

Understanding Odisha

Credit point: 3

Full mark -100

Total Hours: 45

COURSE OUTCOME

- To familiarize the students with Odisha, its history, linguistic heritage, religion, culture, literature, geographic features, tribes and their culture, dance and music and contemporary features.
- To enable the students to develop an informed perspective about their land, people, their past and present and the challenge they face.
- To enable the students to face competitive examinations for jobs under Govt. of Odisha

COURSE CONTENTS

Unit- I ODISHA'S PHYSICAL AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY [9 hours]

✓ *Learning Outcome: Familiar with the physiography, drainage, climate and forests in Odisha*

- Physiography, Drainage systems, Climate, natural vegetation
- Major Industries and Minerals in Odisha : Iron Ore, Coal, Bauxite and Chromite
- Steel and Aluminum industries
- Growth and distribution of population

Unit- II AN OUTLINE OF POLITICAL HISTORY OF ODISHA [9 hours]

✓ *Learning Outcome : To enable the students to familiarize themselves with the chronology of Political History , formation of Odisha in modern days and freedom movement*

- Ashoka and Kharavela
- An outline of Dynastic History of Odisha: Bhaumkaras, Somavamsies, Gangas and Gagapatis
- Odisha under Mughals and Marathas
- Movement for Separate Province of Odisha and freedom struggles Odisha

UNIT- III AN INTRODUCTION TO ODISHA'S CULTURE AND HERITAGE

[9 hours]

✓ *Learning Outcome : Understand Essence of Odisha's Culture, Art, Architecture, Dance , Music, Religion, and Literature*

- Temple Architecture in Odisha
- History of Odia Literature from ancient period to independence including Bhakti Literature, Development of Odia Script
- Dance and Music : Odissi, Gotipua, Chhau, and Folk
- Religion in Odisha: Shaivism, Vaishnavism and Neo-Vaishnavism(Chaitanya),Shakti cult, Jagannath Culture, Islam and Christianity in Odisha
- Odisha Cuisine
- Major Festival of Odisha

UNIT- IV TRIBES OF ODISHA

[9 hours]

✓ **Learning Outcome:** *Odisha has a large concentration of Tribal Population; students would develop an understanding of their culture, and develop an appreciation at their ways of life.*

- Essentials of 62 Tribes of Odisha : Major Tribes and PVTs, festivals, beliefs, art and craft

UNIT- V CONTEMPORARY ODISHA

[9 hours]

✓ **Learning Outcome:** *To be cognizant of contemporary Odisha*

- Districts of Odisha – An Outline
- Education – Primary, Secondary, Higher education including Technical.
- Tourism in Odisha including Eco-tourism
- Industry, Agriculture, Public Health, Service Sector (including IT)

Text Books

- Odisha Reference Year book (Latest Edition) by B.K. Publication Pvt. Ltd

Reference

- History of Odisha by Prof. Atul Chandra Pradhan
- History of Odia Literature by Mayadhar Mansingh
- Odisha Review and Utkal Prasanga (Current Issues)

Sample Question

1. Dhemsa is the dance form _____ Tribe.[1 mark]
2. Name the three types of temple architecture of Odisha.[2 marks]
3. Trace the growth of IT industry in Contemporary Odisha.[5 mark]
4. Write an essay on Jagannath Culture.[8 mark]