

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**AHISVAC01 - General Studies for Civil Services and Other Competitive Examinations****Unit 1 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 2 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 3 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 Anticorruption measures - Central and State Commission Empowerment of women Voluntary organizations and public grievances redressal Human rights charter –Consumer.

Unit 4 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 Nithi Ayog 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 Tamilnadu.

Unit 5 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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