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) Champaran 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) Ganghiji’s role as a social reformer
   ii) Ganghiji’s role as a Political Leader
   iii) Ganghiji’s role as a Satyagrahi

Prescribed Readings