

SYLLABI FOR COMMON COURSES

Course IV: **MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES**

COURSE CODE	ENCN4
TITLE OF THE COURSE	MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES
SEMESTER IN WHICH THE COURSE IS TO BE TAUGHT	2
NO. OF CREDITS	3
NO. OF CONTACT HOURS	72

1. AIM OF THE COURSE

- To provide an overall awareness about relevant societal and global issues through a critical reading of appropriate literary pieces.
- To inspire students to think critically about vital social issues that confront the contemporary world.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

At the end of the course,

- The students are expected to understand and evaluate issues that are of vital importance in today's world.
- The students will have acquired the ability to respond empathetically to social issues.
- They will be able to write literary and critical pieces on issues of social relevance.

3. OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

MODULE ONE: Globalization and its consequences (18 hours)

1. Fritjof Capra : "The Dark Side of Growth"
2. Joseph Stiglitz : "Globalization"
3. D H Lawrence : "Money Madness"
4. S Joseph : "For the Dispossessed"
5. Vandana Shiva : "The Social Costs of Economic Globalization"
6. Jagannath Prasad Das : "Kalahandi"

MODULE TWO: Human Rights

(36 hours)

1. Leah Levin
2. Nani A Palkivala
3. Martin Luther King
4. Kalpana Jain
5. Wole Soyinka
6. Richard Wright
7. Aruna Roy
8. Johannes V. Jensen
9. Omprakash Valmiki

- : "Universal Declaration of Human Rights"
- : "Human Rights and Legal Responsibilities"
- : "I Have a Dream"
- : "Stigma, Shame and Silence"
- : "Telephone Conversation"
- : "Twelve Million Black Voices"
- : "Tune in to the Voice of the Deprived"
- : "Lost Forests"
- : "Joothan"

Note: "Peace and the New Corporate Liberation Theology" by Arundhati Roy is excluded.

MODULE THREE: Gender Questions

(18 hours)

1. Jamaica Kincaid
2. Taslima Nasrin
3. Judy Brady
4. J B Priestley
5. Amartya Sen

- : "Girl"
- : "At the Back of Progress"
- : "Why I Want a Wife"
- : "Mother's Day"
- : "More Than 100 Million Women are Missing"

Note: "Widow" by Gudipat Venkat Chellam is excluded.

4. CORE TEXT

Dr P J George Ed. *Musings on Vital Issues*. Orient Blackswan and Mahatma Gandhi University.

5. Model Question Paper
(To be incorporated later)