

FOUNDATION COURSE – Paper - I

Class- F.Y.B.Sc. (Semester-1)

Unit-1

Overview of Indian Society

1. Define the term culture, state how the evolution and culture takes place.
2. Define culture. State how the evolution of culture takes place in a civilization.
3. What is Multiculturalism? Explain how has Multiculturalism has resulted in India's diversity.
4. What is unique about India's culture? Explain with examples.
5. What is the official language of India? Do we have the same official language at the center and state? If not what is the official language of our state.
6. Write a short note on Linguistic conflicts in India.
7. State the importance of language. Name the families to which the Indian languages belong to and the percentage of population which speaks it.
8. Explain in brief the Linguistic conflict and how it was resolved to maintain the democratic fabric of Indian society.
9. How many languages are listed in the Eights schedule to the constitution?
10. Underline the importance of inclusion of a language to the eight schedule to the constitution.
11. Write a short not on Eight schedule of Indian constitution.
12. Is India a secular state? Explain the term 'Secularism'.

13. Explain the religious diversity in India.
14. Is caste system a unique phenomenon only to India? Explain.
15. What is positive discrimination? Explain.
16. Write a short note on caste system in modern India.
17. Define the term Sex Ratio. How it changed in the last half century?
18. What are the factors responsible for unfavourable Sex Ratio?
19. What is meaning of the term Urban? What are the characteristics of urban-rural population?
20. Give an account of regional variation of tribes in India.
21. What are the Characteristics of tribal population in India?

Unit:2

CONCEPT OF DISPARITY-1

2. Gender Disparity

1. Briefly explain the role of woman in the Indian society.
2. What is female foeticide? Why is it taking place in India? What are its effects on the composition of population?
3. What are the causes for the violence against women?
4. What are the different types of violence against women?
5. What steps should be taken to prevent violence against women?
6. Briefly explain the way in which women are portrayed in media.

UNIT-2

CONCEPT OF DISPARITY-1

3-PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE

1. Define the term Disability. What are the different types of Disability?
2. What is visual impairment? What are its causes and treatment available?
3. Define the term Deafness? What are the causes of deafness and explain the treatment available to overcome it.
4. Define the term Mental Disability. What are the cause of Mental Disability? Suggest the some measures to overcome mental disability.

UNIT-3

CONCEPT OF DISPARITY-2

4.CASTE SYSTEM AND INTERGROUP CONFLICTS

1. What are the characteristics of caste?
2. Define 'caste system'. What are its characteristics?
3. What role did caste play in society?
4. What are the social inequalities caused by the caste system?
5. How does the caste system become a major causes of inequalities in Indian society?
6. How are economic inequalities? Show how the caste system leads to economic inequalities.
7. How does exploitation of lower caste lead to conflicts?
8. What are the reasons of caste conflicts?

UNIT-3

5-COMMUNALISM

1. What is communalism? Explain in brief.
2. State the causative factors for communalism.

3. Do you think that communal violence can be curbed? State the various ways in which communalism can be combated.

UNIT-3

6. REGIONALISM, LINGUISTIC DIFFERENCES AND CONFLICTS

1. How will you define 'regionalism'? Is it avoidable?
2. What is the meaning of regionalism?
3. How are regionalism and linguistic issues related to each other?
4. How did regionalism evolve in India?
5. What is sub-regionalism? Give the examples of sub-regionalism.
6. What are the cause of regionalism?
7. Explain any four factors leading to the growth of regionalism.
8. Explain any three types of regional conflicts.
9. Why did some regions demand separate Statehood?
10. Describe the inter-state water disputes.
11. Give any two examples of linguistic conflicts.
12. What are the repercussions of regional and linguistic conflicts?
13. To what extent, according to you, will regionalism prove to detrimental to national unity?
14. What measures should be taken to address the issues raised by regional parties and leaders?

UNIT-4

THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

7. STRUCTURE AND PHILOSOPHY OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

1. Explain the structure of the Constitution.

2. Write a note on the Preamble of the Constitution.
3. How does the Preamble describes the nature of Indian state?
4. Comment on the ideals mentioned in the Preamble. Do you think we have made progress in the right direction while striving to achieve the ideals?
5. What are our commitments to the world, as mentioned in Article 51?

UNIT-4

THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

8. BASIC FEATURES OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

1. What role do constitutions plays in the life of a nation?
2. Explain any four features of the Constitution.
3. Comment on :
 - a. Single citizenship
 - b. Universal Adults Franchise

UNIT-4

THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

9. FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES OF INDIAN CITIZEN

1. Define the term 'Duties'.
2. Explain the concept of duties.
3. What are moral duties? Give Examples.
4. Comment on duty respect constitutional ideals, National Flag and National Anthem.
5. What should Indian Citizen do to enrich the spirit of brotherhood and to preserve the rich culture?
6. What should the Indian Citizen do to value and preserve the rich heritage and our composite culture?

7. Why should the Indian citizen be active in protecting the environment? What measures could be taken by them to do so?
8. How should the Indian citizen maintain the balance between scientific temper and humanism?
9. Briefly explain the new clause inserted by the 86th Amendment to the constitution in 2002.
10. Explain the nature of Fundamental Duties.
11. Which Articles of the Constitution other than 51A provide for duties for the citizens?
12. What are the important duties of the citizens, other than those mentioned in part(IV)(A) of the Constitution?
13. Can rights and duties co-exist? Give reasons to your answer.

UNIT-5

SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF POLITICAL PROCESSES

10. PARTY SYSTEM IN INDIAN POLITICS

1. Explain the role of political parties in a democracy.
2. Explain the types of political parties in India.
3. What are the salient features of the party system in India?
4. How has the party system in India been transformed from one party dominance system to multi-party system?
5. Write a note on the emerging bipolar system in India.
6. What are the various problems faced by Indian Political parties?

UNIT-5

SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF POLITICAL PROCESSES

11. LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT- RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

1. Why is decentralization of power necessary in a democracy?
2. What is horizontal decentralization of power?
3. What is vertical decentralization of power?
4. How did urban bodies evolve in India?
5. What are the major features of the 74th Amendment?
6. What are the entries in the Twelfth Schedule?
7. What are the functions of Municipalities?
8. What was the necessity of the introduction of Panchayat Raj?
9. Write a note on Balwant Raj Mehta Committee Report.
10. Briefly explain the concept of Panchayat Raj. What are its achievements?
11. Comment on the political dynamics of Panchayat Raj.
12. What are the salient features of the 73rd constitutional Amendment?
13. What are the achievements and shortcomings in the new Panchayat Raj?

UNIT-5

SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF POLITICAL PROCESSES

12. ROLE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF WOMEN IN INDIAN POLITICS

1. Briefly explain the significance of women in politics.
2. How are participation, representation, and empowerment of women interlinked?
3. What is the meaning of the term Empowerment?
4. What is empowerment of women?

5. What changes will empowerment bring in women's socio-economic condition?
6. Name the women who took part in Indian Politics before Independence.
7. Assess the performance of women in the Independence movement.
8. It has been argued that the social and economic weakness of women is due to their weak representation in politics. Explain.
9. Assess participation of women in Indian politics. Substantiate your answer with help of statistical figures.
10. Write a note on Reservation for women in local self – Government.
11. Write a note on Reservation for women in local bodies.
12. Why is extending Reservation for women in state legislatures and Lok Sabha necessary?
13. What are the obstacles in the effective participation of women in politics?