

# HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Dear Candidates,

Under the title 'Food for Thought', you are being given some point-wise topics. Our objective behind it is that you should think on these topics taking help from class notes and lectures, and try to develop your own answers. Since the nature of these topics is different from the pattern of examination, therefore there is no need to write answers. You are only expected to apply the concepts seamlessly and develop a critical approach during your preparation.

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### Part-1

#### History of 18<sup>th</sup> century

1. Why is the first half of the 18th century considered a period of political disintegration?
2. Was the multi-state system prevalent in India during the first half of the 18th century a symbol of decline?
3. Why was the first half of the 18th century called as Dark Age?
4. Why was the first half of the 18th century called the Early Modern period?
5. Why the Marathas could not replace the Mughal Empire?
6. Why did European countries take interest in geographical exploration?
7. Why did European countries get attracted towards eastern trade?
8. What was the difference in European countries' attitude towards American and African, and Asian regions?
9. Why did the French company get embroiled in a cut-throat competition with the British company in India?
10. The Carnatic War proved decisive not only for the future of French Company but also for the French Empire.
11. How did Bengal conquest prove to be highly profitable for the British Company?