

Course Title: Understanding India

Nature of Course: VAC

Course Code: VAC 1

Total Credit: 2

Distribution of Marks: 40 (End-Sem) +10 (In-Sem) =50

Objectives: The objective of the paper is to have a thorough as well as a comprehensive understanding about India, its cultural development through art and architecture, religions and philosophies of ancient India. The paper also deals with various constituent assembly debates along with the formation of the Indian Constitution.

Course Contents:

Topic		Credit	
Unit-1		Lecture	Tutorial
		Marks Distribution: 13	
1.1	The idea of Bharatvarsha; Ancient Indian literature- Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Tamil	2	1
1.2	Scientific literature and development of science in Ancient India	2	1
1.3	Religions and philosophies of ancient India-Vedic, Buddhism, Jainism	2	1
1.4	Education and educational Institutions in Ancient India	2	1
Unit- 2		Marks Distribution: 13	

2.1	Art and architecture of ancient India	2	1
2.2	Art and architecture of Medieval India	2	1
2.3	Medieval Bhakti Movement and The Sufi Tradition	2	1
Unit- 3:		Marks Distribution: 14	
3.1	Main currents of Indian National Movement-Growth and development of Indian nationalism and Indian national movement-Independence Building a framework of the new nation	3	1
3.2	Making of the Indian Constitution	2	1
3.3	Basic features of Indian constitution: Basic Structure Doctrine, Fundamental rights and duties, Directive principles, Federal Structure, Independence of Judiciary and the Parliamentary system	2	

MODES OF IN-SEMESTER ASSESSMENT:

(10 Marks)

- One Internal Examination -
- Others (Any one) -
 - Group Discussion
 - Seminar presentation on any of the relevant topics
 - Debate

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Learning Outcome:

- To have an understanding on history and culture of ancient India.
- The students will be acquainted with the literature, philosophy, art and architectural developments in India during the period concerned.
- The students will also get to know about their constitutional rights and duties.

Suggested Reading List:

- A.L. Basham, The Wonder that Was India, Picador India, 1971
- R.S. Sharma, India's Ancient Past, New Delhi, OUP, 2007
- Upinder Singh, The History of the Ancient and Early Medieval India, Pearson, 2008
- Satish Chandra, History of Medieval India, Arihant Publication, 2020
- Durga Das Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis, 2018