M.A. Economics Entrance Exam Syllabus

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Unit - 1 Micro Economics

PREAMBLE

As a foundation course, in this Paper, student is expected to understand the behavior of an economic agent, namely, a consumer, a producer, a factor owner and the price fluctuation in a market. The chapter incorporated in this Paper deal with the nature and scope of economics, the theory of consumer behavior, analysis of production function and equilibrium of a producer, the price formation in different markets structures and the equilibrium of a firm and industry. In addition, the principles of factor pricing and commodity pricing as also the problems of investment and welfare economics have been included.

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	7.3	Pigovian Welfare Economics	
	7.4	Thought of Amartya Sen on Welfare Economics.	

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PREAMBLE

On account of the growing influence and involvement of the State in economic fields, macroeconomics has become a major area of economic analysis in terms of theoretical, empirical as well as policy-making issues. Macroeconomics has an extensive, substantive as well as methodological content. It deals with the functioning of the economy as a whole, the objective of the course is to familiarize the students the basic concept of Macro Economics and application. Macroeconomics has an extensive, substantive as well as methodological content. It deals with the functioning of the economy as a whole, including how the economy's total output of goods and services and employment of resources is determined and what causes these totals to fluctuate. The Paper entitled Macroeconomics is designed to make an undergraduate student aware of the basic theoretical framework underlying the field of macroeconomics.

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		and Advantages	

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Unit - 3 International Economics

PREAMBLE

This course provides the students a thorough understanding and deep knowledge about the basic principles that tend to govern the free flow of trade in goods and services at the global level. The contents of the Paper spread over various modules, lay stress both on theory and applied nature of the subject that have registered rapid changes during the last decade. Besides this, the contents prepare the students to know the impact of free trade and tariffs on the different sectors of the economy as well as at the macro level. The students would also be well trained about the rationale of recent changes in the export import policies of India. This paper has become relatively more relevant from the policy point of view under the present waves of globalization and liberalization both in the North and in the South.

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	2.3 Leontief's paradox, Rybczynski theorem, Intra-Industry Trade	
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	6.4 India and WTO	
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	7.3 FEMA-provisions and impact	
	7.4 Convertibility of Indian rupee	
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	8.2 Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS)	
	8.3 European Economic Community (EEC)	

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Unit - 4 Economic Development & Planning

PREAMBLE:

The Study of Economic Development has gained importance because of stained interest of the developing countries in uplifting their economic conditions by restructuring their economics to acquire greater diversity, efficiency and equity in Consonance with their priorities. While few success stories can be counted, many have grappled with chronic problems of narrow economic base, inefficiency and low standard of living. For this and other reasons, their have been many approaches to economic development. In recent times, besides hard core economic prescriptions to development, concern hitherto relegated to background, like education, health, sanitation and infrastructural development, have found place of pride in explaining the preference of various economics incorporated in this paper are devoted to the theories of economic development, approaches to economic development, social and institutional aspects of development, constraints on development process, macroeconomic policies, roll of foreign capital and economic planning etc. in developing countries.

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	8.2 Need of Planning	
	8.3 Objective of Economic Planning- Economic, Social and Political	
	8.4 Inclusive Growth Approach & 11 th five year plan	
	8.5 National Institution for Transforming India Aayog (NITI AYOG)	

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