

Syllabus for Entrance Exam: M.A.in Development Studies

1. The concept of development, transition from quantitative to qualitative indices.
Growth and Development
2. Society and Social Change: Meaning and characteristics. Key concepts in the understanding of society: Community, Association, Social Processes, Social Interaction, Social Control, Heredity and Environment. Relevance of Social Development.
3. Geography and Development. Impact of Human Activities on Environment and Development. Classification of Resources.
4. Economics: Definition and Scope. Principal Functions and Structure. Basic Problems of an Economy. Factors of Production, Market economy and LPG.
5. Definition and fundamentals of Statistics. Relevance of Statistical tools in studying Development Issues
6. Basics of Planning Concept; Five Year Plans. Development Issues in India with particular reference to Regional Imbalances.
7. Development and Decentralized Governance: Meaning and Importance. Basic features of the Indian Constitution: With special reference to Protective Discrimination of Weaker Sections in India.
8. Information Technology: Role, relevance and its scope in Development. E-governance.
9. Civil Society and Development. Role and relevance of NGOs in Development.
10. Key concepts in gender studies: Gender Equality, Gender Justice, Gender Bias, Gender Roles, Gender Relations, Gender Blindness, Gender Division of Labour, Gender Perspective.
11. Human Development: Concept, Indicators (HDI, GDI, GEM) and Millennium Development Goals
12. Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation: Concept and relevance. Gandhian Concept and its scope in the emerging scenario.