

P.G. DIPLOMA IN SWAMY VIVEKANANDA STUDIES

(One Year Course)

Syllabus

Paper-1

VIVEKANANDA AND RENASCENT MOVEMENTS

UNIT-1 : Brahma Samaj - Raja Ram Mohan Ray as a Social Reformer - Introduction of English Education.

UNIT-2 : Arya Samaj - Dayananda Saraswathi's revival of Vedas -Vedic Teaching to all castes - Status of Women.

UNIT-3 : Prarthana Samaj - Mahadeva Govinda Ranade

UNIT-4 : Theosophical Movement - Madam Blavatsky, Colonel Alcot and Annie Beasant- Emphasis on Occultism.

UNIT-5 : (a)Ramakrishna Movement - a Brief biography - spirit of reconciliation at philosophical and religious level.

(b) Swamy Vivekananda – a Brief biography – Influence of Ramakrishna on Vivekananda – Parliament of Religions – Establishment of Ramakrishna mission.

Reference Books

1. Hinduism through the Ages - D.S. Sharma
2. The Renascent Hinduism - D.S. Sharma
3. Indian Social Reform - C.Y.Chintamani
4. Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Progressive Movements in India - J.K.Kumar
5. History of Brahma Samaj - Sivanath Sastri
6. Life and Times of Lokamanya Tilak - N.C. Kelkar
7. The Arya Samaj - Lala Lajpath Rai
8. Modern Religious Movements in India - J.Farquhar
9. Renaissance in India - G.F.Andrews
- 10.Hindu Social Progress - M.Subba Row Pantulu
- 11.Wake up India - Annie Beasant

Paper-2

VIVEKANANDA'S PRACTICAL VEDANTA

UNIT-1 : Vedas and Upanisads – An introduction

UNIT-2 : Basic tenets of three schools of Vedanta – Advaita, Visistadvaita and Dvaita.

UNIT-3 : Characteristic of Practical Vedanta

- (a) Universality
- (b) Impersonality
- (c) Rationality
- (d) Catholicity

UNIT-4 : Philosophy of Swamy Vivekananda

- (a) Nature of Reality
- (b) Nature of Self
- (c) Nature of the universe – The doctrine of maya
- (d) Identity of Self and God

UNIT-5 : Sadhana and Moksha – Knowledge as the means of Moksha – Jivanmukti – Social concern.

Reference Books

1. The Complete Works of Swamy Vivekananda Vols 1 to 8 Relevant Chapters.
2. Kannada Translation of (1) above
3. Brahma Sutras: Published by Ramakrishna Mission
4. Brahma Sutra: By Dr.S.Radhakrishnan
5. The Metaphysics and the Mysticism of Sri Nijaguna Shivayogi – B.P. Siddhashrama.

Paper-3

VIVEKANANDA ON UNIVERSAL RELIGION

UNIT-1 : Definition of Religion – Religion as ancestor worship and nature worship – Religion as realization – Relationship between religion and science.

UNIT-2 : Vivekananda views on Religious Conversion

UNIT-3 : His observations on major religions of the world

- (a) Hinduism
- (b) Christianity
- (c) Islam

UNIT-4 : The concept of Universal Religion and its characteristics – Fundamental unity of all religions – acceptance and not tolerance is the principle.

UNIT-5 : Swamy Vivekananda's observation on Buddhism.

Reference Books

1. The complete works of Swamy Vivekananda (in 8 Volumes)
2. Jnana Yoga - Swamy Vivekananda
3. The Biography of Swamy Vivekananda
4. Cultural Heritage of India
5. Natural Religion - Max Muller
6. Eastern Religious and Western Thought – Dr. S.Radhakrishnan
7. Hindu View of Life - Dr.S.Radhakrishnan
8. Religion and Society - Dr. S.Radhakrishnan
9. Kannada Translation of 4 by K.B. Ramakrishna Rao (Uni.of Mys.)
10. Kannada Translation of 5 Religion and Social.

Paper-4

VIVEKANANDA AND YOGIC METHODS

UNIT-1 : Definition of term Yoga - Different meanings of term – The four Yogas namely viz. Karma, Bhakti, Jnana and Rajayoga

UNIT-2 : Karmayoga – Karma and Samskaras – Role of Karma in shaping human character – Niskama Karma Yoga – Pravritti and Nivritti.

UNIT-3 : Bhaktiyoga – Bhakti as love – Apara Bhakti and Para Bhakti – Place of Symbols and images in Bhaktiyoga – Pratheeka and Pratheema – The need for Guru – Qualifications of Guru and Shisya – Five forms of Bhakti – Shantabhava, Dasyabhava, Sakhyabhava, Vatsalyabhava and Madhurabhava – The triangle of love – Parabhakti or Jnana.

UNIT-4 : Jnanayoga – The real nature of man as Sat, Chit and Ananda – man as immortal - Jnana as the direct means of Moksha.

UNIT-5 : Rajayoga – The control of Vrittis – Five kinds of Vrittis – Klesas – Abhyasa and Vairagya – The eight steps of Yoga – Siddhis as obstacles to yoga – Nature of Samadhi.

Reference Books

1. Jnana Yoga - Swamy Vivekananda
2. Karma Yoga - Swamy Vivekananda
3. Bhakti Yoga - Swamy Vivekananda
4. Raja Yoga - Swamy Vivekananda
5. Yoga Sustras - Patanjali
6. Synthesis of Yoga - Sri Aurobindo
7. Lights of Yoga - Sri Aurobindo
8. The Complete works of Swamy Vivekananda Vols 1 to 8 relevant chapters.

Paper-5

VIVEKANANDA AND MODERN INDIA

UNIT-1 : Vivekananda and Nationalism – The message of patriotism – spirituality as the basis of patriotism

UNIT-2 : Sociological views of Vivekananda – His views on caste and untouchability - status of women – His views on Education – Swamy Vivekananda's concept of Vedantic Socialism

UNIT-3 : Vivekananda's his Economic Ideas – Economic thinking in 19th Century – Vivekananda and Karl Marx – Material Development not ignore – emphasis on technological revolution

UNIT-4 : Vivekananda's Political Ideas – His analysis of Democracy and Communism.

Reference Books

1. The Complete Works of Swamy Vivekananda Vol. 1 to 8 Relevant Chapters.
2. Translation of (1) into Kannada
3. Great Women of India Published by Ramakrishna Mission.
4. Thus spake Swamy Vivekananda