



SOPHIA COLLEGE

(AUTONOMOUS)

Affiliated to the University of Mumbai

Syllabi for Paper 1 Semester I & II

Program: B. A. & BSc.

Course: Foundation Course

(Choice Based Credit System with effect from the year 2018-19)

**Sophia College for Women (Autonomous)
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Syllabus for FYBA & FY B.Sc. Foundation Course PAPER 1

Subject	Foundation Course
Course Title	Foundations in Indian Society
Paper Number	01
Total number of credits	02
Semester	01
Total No of lectures per term	45
Total number of lectures Per Week	03
Total marks (per semester)	75
Int. Assmnt. marks (per semester)	25
Passing Marks	40%

Foundation Course Semester I

Course Title: Foundations in Indian Society

Objectives:

1. To familiarize students with the concepts, evolution of rights with special reference to the constitution of India
2. To acquaint students with the principles and values in ethics
3. To sensitize students with regard to the emerging gender identities and crisis in the Indian context.

Syllabus

1 Fundamental Rights

- 1.1 Notion of Rights : Meaning and Characteristics
- 1.2 Historical Evolution of Human Rights
- 1.3 Constitution of India: Making and preamble,
- 1.4 Constitution of India: Citizenship, Fundamental rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
- 1.5 Crisis and challenges: Homogenization, Pluralism, Liberty, Equality

2 Ethics in Public Domain

- 2.1 Meaning and Perspectives in Ethics
- 2.2 Truth
- 2.3 Non-Violence
- 2.4 Justice
- 2.5 Work Ethics

3. Gender Construction in India

- 3.1 Concepts - Gender, Patriarchy and Feminism
- 3.2 Declining sex ratio – female foeticide and female infanticide
- 3.3 Cycle of Violence – Malnutrition, Eve-Teasing, Rape, Dowry, Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment of women at Work place
- 3.4 Emerging Gender Identities – LGBTQIA+
- 3.5 Women's Movement in India

Semester End Examination – External Assessment (75 marks)

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6. Q4 shall carry a maximum of 15 marks(3x5 marks) (attempt any 3 of 6)

Internal Assessment (25 marks)

Part 1: Project Work (20 Marks)

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Part 2: Attendance – 05 marks

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Sophia College for Women (Autonomous)

Syllabus for FYBA & FYBSc. Foundation Course PAPER 1

Subject	Foundation Course
Course Title	Basic Issues and Concerns in Indian Society
Paper Number	01
Semester	02
Total number of credits	02
Total No of lectures per term	45
Total number of lectures Per Week	03
Total marks (per semester)	75
Int. Assmnt. marks (per semester)	25
Passing Marks	40%

Foundation Course Semester II

Course Title: Basic Issues and Concerns in Indian Society

Objectives:

1. To familiarize students with the processes of liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation and its impact on Indian society.
2. To initiate students into discussions on stress and conflict and equip them with the techniques to deal with it
3. To enable students to understand and appreciate the social, cultural and political issues in India.

Syllabus

1. Liberalisation, Privatisation, Globalisation

- 1.1 Overview of liberalization, privatisation and globalisation
- 1.2 Impact on agriculture, industry and services
- 1.3 Impact on employment: organised and unorganised
- 1.4 Critique of LPG: global and local
- 1.5 Issues and challenges: Marginalised

2. Stress and Conflict

- 2.1 Meaning and causes of stress
- 2.2 Stress Management
- 2.3 Types of Conflict
- 2.4 Causes of conflict
- 2.5 Conflict Resolution

3. Social Conflict

- 3.1 Understanding Social Conflict: hegemony, hierarchy, borders, control on natural resources
- 3.2 Communalism
- 3.3 Regionalism and Linguism
- 3.4 Casteism
- 3.5 Ethnicity and Racism

Semester End Examination – External Assessment (75 marks)

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Internal Assessment (25 marks)

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Syllabi for Paper 2 Semester III & IV

Program: B. A. & BSc.

Course: **Foundation Course**

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Syllabus for SYBA & SY B.Sc. Foundation Course PAPER 2

Subject	Foundation Course
Course Title	Contemporary Issues I
Paper Number	02
Total number of credits	02
Semester	03
Total No of lectures per term	45
Total number of lectures Per Week	03
Total marks (per semester)	75
Int. Assmnt. marks (per semester)	25
Passing Marks	40%

Foundation Course Semester III

Course Title: Contemporary Issues- I

Objectives:

1. Develop a basic understanding about issues related to Human Rights of weaker sections with various redressal mechanisms in place, ecology, and science and technology.
2. Appreciate the importance of developing a scientific temper towards technology and its use in everyday life.
3. Gain an overview of significant skills required to address competition in career choices.

Syllabus

Unit 1 Human Rights Provisions, Violations and Redressal

- A. Scheduled Castes- Constitutional and legal rights, Forms of violations, Redressal mechanisms.
- B. Scheduled tribes- Constitutional and legal rights, Forms of violations, Redressal mechanisms.
- C. Women- Constitutional and legal rights, Forms of violations, Redressal mechanisms.
- D. Children- Constitutional and legal rights, Forms of violations, Redressal mechanisms.
- E. People with Disabilities, Minorities, and the Elderly population- Constitutional and legal rights, Forms of violations, Redressal mechanisms.

Unit 2 Dealing with Environmental Concerns

- A. Concept of Disaster and general effects of Disasters on human life- physical, psychological, economic and social effects.
- B. Some locally relevant case studies of environmental disasters.
- C. Dealing with Disasters - Factors to be considered in Prevention, Mitigation (Relief and Rehabilitation) and disaster Preparedness.
- D. Human Rights issues in addressing disasters- issues related to compensation, equitable and fair distribution of relief
- E. Humanitarian approach to resettlement and rehabilitation.

Unit 3 Science and Technology I

- A. Development of Science: the ancient cultures, the Classical era, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Age of Reason and Enlightenment.
- B. Nature of science: its principles and characteristics; Science as empirical, practical, theoretical, validated knowledge.
- C. Science and Superstition: the role of science in exploding myths, blind beliefs and prejudices.
- D. Science and scientific temper- scientific temper as a fundamental duty of the Indian citizen.
- E. Science in everyday life: technology, its meaning and role in development; Interrelation and distinction between science and technology.

Unit 4 Soft Skills for Effective Interpersonal Communication

- A. Effective Listening - Importance and Features.
- B. Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication; Public-Speaking and Presentation Skills.
- C. Barriers to Effective Communication; Importance of Self-Awareness and Body Language, Formal and Informal Communication - Purpose and Types.
- D. Writing Formal Applications, Statement of Purpose (SOP) and Resume, Preparing for Group Discussions, Interviews and Presentations.
- E. Leadership Skills and Self-Improvement - Characteristics of Effective Leadership, Styles of Leadership and Team-Building.

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Syllabus for SYBA & SY B.Sc. Foundation Course PAPER 2

Subject	Foundation Course
Course Title	Contemporary Issues II
Paper Number	02
Total number of credits	02
Semester	04
Total No of lectures per term	45
Total number of lectures Per Week	03
Total marks (per semester)	75
Int. Assmnt. marks (per semester)	25
Passing Marks	40%

Foundation Course Semester IV

Course Title: Contemporary Issues- II

Objectives:

1. To develop a basic understanding about issues related to Consumer Rights and various Acts and provisions available to reinstate them.
2. To help students understand the nature of human relation to ecology and various environmental principles.
3. To familiarize students with Significant Modern Technologies, their Features, Applications & Issues.
4. To let gain an overview of significant skills required to address competition in career choices

Syllabus

Unit 1 Significant, contemporary Rights of Citizens

- A. Rights of Consumers: Violations of consumer rights and important provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2016
- B. Other important laws to protect consumers; Consumer courts and consumer movements.
- C. Right to Information: Genesis and relation with transparency and accountability; important provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005; some success stories.
- D. Protection of Citizens'/Public Interest: Public Interest Litigation, need and procedure to file a PIL; some landmark cases.
- E. Citizens' Charters, Public Service Guarantee Acts.

Unit 2 Approaches to understanding Ecology

- A. Understanding approaches to ecology- Anthropocentrism, Biocentrism and Eco centism
- B. Understanding approaches to ecology- Ecofeminism and Deep Ecology.
- C. Environmental Principles-1: the sustainability principle; the polluter pays principle
- D. Environmental Principles-2: The precautionary principle and the equity principle
- E. Environmental Principles-3: human rights principles; the participation principle.

Unit 3 Science and Technology II (Significant Modern Technologies, Features and

Applications & Issues)

- A. Laser Technology: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation; use of laser in remote sensing, GIS/GPS mapping, medical use.
- B. Satellite Technology and Information and Communication Technology: various uses in satellite navigation systems, GPS, and imprecise climate and weather analyses; convergence of various technologies like satellite, computer and digital in the information revolution of today's society.
- C. Biotechnology and Genetic engineering: applied biology and uses in medicine, pharmaceuticals and agriculture; genetically modified plant, animal and human life.

- D. Nanotechnology- definition: the study, control and application of phenomena and materials at length scales below 100 nm; uses in medicine, military intelligence and consumer products.
- E. Issues of Control, Access and Misuse of Technology

Unit 4 Competitive Examinations and Soft skills required

- A. Examinations conducted for entry into professional courses - Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Common Admission Test (CAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT); Examinations conducted for entry into jobs by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission (SSC), State Public Service Commissions, Banking and Insurance sectors, and the National and State Eligibility Tests (NET / SET) for entry into teaching profession.
- B. Information on areas tested: Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation, Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning, Creativity and Lateral Thinking.
- C. Motivation: Concept, Theories and Types of Motivation; Goal-Setting: Types of Goals, SMART Goals, Stephen Covey's concept of human endowment.
- D. Time Management: Effective Strategies for Time Management.
- E. Writing Skills: Paragraph Writing, Report Writing, Filing an application under the RTI Act, Consumer Grievance Letter.

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