# Vinayaka Missions University, Directorate of Distance Education Salem India

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

1 Yr.

## FOUNDATION COURSE IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES(1020301)

#### **UNIT - 01**

#### AN INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY:

AN INTRODUCTION OF HISTORY - MEANING OF HISTORY - DEFINITIONS OF HISTORY - PHILOSOPHY DRAWN FROM EXAMPLES, AN ACCOUNT OF AN UNCHANGING PAST, HISTORY MAKES MEN WISE, HISTORY IS AN ESSENCE OF BIOGRAPHIC, HISTORY IS PAST POLITICS, HISTORY IS SCIENCE, HISTORY UNFOLDS HUMAN FREEDOM, HISTORY IS CONTEMPORARY - MEANING, NATURE, SCOPE OF HISTORY - BRANCHES OF HISTORY - POLITICAL HISTORY, CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY, LEGAL HISTORY, MILITARY HISTORY, DIPLOMATIC HISTORY, SOCIAL HISTORY, ECONOMIC HISTORY, INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, LOCAL HISTORY, BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY - THE HISTORY A SCIENCE OR AN ART.

## **UNIT - 02**

#### **USES OF HISTORY:**

USES OF HISTORY - UTILITY OF HISTORY, PROMOTES INSIGHT, SOCIAL MEMORY, PROVIDES PRECEDENTS, VISION - TESTED TEACHER, VISION AND MISSION, DIALOGUE BETWEEN PRESENT AND PAST, SOCIAL EDUCATION, INSPIRING INSTRUCTION, EDUCATION VALUE, STORE - HOUSE EXPERIENCE, FURTHER FOCUS - VALUES OF HISTORY - HISTORY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER SUBJECTS - HISTORY AND POLITICS, HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND ECONOMICS, HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY AND LITERATURE, HISTORY AND PSYCHOLOGY, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY, HISTORY AND RELIGION, HISTORY AND ETHICS - HISTORY AND ALLIED SCIENCES - CHRONOLOGY, ARCHEOLOGY, EPIGRAPHY, NUMISMATICS, SIGILLOGRAPHY, PALEOGRAPHY, GRAPHOLOGY, DIPLOMATIC.

#### **UNIT - 03**

#### AN INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS:

NATURE AND SCOPE - IMPORTANCE - ECONOMICS AND OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCES - IS ECONOMICS A SCIENCE OR ART - POSITIVE ECONOMICS AND NORMATIVE ECONOMICS - BASIC CONCEPTS - GOODS, UTILITY, VALUE, WEALTH, CAPITAL, INCOME, PRICE, MARKET, EQUILIBRIUM.

## **UNIT - 04**

## **BASIC THEORIES OF ECONOMICS:**

BASIC THEORIES - HUMAN WANTS - LAW OF SUPPLY - CONSUMPTION LAW - ECONOMIC SYSTEMS - TRADITIONAL ECONOMY - CAPITALIST ECONOMY - SOCIALIST ECONOMY - MIXED ECONOMY.

## **UNIT - 05**

#### SOCIOLOGY:

SOCIOLOGY - MEANING, HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY, DEFINITIONS, NATURE OF SOCIOLOGY, SCOPE OF SOCIOLOGY, IMPORTANCE OF SOCIOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY IN INDIA - SOCIOLOGY AND OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCES - SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY AND ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY AND

HISTORY, SOCIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY, SOCIOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY, SOCIOLOGY AND ETHICS, SOCIOLOGY AND JURISPRUDENCE, SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY - SOCIAL CHANGE - NATURE OF SOCIAL CHANGE, FACTORS OF SOCIAL CHANGE, THEORIES OF SOCIAL CHANGE, SOCIAL CHANGE AND TOOLS OF PRODUCTION, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, TYPES OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, PRESSURE GROUP, SOCIAL FORMATION, SOCIAL INVENTIONS.

#### **UNIT - 06**

#### **CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION:**

CULTURE - DEFINITIONS - CHARACTERISTICS OF CULTURE - THE STRUCTURE OF CULTURE - THE EVOLUTION OF CULTURE - THE FUNCTIONS OF CULTURE - CIVILIZATION - DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION - SOCIALIZATION - SOCIALIZATION - SOCIALIZATION, SOCIALIZATION, FAMILY AND SOCIALIZATION, SOCIALIZATION PROCESS, FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIALIZATION, MERITS OF SOCIALIZATION.

## **UNIT - 07**

#### SOCIAL MOBILITY:

SOCIAL MOBILITY - INTRA-GENERATIONAL AS WELL AS INTER-GENERATIONAL MOBILITY, STRUCTURAL AND EXCHANGE MOBILITY, UPWARD AND DOWNWARD MOBILITY, TYPES OF MOBILITY, IMPORTANCE OF MOBILITY, CASTE AND SOCIAL MOBILITY, CLASS AND MOBILITY, FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY - SOCIAL INSTITUTION - DEFINITIONS, CHARACTERISTICS, IMPORTANCE OF INSTITUTION, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY.

#### **UNIT - 08**

## PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE:

NATURE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE - MEANING, HISTORY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, DEFINITIONS, SCOPE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE - THE STATE - MEANING, DEFINITIONS, ELEMENTS OF THE STATE, POPULATION, TERRITORY, GOVERNMENT, SOVEREIGNTY, STATE AND INDIVIDUAL, STATE AND SOCIETY, STATE AND ASSOCIATION, STATE AND NATION, NATION-STATE, STATE AND GOVERNMENT - ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT - LEGISLATURE, EXECUTIVE, JUDICIARY.

#### **UNIT - 09**

#### THE CONSTITUTION:

THE CONSTITUTION - NEED FOR A CONSTITUTION, CONTENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION, FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, CONSTITUTION OF GOVERNMENT, AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION, REQUISITES OF A GOOD CONSTITUTION - TYPES OF CONSTITUTION - EVOLVED AND ENACTED CONSTITUTIONS, WRITTEN CONSTITUTION, UNWRITTEN CONSTITUTION, FLEXIBLE CONSTITUTION, RIGID CONSTITUTION - DEMOCRACY - HISTORY OF DEMOCRACY - FORMS OF DEMOCRACY - DIRECT DEMOCRACY, INDIRECT OR REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY, ANARCHIST DEMOCRACY, TRIBAL DEMOCRACY - THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA - SALIENT FEATURES - FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS - DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY - FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES.

#### **UNIT - 10**

## **INDIAN GOVERNMENT:**

THE PRESIDENT - QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION, PROCEDURE FOR IMPEACHMENT, POWERS - THE VICE-PRESIDENT - QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE - THE PRIME MINISTER - FEATURES OF CABINET, FUNCTIONS OF CABINET, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - THE PARLIAMENT - RAJYA SABHA, LOK SABHA, SPEAKER, SESSIONS OF PARLIAMENT, FUNCTIONS OF PARLIAMENT, THE SUPREME COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE AND OTHER JUDGES, JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT - THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION, RAJAMANNAR COMMITTEE, SARKARIA COMMISSION - THE STATE GOVERNMENT - GOVERNOR - POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR, CHIEF MINISTER, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF MINISTER, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - THE LEGISLATURE - THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, THE SPEAKER - THE JUDICIARY - POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HIGH COURT - LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT, CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS.

#### **UNIT - 11**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE:**

PRINCIPLE AND SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES - MAN AND ENVIRONMENT - ECO SYSTEM - CONCEPT OF ECOLOGY, GENERAL CHARACTERISTIC, STRUCTURE OF ECO SYSTEM, COMPONENTS OF ECO SYSTEM - ELEMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT - ATMOSPHERE, LITHOSPHERE, HYDROSPHERE, BIO SPHERE - RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION - EX SITU CONSERVATION, IN SITU CONSERVATION.

#### **UNIT - 12**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:**

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT - ENVIRONMENTAL ACT - SALIENT FEATURES, SUPREME COURT AND ENVIRONMENT, GENERAL POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT - CURRENT ISSUES - PUBLIC AWARENESS - GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM - RAIN WATER HARVESTING - BIO - DIVERSITY - RELATED DEFINITIONS, VALUES OF BIO DIVERSITY, BIO DIVERSITY CONSERVATION ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS, BIO DIVERSITY CONSERVATION.