

Gandhian Thought

General Paper : I

Title of the Paper : Introduction to Gandhian Thought

Unit I

- A) Introduction to Gandhiji's life
- B) Sources of Gandhian thought
 - i) Indian : *Upanisadas, Bhagvatgita, Jaina* thoughts
 - ii) Western : Bible, Thoreau, Tolstoy, Ruskin,

Unit II : Basic Concepts of Gandhiji's thought

- i) *Satya* and *Ahimsa*, interrelation between the two
- ii) Concept of Religion
- iii) *Sarva-dharma-samabhava*

Unit III : Gandhiji's concept of Satyagraha

- i) Meaning, nature and types of *Satyagraha*
- ii) Concept of Ideal *Satyagraha*
- iii) Various techniques of *Satyagraha* (Civil Disobedience, Bycott, Non-co-operation, Fasting etc.)

Unit IV : Ethical thoughts of Gandhiji

- i) Doctrine of Means and End (Purity of Means)
- ii) Doctrine of *Ekadasavrata*
- iii) Concept of seven Sins

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Unit V : Social and Political Thoughts of Gandhiji

- i) Gandhiji's views on *Varna, Caste*
- ii) Doctrine of *Swaraja* and *Ramarajya*
- iii) Doctrine of Sarvodaya

Unit VI : Satyagraha Movements lead by Gandhiji

- i) *Satyagraha* in South Africa
- ii) Champaranya *Satyagraha*
- iii) Kheda and Bandoli *Satyagraha*
- iv) Dandi *Satyagraha*

Unit VII : Characteristics of Gandhiji's Personality

- i) self consistent : Consistency between theory and action
- ii) Fearlessness
- iii) Self respect

Unit VIII : Various roles of Gandhiji

- i) Gandhiji's role as a social reformer
- ii) Gandhiji's role as a Political Leader
- iii) Gandhiji's role as a *Satyagrahi*

Prescribed Readings

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