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Revised Syllabus for the F.Y.B.A/F.Y.B.Sc.

Program: F.Y.B.A/F.Y.B.Sc.

Course: Foundation Course

(Semester I & II)

(As per Credit Based Semester and Grading System
with effect from the academic year 2012–2013)

Revised Syllabus (From 2012-13)
Foundation Course for F. Y. B A
Semester 1
Course Code: UA FC 1C1

Lectures 45
Marks 100

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. *(5 lectures)*

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. *(10 lectures)*

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. *(10 lectures)*

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. *(10 lectures)*

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. *(10 lectures)*

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

(15 lectures)

Note:

15 lectures will be allotted for project guidance

Unit Number 6 will not be assessed for the Semester End Exam

Revised Syllabus (From 2012-13)
Foundation Course for F. Y. B.A
Semester II
Course Code: UA FC 2C1

Lectures 45
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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. (7 lectures)

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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; (10lectures)

Unit 3

Ecology

Importance of Environment Studies in the current developmental context;
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Environment as natural capital and connection to quality of human life;
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Sustainable development- concept and components; poverty and environment (10 lectures)

Unit 4

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Causes of stress and conflict in individuals and society;
Agents of socialization and the role played by them in developing the individual;
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Aggression and violence as the public expression of conflict; (10 lectures)

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.

(8 lectures)

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Contemporary Societal Challenges:

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Internal Assessment and **Question Paper Pattern for FC- Semester I & II Course** **At the F Y B A Examinations**

The student will be assessed on the basis of Internal Assessment of 40 marks and a Semester End Exam of 60 marks. The student will have to secure a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate and a minimum of 40% in each component of assessment i.e. 16 out of 40 in Internal Assessment and 24 out of 60 in Semester End Exam.

Internal Assessment:

- There will be one mid-semester test of 10 marks on Units 1 and 2.
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Semester End Exam:

- There will be a Semester End Exam for 60 marks of 2 hours duration.
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