

**International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad**  
(Deemed to be University)

**Making of Contemporary India (HS4.102)**

**Mid Sem Exams (Make Up Exam)**

**Max. Time: 90 mins**

**Max. Marks: 60**

**25 Oct 2025**

**Instructions**

- Each question carries **20 marks**.
- Write clearly and concisely, using examples from lectures, slides, and readings (*Sumit Sarkar, Modern Times* and *Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, From Plassey to Partition*).

**Questions (Attempt any three)**

**Question 1:**

How did colonial institutions such as the *Survey of India* and the *Census of India* enable the British to map and classify India? In what ways did these knowledge systems strengthen political control?

**Question 2:**

Compare the effects of the **Permanent Settlement**, **Ryotwari**, and **Mahalwari** systems on agrarian society. How did these land settlements alter the relationship between land, revenue, and social hierarchy in colonial India?

**Question 3:**

Railways, roads, and telegraphs transformed both the Indian economy and Indian politics. Explain how these networks simultaneously served imperial control and created the foundations for modern India.

**Question 4:**

In what ways did Macaulay's Minute on Education (1835) represent the ideology of "colonial modernity"? Discuss its long-term consequences for Indian society and politics.

**Question 5:**

Discuss how different streams of Indian nationalism—religious, cultural, and civic—emerged from colonial structures and ideologies. How did they interact in the decades leading up to independence?