Unit No.1  Roots of Gandhian Style of Life, Truth is God, Harmony between Thought, Word and Deed, Means and ends, Individual Life, Simple Living and High Thinking, Voluntary Poverty, Ascetism and its Benefits, Havoc Wrought by High Standard of Living.


Unit No.3  Life Style and Eco System- Theoretical outline, Incidents in the life of Gandhi; Spiritual life – Worship, Prayer, Love of heritage.

Unit No.4  Gandhian Concept of Man, Gandhian Concept of Humanism, Gandhian Concept of Civilisation, Gandhian Concept of Ram Rajya, Gandhian World view, Unique features of Gandhi life style and its relevance today.

Books Recommended


Paper – 3T4(A) (Foundation Course-1)
Gandhian Thought-1

Unit No. 1  Basic Concepts underlying Gandhian Thought – Truth,

Unit No. 2  Fundamental Principles of Gandhian Economic Thought – Non-violence, Bread Labour, Simplicity, Human Values; Importance of Village and Cottage Industries in National Economy.

Unit No. 3  Emergence of Gandhi on the Indian Political Scene, Gandhi’s views on the Relationship between Religion and Politics, Gandhi’s views on Equality, Liberty, Rights and Duties.

Unit No. 4  Basic Education, Adult Education, Problems of National Language, Status of Women, Gandhi’s work for Harijan and Girijan, Gandhi’s drive against Untouchability.

Books Recommended:

2. Chacko, K.C., Metaphysical Implications of Gandhian Thought, Mittal, Delhi.
3. Dutt, P.K., Teaching of Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhian Foundation, Gurdaspur.

Paper – 3T4(B)
Gandhian Approach to Rural Development - I

Unit No. 1
Origin of Villages, Villages in Rig Vedic Age, Villages in Post – Rig Vedic Age, Indian Villages in British rule, Condition of Indian Villages Today, Self – sufficiency

Unit No. 2.
History of Rural Development – Evolution of Village Communities in India, Rural Reconstruction before 1952, Recent Approaches to Rural Development, Indian Rural Economy and importance of Rural Development, Problems of Rural society, Concept of Rural Development, Role of Constructive Programme in Rural Development.

Unit No. 3
Khadi and Village industries – Policy support for Khadi and Village industries, Gandhi and Khadi Movement, Role of Science and Technology in Khadi and Village industries, Constraints before Khadi and Village industries; Problems of Urbanization, Evolution of Cities, Pollution, Gandhian approach to Rural Development

Unit No. 4

Books Recommended:

2. Desai, A. R., Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay
5. Madan, G.R., Changing Pattern of Indian Villages, Delhi.
Gandhian Thought-II

Unit No.1  Meaning of Satyagraha, Birth of Satyagraha, Basic precepts of Satyagraha, Satyagraha and Duragragha, Satyagraha and Passive Resistance, Civil Disobedience.

Unit No.2  Problems of Rural Society, Gandhian Concept of Rural Development, Role of Constructive Programmes in Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, Community Development, Village Swaraj.

Unit No.3  Basic Principles of Sarvodaya, Sarvodaya Economics, Decentralisation, Swadeshi, Village Self-sufficiency, Globalisation, Bhoodan, Gramdan.

Unit No.4  Concept of Peace, Conflict Resolution, Contemporary Peace Movements, Vision of Peace for the 21st Century, Gandhian Institutions in India, Relevance of Gandhian Thought in the Modern Context.

Books Recommended

Gandhian Approach to Rural Development – II.

Unit No. 1  Gandhian Programmes for Rural Development – Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Rural Industries and Khadi, People’s Participation in Rural Development Programmes; Basic Education, Functional Literacy, Adult Education, Education for a new Social Order.

Unit No. 2  Nutritional problems, Diet reforms, Rural sanitation, Rural health services, role of NGO’s in rural society.

Unit No. 3  Micro-planning, Village Swaraj, Democratic Decentralisation, Panchayat Raj, Change of Pattern of Panchayat, Balwantra Mehta Committee, Ashok Mehta Committee, Impact of Panchayat Raj on Rural India.

Unit No. 4  Community Development, Concept of Integrated Rural Development, Local leadership, Gandhian Approach to Rural Development.

Books Recommended:

1. Bhattacharya, S.N., Community Development : An Analysis of the Programme in India, Calcutta.
3. Dey, S.K., Panchayat Raj, Bombay.