School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada

Syllabus for Entrance Examination - PG Programme (Academic Year 2022-23)

Department of Planning

Part A: Common Syllabus to all candidates

Section A.1: Architecture, and Planning Design

Computer Application in Planning; Organization of space; Circulation- horizontal and vertical; Space Standards; Universal design; Building byelaws; Codes and standards;

Section A.2: Construction and Management

Project management techniques e.g. PERT, CPM etc.; Estimation and Specification; Professional practice and ethics; Form and Structure; Principles and design of disaster resistant structures; Temporary structures for rehabilitation;

Section A.3: Environmental Planning and Design

Natural and man-made ecosystem; Ecological principles; Environmental considerations in planning and design; Environmental pollution- types, causes, controls and abatement strategies; Sustainable development, goals and strategies; Climate change and built environment; Climate responsive design;

Section A.4: Urban Renewal Development

Historical and modern examples of urban design; Elements of urban built environment – Concepts and theories of urban design; Principles, tools and techniques of urban design; Public spaces, Development controls – FAR, densities and building byelaws.; Urban renewal and conservation; heritage conservation; historical public spaces and gardens; Landscape design; Site planning;

Section A.5: Planning Process

Salient concepts, theories and principles of urban planning; concepts of cities - Eco-City, Smart City; Concepts and theories by trendsetting planners and designers; Ekistics; Urban sociology; Social, Economic and environmental cost benefit analysis; Methods of non-spatial and spatial data analysis; Development guidelines such as URDPFI;

Section A.6: Housing

Housing typologies; Concepts, principles and examples of neighbourhood; Residential densities; Affordable Housing; Real estate valuation;

Section A.7: Services and Infrastructure

Fire fighting Systems; Building Safety and Security systems; Building Management Systems; Water treatment; Water supply and distribution system; Water harvesting systems; Principles, Planning and Design of storm water drainage system; Sewage disposal methods; Methods of solid waste management - collection, transportation and disposal; Recycling and Reuse of solid waste; Land-use – transportation - urban form inter-relationships; Design of roads, intersections, grade separators and parking areas; Hierarchy of roads and level of service; Para-transits and other modes of transportation, Pedestrian and slow moving traffic planning;

Part B: Any one Part to be attempted based on UG & PG (Part B4) Specialisation

Part B.1: Architecture

Section B.1.1: History and Contemporary Architecture

Principles of Art and Architecture; World History of Architecture: Egyptian, Greco-Roman classical period, Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque-Rococo, etc.; Recent trends in Contemporary Architecture: Art nouveau, Art Deco, Eclecticism, International styles, Post Modernism, Deconstruction in architecture, etc.; Influence of Modern art and Design in Architecture; Indian vernacular and traditional Architecture, Oriental Architecture; Works of renowned national and international architects;

Section B.1.2: Building Construction and Structural systems

Building construction techniques, methods and details; Building systems and prefabrication of building elements; Principles of Modular Coordination; Construction planning and equipment; Building material characteristics and applications; Principles of strength of materials; Alternative building materials; Foundations; Design of structural elements with different materials; Elastic and Limit State design; Structural systems; Principles of Prestressing; High Rise and Long Span structures, gravity and lateral load resisting systems;

Section B.1.3: Building Services and Sustainability

Solar architecture; Thermal, visual and acoustic comfort in built environments; Natural and Mechanical ventilation in buildings; Air-Conditioning systems; Sustainable building strategies; Building Performance Simulation and Evaluation; Intelligent Buildings; Water supply; Sewerage and drainage systems; Sanitary fittings and fixtures; Plumbing systems; Principles of internal and external drainage system; Principles of electrification of buildings; Elevators and Escalators - standards and uses;

Part B.2: Planning

Section B2.1: Regional and Settlement Planning

Regional delineation; settlement hierarchy; Types and hierarchy of plans; Various schemes and programs of central government; Transit Oriented Development (TOD), SEZ, SRZ etc.; Public Perception and user behaviour; National Housing Policies, Programs and Schemes.;

Slums, Squatters and informal housing; Standards for housing and community facilities; Housing for special areas and needs;

Section B.2.2: Planning Techniques and Management

Application of G.I.S and Remote Sensing techniques in urban and regional planning; Tools and techniques of Surveys – Physical, Topographical, Land use and Socio-economic Surveys; Urban Economics, Law of demand and supply of land and its use in planning; Graphic presentation of spatial data; Local self-governance, Panchayatiraj institutions; Planning Legislation and implementation – Land Acquisition Act, PPP etc.; Decision support system and Land Information System; Urban geography and econometrics; Management of Infrastructure Projects; Demography and equity in planning;

Section B.2.3: Infrastructure Planning

Process and Principles of Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering; Road capacity and Travel demand forecasting; Traffic survey methods, Traffic flow Analysis; Traffic analyses and design considerations; Traffic and transport management and control in urban areas; Mass transportation planning; Intelligent Transportation Systems; Urban and Rural Infrastructure System Network;

Part B3: Civil Engineering

Section B.3.1: Principles of surveying; Errors and their adjustment; Maps - scale, coordinate system; Distance and angle measurement - Levelling and trigonometric levelling; Traversing and triangulation survey; Total station; Horizontal and vertical curves.

Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing - Scale, flying height; Basics of remote sensing and GIS

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Part B4: Social Science

Session B.4.1 Economics

Macro and Microeconomics: Factors of Production -Consumer Behaviour and Preferences; Welfare Economics - Social Welfare Function, Goods and Market, Demand and Supply, Input-Output Model, Linear Programming - Public Economics- Environment as a Public Good, Cost-Benefit Analysis. Development Economics: Balanced & Unbalanced Growth, Indicators of Economic Development: Poverty and Inequalities – Economic Growth in India: Pattern & Structure of Growth, Major Challenges, Policy Responses, Rural & Urban Economic Development – physical and social Infrastructure Development: Public-Private Partnerships,, Green economics and Sustainable development.

Session B.4.2 Geography

Concept of geomorphic cycle; Composition and structure of the atmosphere, Forms and functions of ecosystem; Conservation and management of ecosystems; Growth and density of population; Patterns and processes of migration; Demographic transition. Settlement hierarchy; Christaller's Central Place theory; August Losch's theory of market Centres. Cultural Geography: areas and cultural regions; Concept of planning regions; Types of regions; Methods of regional delineation, major industries and industrial regions. Techniques for the study of spatial patterns of distribution;

Session B.4.3 Sociology

Sociological Theory - Post-Modernism, Post-Structuralism and Post-Colonialism-Conceptualizing Social Reality- Sociological Concepts -Social Structure; Culture; Network; Status and Role; Identity; Community; Socialization- Social Institutions: Marriage, Family and Kinship- Modernization and Development; Social Transformations and Globalization; Social Mobility – Rural and Urban Transformation: Sociology of India: Social Movement in India and impact of globalization - Sociology of Development: Planned Development and Society- Re-inventing Development; Decentralization and Participatory approach Sustainable development.