

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
PhD Entrance Examination
Pattern of Question Paper – 2026-27

Subject: DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 100

Part 'A'

Multiple Choice Questions (Marks:1*30= 30)

1. Under whose Prime Ministership the 73rd and 74th Amendments were passed
 - a. I K Gujral
 - b. V.P Singh
 - c. P.V. Narasimha Rao
 - d. Rajiv Gandhi
2. 'Farmers First' concept was proposed by
 - a. Paul Leagans
 - b. Neils Rolling
 - c. Robert Chamber
 - d. Indira Gandhi
3. Poverty measurement in India is based on
 - a. GDP growth rate
 - b. Per capita income
 - c. Unemployment rate
 - d. None of the above
4. 'Sustainability' presenting a coherent vision plan for development and sustainability was stated for the first time in India's
 - a. 10th Five Year Plan
 - b. 11th Five Year Plan
 - c. 12th Five Year Plan
 - d. None of the Above
5. Movement of population within the state is called
 - a. Intra-state migration
 - b. Intra-district migration
 - c. Inter-state migration
 - d. Inter-district migration
6. The Hartwick rules depends on
 - a. Weak and strong sustainability
 - b. Substitutability of natural and physical capital
 - c. the goodwill of the future generation
 - d. stock and flow of natural resources

Part 'B'

Answer any two Questions (Marks 10*2=20)

1. Critically discuss the positivist and interpretive traditions in social science research.

Part 'C'

Answer any Five Questions (Marks 10*5=50)

Instruction: *Candidates need to answer questions that are listed under their respective chosen discipline mentioned in the application form only*

Agriculture Economics & Rural Development (ADRTC)

1. How do tariff and non-tariff barriers impact trade? Explain various kinds of non-tariff barriers.
2. Discuss briefly the major reforms proposed under the Model APMC Act 2003

Environmental Economics (CEENR)

1. Describe Elinor Ostrom Conventional Theory associate with Common Property Resources.
2. Explain the Olson's logic of collective action theory

Economics (CESP)

1. What is Climate change? What are the main climate mitigation and adaptation Strategies?
2. How do we measure the unemployment rate in a country? What do we mean by the term Jobless growth? Is India still facing Jobless growth? Explain by giving certain empirical evidence?

Education (CHRD)

1. Is the market for education different from the conventional understanding of the market? Discuss different types of market failure for education.
2. Define Human Capital. Point out differences between Human Capital and Human Development. Discuss the criticisms of Human Capital theory.

Urban Studies (CRUA)

1. What are the primary urban environmental challenges facing the country? Why? Explain.
2. What are the issues of migration in urban India? How is it related to the informal Sector?

Social Development Studies (CSSCD)

1. Discuss the role of education in social development in India
2. Discuss the importance of affirmative action policies in the development of marginalised social groups