

SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

Unit 1:

Meaning – Nature and Scope – Its Relationship with Other Sciences – Sociology, Ethics and Politics – The Need for Social Philosophy.

Unit 2:

Social Institutions – Marriage and Family – Social Functions – The Concept of Svadharma and Varna Dharma – Guna – Karma – Caste.

Unit 3:

State as a Social Institution:

- a) Theories of the Origin of the State
- b) Nature and Forms of State
- c) Nation, State and Government
- d) Nature and Functions of Responsible Government
- e) State and the Individual – Their Relationship

Unit 4:

Society and Values

- a) Social and Political Values
- b) Social Good – Social Justice – Liberty – Equality and Fraternity
- c) Ethical, Spiritual and Religious Values

Unit 5:

International Morality – International Law – International Conflict and Cooperation – World Community – World State – UNO – Need for Ethical Solutions to Social Problems.

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