

Syllabus for Entrance Examination - M.A in Rural Development

1. Introduction to rural society; concept, characteristics. Rural, urban, tribal and peasant societies. Characteristics of villages and types.
2. Rural Demography: Size, Growth and Distribution of rural population. Sex, age, literacy composition of rural population. Migration: Patterns and its impact on development.
3. Rural poverty: Concept and causes of poverty. Dimensions of poverty and its impact on rural development.
4. Management of Rural Development projects. Management concept, process of management, implementation of rural development projects.
5. E-governance and rural development. NREGA, Total Sanitation Campaign and other popular rural Development Programmes of India
6. Rural Infrastructure: Water, Electricity, Road networks and its relevance in rural Development
7. Rural Women: Status and development programmes for rural women.
8. Cooperative Institutions and Rural Development: PACS, SHGs
9. Rural Health and Nutrition, Infant Mortality and other child development programmes.
10. Rural Marketing and its impact on rural economy
11. Fundamentals of Statistics. Statistical tools for studying rural development issues
12. Civil Society and Rural Development. Role and relevance of NGOs and peoples participation in rural transformation and development.