

Open Elective

LSE456: REFERENCE/INFORMATION SOURCES

- Unit 1 : Information Sources: Concept, Types, Characteristics and uses. 04hrs
- Unit 2 : Primary Sources: Periodicals, Conference Proceedings, Technical Reports, Patents, Standards and Specifications, Trade Literature, Theses and Dissertations, Reprints, Preprints and Monographs. 06hrs
- Unit 3 : Human Sources: Technological gatekeepers, Invisible colleges, Information consultants, Experts/Resource persons, Representatives of firms, Personal home pages, common men (priest, village head, postman, receptionist, etc.) and others. Institutional/Organizational Sources: Government, Ministries and departments, R& D organizations, Learned societies, Publishing houses, Press, Broadcasting stations, Museums, Archives, Data banks, Information analysis centers, Referral centers, Exhibitions & trade fairs. Institutional web sites, etc. 10hrs
- Unit 4 : Electronic sources: Internet Information resources, Databases (Bibliographic, Numeric and Full text). E-books, Open Access Resources. List servers, Subject gateways. Mini Project: Study of the features and functionality of any one source (E.g. Dictionary. com, Encyclopedia Britannica, Wikipedia, ACM digital Library, IEEE / IEE Electronic Library Online (IEL), Emerald, EBSCO, PsycINFO, Elsevier Science, PubMed Central, J-Gate , J-Store, Web of Science, SCOPUS, SciFinder Scholar, PLOS, DOAJ, RePEc, etc.) 10hrs
- Unit 5 : Non-documentary Sources: (a) Human Sources -Consultants, Experts, Extension Workers, Technology gatekeepers, Invisible Colleges, Information Brokers. 06hrs
(b) Institutional Sources -National and International agencies, Govt. Departments, R&D Organizations, Academic Institutions
- Unit 6 : **Electronic Information Resources: Meaning and Definitions, Types – E-journals, E-books, E-theses, E-newspapers, Blogs and Wikis. Online Dictionaries and Encyclopedias: Free and Proprietary.** 08hrs
- Unit 7 : Current Trends in Information Sources: CD-ROM, Internet resources, Discussion Forums and Information Gateways/Portals. 06hrs

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