

**JYOTI NIVAS COLLEGE AUTONOMOUS  
SYLLABUS FOR 2018 BATCH AND THEREAFTER**

**Programme: BA / B.Sc.**

**Semester: I**

**PAPER I  
BASIC PSYCHOLOGY**

**Course Code: 18IPS1**

**No. of Hours: 60**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- To understand the significance of psychology as a science and its scope in everyday life.
- To acquaint the students with the basic processes involved in the functioning of human beings both at the conscious and at the unconscious level.
- To set the foundation for future specializations in the field of psychology.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- To introduce and initiate the student into the world of psychology and glimpse into the methods used in the study of human behavior and orient different career opportunity in the field of psychology.
- To understand the fundamental processes underlying human behavior such as learning, motivation, emotion, personality and intelligence.
- To apply the principles of psychology in day-to-day life for better understanding of themselves and others.

**UNIT I**

**CHAPTER 1- INTRODUCTION**

**12 HRS**

Introduction - Definition, Goals, Branches of Psychology: educational, clinical, counselling, engineering, cross-cultural, health, sports, women, forensic, legal (minimum 10 branches), Role and scope of a psychologist in society; Schools of psychology -Psychoanalytic, Behaviourism, Gestalt, Cognitive, Humanistic, Evolutionary & Socio-Cultural; Methods – Observation, Introspection (briefly), Experimental, Questionnaire, Casestudy, Hypnosis, Free Association, Self report measure, Projective techniques, Behavioural assessment; A brief introduction to Indian Psychology.

**Self study:** Positive psychology- Meaning, Applications.

**UNIT II**

**CHAPTER 2- LEARNING**

**12 HRS**

Learning – definition; Types of learning – 1). Trial & error, 2). Insightful learning, 3). Cognitive-observational learning, latent learning, 4). Conditioning: Classical conditioning –concepts, phenomenon & applications, generalization, discrimination, extinction & spontaneous recovery, Operant conditioning - basic concepts, reinforcement (positive & negative), schedules of reinforcement, rewards & punishment (pros & cons), Shaping of responses and applications.

**Self study:** Virtual learning

**UNIT III**

**CHAPTER 3- MOTIVATION AND EMOTION**

**11 HRS**

Motivation - Definition; Approaches - instinct, drive reduction, arousal, incentive, cognitive, Maslow's hierarchy, applications; Human needs and motivation - Biological motives: hunger, thirst & sexual motives, Social motives: achievement, affiliation, power & aggression; Emotions – Definition; Physiological basis;

Functions; Theories: Classical: - James-Lange, Cannon-Bard, Schachter-Singer, Modern: - ERG theory, Handy's Theory.

**Self study:** Emotional intelligence.

#### **UNIT IV**

##### **CHAPTER 4 - PERSONALITY**

**12 HRS**

Definition; Approaches to personality (in brief) – Psychodynamic-psychoanalytic: structuring personality, developing personality, defense mechanisms, Trait approaches: Allport, Cattell & Eysenck, McCrae & Costa (Big-Five), Type approaches- Jung's Classification, William Sheldon. Learning approaches: Skinner, social cognitive approaches, Humanistic approaches: Maslow & Carl Rogers.

**Self study:** Neo-Freudian Psycho- analysts' – Jung, Karen Horney

#### **UNIT V**

##### **CHAPTER 5- INTELLIGENCE**

**13 HRS**

Definition: David Wechsler's definition and explanation; Concept of IQ; Distribution of intelligence in the general population (mention levels of MR); Theories of intelligence: 1). Factor theories - Spearman, Thurstone, Cattell, Guilford, 2). Recent theories – Information processing theory, Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences, Sternberg's triarchic theory; Measurement of intelligence: Characteristics of a good psychological test - norms, validity, reliability; Classification of tests: verbal & non-verbal, paper-pencil &