

Open Elective

LSE457: REFERENCE / INFORMATION SOURCES

Objectives:

- To familiarize students with the meaning, definition, use and implications of Information Sources;
- To study the primary, secondary tertiary sources of information sources;
- To understand the electronic information sources;
- To study human sources of information;
- To know the current trends in information sources;
- To study various aspects of information sources;
- To train students in handling information resources.

Course Outcome (CO):

- CO1 Understand the concept, types and importance of information / reference sources;
- CO2 Clearly understand the major information resources related to primary sources of information;
- CO3 Understand the important secondary sources of information like dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks and manuals, etc.;
- CO4 Understand the relevant tertiary sources of information like directory of directories, bibliography of bibliographies, union catalogues, guides to subject literature, and evaluation of both print and electronic information sources;
- CO5 Know the different non-documentary sources like human and institutional sources of information;
- CO6 Understand the concept, types of e-journals, e-books, e-theses, e-newspapers, blogs and wikis, online dictionaries and encyclopedias of e-resources;
- CO7 Clearly understand the current trends in information sources different types of library and information services especially in academic libraries.

Unit 1	:	Information Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Meaning, definition, importance, characteristics, functions, criteria for evaluation of information sources;– Types of information sources.	06hrs
Unit 2	:	Primary Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Periodicals, research reports, conference and seminar proceedings, official publications, patents, standards, trade literature and theses and dissertations.	06hrs

Unit 3	:	Secondary Sources: – Indexing periodicals, abstracting periodicals, bibliographies, treatises, monographs, textbooks; – Reference books: dictionaries, encyclopaedias, biographical sources, geographical sources.	12hrs
Unit 3	:	Secondary Sources: – Biographical sources, geographical sources, statistical sources, current reference sources.	12hrs
Unit 4	:	Tertiary Sources: – Yearbooks, Almanacs, Directories, Union catalogues. Bibliography of bibliographies;	08hrs
Unit 6	:	Electronic Information Resources: – Meaning and definitions, types; – E-journals, e-books, e-encyclopedias, e-theses, e-newspapers, Online dictionaries, blogs, wikis, and other e-resources.	08hrs
Total			48hrs

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