

**Revised Syllabus of Courses of B.Com. Programme at Semester IV
with Effect from the Academic Year 2017-2018**

**2 Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)
2B * Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) Group B**

6. Foundation Course- Contemporary Issues- IV

Modules at a Glance

Sr. No.	Modules	No. of Lectures
1	Significant, Contemporary Rights of Citizens	12
2	Approaches to understanding Ecology	11
3	Science and Technology –II	11
4	Introduction to Competitive Exams	11

	<p>A. Rights of Consumers-Violations of consumer rights and important provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2016; Other important laws to protect consumers; Consumer courts and consumer movements. (3 Lectures)</p> <p>B. Right to Information- Genesis and relation with transparency and accountability; important provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005; some success stories. (3 Lectures)</p> <p>C. Protection of Citizens'/Public Interest-Public Interest Litigation, need and procedure to file a PIL; some landmark cases. (3 Lectures)</p> <p>D. Citizens' Charters, Public Service Guarantee Acts. (3 Lectures)</p>
2	<p>Approaches to understanding Ecology</p>
	<p>A. Understanding approaches to ecology- Anthropocentrism, Biocentrism and Eco centrism, Ecofeminism and Deep Ecology. (3 Lectures)</p> <p>B. Environmental Principles-1: the sustainability principle; the polluter pays principle; the precautionary principle. (4 Lectures)</p> <p>C. Environmental Principles-2: the equity principle; human rights principles; the participation principle. (4 Lectures)</p>
3	<p>Science and Technology –II</p>
	<p>Part A:Some Significant Modern Technologies, Features and Applications (7 Lectures)</p> <p>i. Laser Technology- Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation; use of laser in remote sensing, GIS/GPS mapping, medical use.</p> <p>ii. Satellite Technology- various uses in satellite navigation systems, GPS, and imprecise climate and weather analyses.</p> <p>iii. Information and Communication Technology- convergence of various technologies like satellite, computer and digital in the information revolution of today's society.</p> <p>iv. Biotechnology and Genetic engineering- applied biology and uses in medicine, pharmaceuticals and agriculture; genetically modified plant, animal and human life.</p> <p>v. Nanotechnology- definition: the study, control and application of phenomena and materials at length scales below 100 nm; uses in medicine, military intelligence and consumer products.</p> <p>Part B:Issues of Control, Access and Misuse of Technology. (4 Lectures)</p>

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4	Introduction to Competitive Exams
	<p>Part A. Basic information on Competitive Examinations- the pattern, eligibility criteria and local centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="255 705 1503 851">i. Examinations conducted for entry into professional courses - Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Common Admission Test (CAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). <li data-bbox="255 873 1503 1064">ii. Examinations conducted for entry into jobs by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission (SSC), State Public Service Commissions, Banking and Insurance sectors, and the National and State Eligibility Tests (NET / SET) for entry into teaching profession. <p>Part B. Soft skills required for competitive examinations- (7 Lectures)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="255 1176 1503 1299">i. Information on areas tested: Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation, Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning, Creativity and Lateral Thinking <li data-bbox="255 1310 1197 1377">ii. Motivation: Concept, Theories and Types of Motivation <li data-bbox="255 1377 1503 1489">iii. Goal-Setting: Types of Goals, SMART Goals, Stephen Covey's concept of human endowment <li data-bbox="255 1489 1324 1556">iv. Time Management: Effective Strategies for Time Management <li data-bbox="255 1556 1503 1680">v. Writing Skills: Paragraph Writing, Report Writing, Filing an application under the RTI Act, Consumer Grievance Letter.