

Revised Syllabus

Foundation Course for F.Y.B.A. /B. Com./ B. sc.

Semester I

Unit 1

Overview of Indian Society:

Understand the multi-cultural diversity of Indian society through its demographic composition: population distribution according to religion, caste, and gender; Appreciate the concept of linguistic diversity in relation to the Indian situation; Understand regional variations according to rural, urban and tribal characteristics; Understanding the concept of diversity as difference.

Unit 2

Concept of Disparity-1:

Understand the concept of disparity as arising out of stratification and inequality-Explore the disparities arising out of gender with special reference to violence against women, female foeticide (declining sex ratio), and portrayal of women in media; Appreciate the inequalities faced by people with disabilities and understand the issues of people with physical and mental disabilities.

Unit 3

Concept of Disparity-2:

Examine inequalities manifested due to the caste system and inter-group conflicts arising thereof; Understand inter-group conflicts arising out of communalism; Examine the causes and effects of conflicts arising out of regionalism and linguistic differences.

Unit 4

The Indian Constitution:

Philosophy of the Constitution as set out in the Preamble; The structure of the Constitution-the Preamble, Main Body and Schedules; Fundamental Duties of the Indian Citizen; tolerance, peace and communal harmony as crucial values in strengthening the social fabric of Indian society; Basic features of the Constitution.

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Unit 5

Significant Aspects of Political Processes:

The party system in Indian politics; Local self-government in urban and rural areas; the 73rd and 74th Amendments and their implications for inclusive politics; Role and significance of women in politics.

Unit 6

Growing Social Problems in India:

- a. Substance abuse- impact on youth & challenges for the future
- b. HIV/AIDS- awareness, prevention, treatment and services
- c. Problems of the elderly- causes, implications and response
- d. Issue of child labour- magnitude, causes, effects and response
- e. Child abuse- effects and ways to prevent
- f. Trafficking of women- causes, effects and response.

Semester II

Unit 1

Globalisation and Indian Society:

Understanding the concepts of liberalization, privatization and globalization;

Growth of information technology and communication and its impact manifested in everyday life;

Impact of globalization on industry: changes in employment and increasing migration;

Changes in agrarian sector due to globalization; rise in corporate farming and increase in farmers' suicides.

Unit 2 Human Rights

Concept of Human Rights; origin and evolution of the concept;

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Human Rights constituents with special reference to

Fundamental Rights stated in the Constitution;

Unit 3 Ecology

Concept of Ecology and Environment;

Ecosystems- their structure and functions; food chain, food webs and ecological pyramids;

Environmental degradation- causes and impact on human life.

Sustainable Development- concept and components;

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Unit 4

Understanding Stress and Conflict:

Causes of stress and conflict in individuals and society;

Agents of socialization and the role played by them in developing the individual; Significance of values, ethics and prejudices in developing the individual;

Stereotyping and prejudice as significant factors in causing conflicts in society.

Aggression and violence as the public expression of conflict;

Unit 5

Managing Stress and Conflict in Contemporary Society:

Types of conflicts and use of coping mechanisms for managing individual stress;

Maslow's theory of self-actualisation;

Different methods of responding to conflicts in society;

Conflict-resolution and efforts towards building peace and harmony in society.

Unit 6

Contemporary Societal Challenge

- a) Increasing urbanization, problems of housing, health and sanitation;
- b) Changing lifestyles and impact on culture.
- c) Farmers' suicides and agrarian distress.
- d) Debate regarding Genetically Modified Crops.
- e) Development projects and Human Rights violations.
- f) Increasing crime/suicides among youth.