

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
SYLLABI FOR COMMON COURSES - UG PROGRAMMES
2017 ADMISSIONS ONWARDS
COURSE 3 - Issues that Matter

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| Course Code | EN2CC03 |
| Title of the course | Issues that Matter |
| Semester in which the course is to be taught | 2 |
| No. of credits | 4 |
| No. of contact hours | 90 |

AIM OF THE COURSE

To sensitize the learners to contemporary issues of concern.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, the learner should be able to:

1. Identify the major issues of contemporary significance
2. Respond rationally and positively to the issues raised
3. Internalise the values imparted through the selections.

COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1

(18 hours)

Luigi Pirandello: War

Judith Wright: The Old Prison

Arundhati Roy: Public Power in the Age of Empire

(18 hours)

Module 2

Bertolt Brecht: The Burning of the Books

W. H. Auden: Refugee Blues

Romila Thapar: What Secularism is and Where it Needs to be Headed

(18 hours)

Module 3

Zitkala- Sa: A Westward Trip

Bandhumadhav: The Poisoned Bread

Temsula Ao: The Pot Maker

Module 4

(18 hours)

Khushwant Singh: A Hosanna to the Monsoons

Ayyappa Paniker: Where are the woods, children?

Sarah Joseph: *Gift in Green* [chapter 2] - Hagar: A Story of a Woman and Water

Module 5

(18 hours)

Ghassan Kanafani: Six Eagles and a Child

Sanchari Pal: The Inspiring Story of How Sikkim Became India's Cleanest State

Indrajit Singh Rathore: Hermaphrodite

Core Text: *Issues that Matter*