Course Code: BA (JMC) 103   Course Name: Contemporary India:An Overview

Unit 1 History

1. Explain the Socio-cultural Configuration of Contemporary India with examples.
2. What is scientific temper? Discuss the need for inculcating scientific temper among the masses.
3. Explain the concept of Unity, Diversity of Indian Culture.
4. Safeguarding the Indian Art Heritage is the need of the moment. Discuss.
5. Explain the role of Mahatma Gandhi in National Freedom Movement.
6. Explain the concept of "Unity in Diversity" in Indian Culture
7. "Safeguarding the Indian Art Heritage is the need of the moment". Discuss
8. Define Scientific Temper with real life examples from across the religions practiced in our country.
9. In case of India, what is the difference between 'Unity in Diversity' and 'Diversity in Unity'.
10. "Division of India with 'Two Nation Theory' as its basis was a British Conspiracy to which major Indian leaders became a party". Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
11. Is Multiculturalism a part of society in India? Support your answer with examples.

12. Most of Indian History was written through the eyes of those who were subjugated for centuries. Discuss.
13. Write about any one event that helped in shaping the contours of Indian Freedom Movement.
14. How is the concept of Multiculturalism broadening in India? Explain with relevant examples from current times.
15. What is the meaning of Intangible Cultural Heritage and why is it important to a country like India? Give examples of Intangible cultural heritage of India.
16. What are the contemporary issues in art? Give a brief overview.
17. Write in brief about any four landmarks in Indian Freedom Movement.
18. Discuss the need for inculcating scientific temper among the masses.
19. Write short notes on:
    a. Indian Culture
    b. Socio - Cultural Configuration
    c. Scientific Temper
    d. Indian Freedom Movement
    e. Indian Paintings
    f. Indian Art
    g. Indian Heritage

Unit 2 Polity

1. Define federalism & how is federalism practiced in India? Explain center & state relations in this context.
2. Explain the preamble of Indian Constitution with features of Indian Constitution in brief.
3. What does the term 'republic' mean in the Preamble of India and why does this word hold relevance.
4. Explain the functions of the Election Commission of India. What measures are taken to ensure free & fair elections in India?
5. Differentiate between Parliamentary & Presidential System of Government.
6. What is the main difference between a federal form of government and a unitary one? Explain with an example.
7. Differentiate between directive principles and fundamental rights.
8. Explain the significance of Fundamental Rights in Indian Constitution.
9. Why are Fundamental Rights important?
10. What is Parliamentary system of Government? Differentiate between Parliamentary & Presidential System of Government.
11. The bane of Indian Constitution is that it is more about rights and less about duties. Do you agree? Argue in support of your answer with examples.
12. Define the relatively new concept of secularism and discuss its relevance in the context of India that has been home to all the major practitioners since millenia.
13. What are Political Parties? Explain the political party set ups in India with examples
14. What is the significance of the Right to Constitutional Remedies?
15. What is the role of Union, Legislative and Judiciary in the proper functioning of a democracy. Explain with examples.
16. What are the features and merits of a Parliamentary Democracy.

17. Write short Notes on:

   a)   Federalism

   b)   Preamble

   c)   Election commission of India

   d)   Fundamental Rights

   e)   Fundamental Duties

   f)   Directive Principles of State Policy

   g) Democracy

   h) Cooperative Federalism

   i)   Niti Aayog