

FYBA / BCOM / BSC (Foundation Course – I)

Syllabus for 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 from 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 therefrom;

Understand inter – group 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.

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 (for assignment only)

- a. Substance abuse – impact on youth and challenge 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
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