:

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2. White R.J. - A Short History of England
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