

FACULTY OF ARTS

Value Added Elective Course:

VAAR - 011 -General Studies for Civil Services and Other Competitive Examinations

UNIT – I: CURRENT AFFAIRS

National symbols - Profile of India - - Latest inventions on science & technology - Eminent personalities & places in news - Sports & games - Books & authors - Awards & honours - Cultural panorama - Policy on environment and ecology - India and its neighbours - Latest terminology - Appointments - who is who? - Latest court verdicts - public opinion - Political parties and political system in India - Public awareness & general administration - Role of voluntary organizations & govt. - Welfare oriented govt. schemes, their utility – Flagship Programmes of Central Government - Mass media & communication.

UNIT – II: HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA

Pre Historic India – Indus Valley – Vedic Culture – Sangam Age and Heritage of Tamils – Jainism – Buddhism – Early Political History – Mauryas and Guptas – Hindu Revivalism – Delhi Sultanate – Bhakti Movement – Mughal – Impact of British Administration – Socio Religious Reform Movement – Freedom Struggle – Dravidian Movement – Character of Indian Culture – Unity of Diversity – Development of Science and Technology after Independence.

UNIT – IV: INDIAN POLITY AND ADMINISTRATION

Constitution of India □ Salient features of Indian constitution □ Union, State and territory □ Citizenship □□ Fundamental rights □ Fundamental duties □ Union Executive- Union legislature – State executive and Legislature – Status of Jammu & Kashmir □ Local government – Judiciary in India – Indian federalism – centre – state relations □ Law-Making Procedure -Emergency provisions □ Civil services in India □ Administrative challenges in a welfare state □ Complexities of district administration □ Elections □ Amendments to constitution □ Anti□corruption measures - Central and State Commission □ Empowerment of women □ Voluntary organizations and public grievances redressal □ Human rights charter -Consumer protection forms.

Unit V. INDIAN ECONOMY

Nature of Indian economy □ Five-year plan models □ an assessment □ Land reforms & agriculture □ Application of science in agriculture □ Industrial growth □ Capital formation and investment □ Role of public sector & disinvestment □ Development of infrastructure □ Energy Different sources and development □ Finance Commission □ NithiAyog □ National Development Council - National income □ Public finance & fiscal policy □ Price policy & public distribution □ Banking, money & monetary policy □ Role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) □ WTO □ globalization & privatization □ Rural welfare oriented programmes □ Social sector problems – population, education, health, employment, poverty □ HRD – sustainable economic growth □ Economic trends in Tamil Nadu.

UNIT V: INDIA AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Indian foreign policy- Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India's relations with neighbouring countries and in the region □ Defence, national security system and terrorism – World And Regional organizations and Pacts and Summits- Security and defence related matters □ Nuclear policy, issues and conflicts □ International law -The Indian Diaspora and its contribution to India and the World.- India and super powers.

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