

**Value Added Course (VAC):- Understanding India (For semester – I)**

**No Internal Examination will be Conducted**

**Full marks - 50**

**Pass Marks - 20**

**Objective of study**

- Understanding some basic concepts related to India with special focus on the state of Jharkhand.
- Understanding the political and physical map of India and Jharkhand.
- Learning about the tribal population.
- Development of understanding regarding the cultural heritage and rich history of India and Jharkhand.
- Explaining about the basic economic structure of India and Jharkhand.
- Learning about the modern history of India and Jharkhand.
- Knowing about some of the great Indian thinkers and philosophers as well as great thinkers and philosophers of Jharkhand.

**Unit I: Introducing India**

- I. India on the map of the world; Location, extent, administrative boundary, and its neighboring countries.
- II. Physical Features of India (Mountain, Plateau, Plain, Coast, Island) Vegetation, Rivers, Soils, and Climate of India
- III. Jharkhand on the map; Location, extent, administrative boundary, and its neighboring states.
- IV. Physical Features (Plateau, Plain, River, Scrap & Hills), Vegetation, Rivers, Soils, and Climate of Jharkhand.
- V. Tribal Population & Its Issues, Tribal Movement.

**Unit II: The Heritage of India: Unity in Diversity**

- I. Cultural Traditions in India (750-1200A.D)
- II. Sources: - Archaeological sources, Literary Sources, Foreign Account, Indigenous Sources.
- III. History of Jharkhand & Jharkhand Movement
- IV. Culture of Jharkhand: - People and Literature, Dance, Music Instruments, Tourist Places, Tribal Culture.

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**Unit III: The Indian Economy**

- I. The Economic history of India
- II. Progress and trends of Agriculture, Industries and Trade in India.
- III. Evolution of Jharkhand Economy, Structure and its Basic Features.
- IV. Problems & Challenges of Growth faced by Indian Economy.

**Unit IV: The Making of Contemporary India**

- I. The struggle for Independence
- II. The Making of Indian Constitution; Salient Features, Fundamental Rights & Duties.
- III. Directive Principles of State Policy of India
- IV. Role of Coalition Government in Jharkhand & Ecology of Jharkhand.

**UNIT V: The Great Indian Thinkers**

- I. Basic concept of Indian philosophy and its relevance in modern times.
- II. Relevance of philosophy of Vivekanand in 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- III. Relevance of Philosophy of Radhakrishnan
- IV. Thoughts & Ideology of Birsa Munda & Binod Bihari Mahto

**Suggested Readings:-**

1. Indian Constitution: D.D.Basu
2. Indian Government and Politics: Dr. J.C. Johari
3. भारतीय शासन एवं राजनीती डॉ. एस. सी. सिंहल
4. भारतीय शासन एवं राजनीती. डॉ. बी. एल फडिया
5. New States for a new India: Samuel Berthet
6. Tribal of Jharkhand: Victims of Development: Mathew Arreparam
7. झारखंड एक विस्तृत अध्ययन वी. श्याम कुमार
8. आदिवासी अस्तित्व और झारखंडी अस्मिता के सवाल: राम दयाल मुंडा (2002)
9. A. L. Basham, A Cultural History of India, Oxford University Press, 1997
10. A. L. Basham, A Wonder that was India, Rupa, New Delhi, 1994
11. Marshaling the Past: Ancient India and its Modern Histories, Permanent Black, 2012
12. R.C. Majumdar (ed.), History and Culture of Indian People (Relevant Volumes and Chapters), Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Bombay.
13. S. C. Ghosh, History of Education in Modern India, 1758-1986, Orient Longman, Hyderabad,
14. 1995 Tirthankar Ray, The Economic History of India 1857-2010, OUP, 2006
15. Vijay Joshi and I.M.D. Little, India's Economic Reforms, 1991-2001, OUP, 1996
16. Gaurav Dutt & Ashwani Mahajan, Indian Economy, S.chand.