Syllabus
For 1st Semester Courses in Psychology
(June 2016 onwards)

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Course:
A.PSY.1.01 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

FYBA
Title: Introduction to Psychology

Course: A.PSY.1.01

Learning Objectives:
1. To introduce students to the basic biological, motivational and emotional bases of behaviour related to areas of Psychology.
2. To stimulate interest in Psychology by emphasizing relevant applications of psychology in everyday life.
3. To expose students to a blend of theory and research in the core biological and motivational areas of Psychology.

Number of lectures: 60
UNIT 1
1. **The Science of Psychology** (15 lectures)
   1.1 Psychology – definitions and scope
   1.2 Psychological perspectives
   1.3 Research methodology and ethics
   1.4 Statistics in psychological research

UNIT 2
2. **Behavioural Neuroscience** (15 lectures)
   2.1 The nervous system
   2.2 The endocrine system
   2.3 Neurons
   2.4 The brain (basics of sensory processes will be covered along with functions of the lobes of the cortex)

UNIT 3
3. **Perception** (15 lectures)
   3.1 Attention and perception
   3.2 Perceptual organization
   3.3 Perceptual constancies and illusions
   3.4 Depth perception
   3.5 Plasticity of perception
   3.6 Contemporary issues and applications
   3.7 ESP

UNIT 5
4. **Motivation** (15 lectures)
   5.1 Nature of motivation
   5.2 Theories of motivation
   5.3 Basic physiological motives (hunger, thirst, sex, pain avoidance, sleep)
   5.4 Learned social motives (affiliation, power, achievement, aggression)

List Of Recommended Reference Books

Books for study:

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