



DRAVIDIAN UNIVERSITY
Centre for Off-Campus Education & Research
Syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D Economics
Paper II: Broad Field

Module – I

Agriculture and Development : Issues of Indian Agriculture – Production and Productivity – Credit: Sources and problems – Land holdings – Corporate farming – marketing and Pricing of agricultural produce – Pricing policies of the Government – Economic reforms and Agricultural growth – Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) and Subsidies.

Module –II

Industry and Trade : Problems of Industrial growth – large scale Vs Small scale Industries – Industrial credit –Subsidies – liberalization – Modernization – Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) – Industrial resolutions and policies – Scope for privatization – Industrial finance. Trade – Composition of Trade – Structure of Imports and Exports. Issues relating to Balance of Trade (BoT) and Balance of Payments (BoP). Trade Tariffs –TRIPS and TRIMS.

Module – III

Public Economics & Policy: Trends in the revenues of Central and State Governments – Tax Structure- Direct and Indirect Taxes – Growth & Composition of Public expenditure – control of public expenditure – Tax reforms and expenditure reforms – Rationale of Public debt – debt burden – redemption of public dbt – deficit financing – Fiscal discipline. Changing role of public enterprises –Fiscal discipline. Changing role of public enterprises – rationale of Private participation. Finances of Local governments.

Module – IV

Poverty: Effects of Poverty – impact of anti-poverty Programmes – providing Urgan Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Micro – finance – SHGs and empowerment of women – Unemployment, Magnitude and effects of unemployment – Employment generation programmes –National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

Module – V

Social Sector and services : Social security – Public distribution system (PDS) – social infrastructure; Education, health, Water Supply, Electricity, Transport and Communications – Social welfare programmes – Urban development – prevention of child labour. Environmental protection.

Reference Books:

1. Ruddar Datt & Sundaram, Indian Economy.S, Chand & Co, New Delhi.
2. Mishra & Puri, Indian Economy, Himalaya Publishing house, Mumbai.
3. B.P.Tyagi, Public finance, Kalyani publishers.
4. Amartyasen & Dreez, Indian Economy, ELBS.
5. Government of India, Economic survey, New Delhi.
6. Reserve Bank of India, Report on Currency and finance, Mumbai.
7. Tata services, Statistical outline of India, Mumbai.
8. RBI Trends and Progress in Baking sector, Mumbai.



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Model Question Paper for M.Phil/Ph.D Economics
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Time: 3 Hours

Max marks: 100

Answer Any **Five** Questions

All Question Carry Equal Marks

5x2=100

1. Outline the main issues of Indian agriculture since the advent of the New Economic Policy.
2. What are the salient feature of the Agreement on Agriculture (AOA) and Subsidies?
3. Elucidate the industrial credit problems of Indian industries during the era on liberalization.
4. Analyze the trends in the composition of Trade in India in the globalization period
5. Critically examine the growth and composition of public expenditure in India. Suggest corrective measures.
6. What is fiscal discipline? Assess whether the Indian budgets reflect fiscal discipline.
7. Examine the efficacy of anti-poverty programmes of India. What improvements do you suggest?
8. How far APJ Abdul Kalam's idea of PURA is viable in India?
9. What measures do you suggest for environmental protection in India?
10. What do you mean by social infrastructure? How for improvement in social infrastructure leads to economic development in India?
