

251/MPS/MD401

Semester- IV

MDC-03 Understanding Globalization

Course ID -	Understanding Globalization
Semester III	Maximum Marks: 75
Credits: 3 (Hrs./week:3)	Theory Examination: 50
Time:2 hours	Internal Assessment: 25

Course Objective-

- To introduce the key concepts, theories, and dimensions of globalization
- To examine how globalization shapes political, economic, and cultural processes
- To critically assess its impact on sovereignty, inequality, identity, and resistance movements
- To analyze the role of international institutions, corporations, and social actors in a globalized world

- Seven Questions will be set in all and students will be required to attempt 4 questions.
- Question No. 1 will be compulsory and will consist of 7 short answer type questions of 2 marks spread over the entire syllabus (2x7=14 marks).
- For the remaining six questions, students will attempt 1 out of 2 questions from each of the three units (12 marks each).

Unit I Theoretical perspectives and historical context

- Defining Globalization : Concepts and Dimensions
- Historical Context : Pre Modern and Modern Globalization
- Theories of Globalisation : Liberal and Marxist, Globalist-vs Sceptec debates

Unit II Global Institutions and Governance

- World Bank, World Trade Organisation
- Digital Governance technology and Media
- Multinational Corporations (MNCs) and Global Finance

Unit III Critiques and Resistance in a Globalized World

- Global inequality and poverty
- Environmental degradation
- Cultural Homogenization vs Hybridity

Suggested Readings

- David Held & Anthony McGrew, Global Transformations (selected chapters)
- Manfred B. Steger, Globalization: A Very Short Introduction
- Arjun Appadurai, Modernity at Large (selected chapters)
- Saskia Sassen, Losing Control? Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization
- Thomas Friedman, The Lexus and the Olive Tree (selected chapters)
- Saskia Sassen, Global Networks, Linked Cities
- Joseph Stiglitz, Globalization and Its Discontents
- Zygmunt Bauman, Globalization: The Human Consequences
- Vandana Shiva, Staying Alive (selected chapters)
- Naomi Klein, No Logo
- Jan Aart Scholte, Globalization: A Critical Introduction
- Hardt and Negri, Empire (selected excerpts)

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