

## WEEK 10

### SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

What is mostly required here is applied knowledge. Understanding of science as in topics 7 and 8 will act as crucial guides.

**Society** is a human setting in which scientific and technological enterprises operate. Core discussion points include: the interdependence between science and society; characteristics of science; characteristics of society; impacts of science on society; impacts of society on science.

Test questions:

1. To what extent can the characteristics of a society affect the type of science and technology it will develop?
2. Why is science a social activity?
3. Why is it necessary for science and society to work together to ensure that scientific knowledge is used in the best possible ways?

**Conclusion:** it is important to aim towards a healthful balance between science and society.