

## GE 1 READING GANDHI

### 1. Gandhi in his own words: A close reading of Hind Swaraj.

### 2. Commentaries on Hind Swaraj and Gandhian thought:

“Introduction”, M.K.Gandhi, Hind Swaraj and other writings ed. A.J.Parel (1997).

B.Parekh, Gandhi (1997), chs. 4 (“Satyagraha”) and 5 (“The critique of modernity”).

D.Hardiman, Gandhi in his time and ours (2003), ch.4 (“An alternative 18 modernity”)

### 3. Gandhi and modern India.

- a. Nationalism.
- b. Communal unity
- c. Women’s Question
- d. Untouchability.

This component will contain the following selections from Gandhi’s India of my Dreams (compiled R.K.Prabhu): “The meaning of Swaraj” (no.2); “In defence of Nationalism” (no.3); “India’s cultural heritage” (no.45); “Regeneration of Indian women” (no.54); “Women’s education” (no.55); “Communal unity” (no.59); “The curse of untouchability” (no.61); “Religious tolerance in India” (no.62); “The problem of minorities” (no.66)

### 4. Gandhi’s Legacy

- a) Tolerance: Anti - Racism Movements (Anti - Apartheid and Martin Luther King)
- b) The Pacifist Movement
- c) Women’s Movements
- d) Gandhigiri: Perceptions in Popular Culture

## **Semester II, Semester IV, Semester VI**

### **COURSE GE 2 Feminism: Theory and Practice**

#### **1. Approaches to understanding Patriarchy**

- (a) Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism
- (b) Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism
- (c) Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions

#### **2. History of Feminism**

- (a) Origins of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America
- (b) Feminism in the Socialist Countries: China, Cuba and erstwhile USSR
- (c) Feminist issues and women's participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements with special focus on India

#### **3. The Indian Experience**

- (a) Traditional Historiography and Feminist critiques. Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India. History of Women's struggle in India
- (b) Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices. Gender Relations in the Family, Patterns of Consumption: Intra Household Divisions, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights
- (c) Understanding Woman's Work and Labour – Sexual Division of Labour, Productive and Reproductive labour, Visible - invisible work – Unpaid (reproductive and care), Underpaid and Paid work, - Methods of computing women's work , Female headed Households