

UPSC Economics Optional Syllabus (Paper-I and Paper-II)

PAPER-I

1. Advanced Microeconomics:

- Marshallian and Walrasian approaches to price determination
- Alternative distribution theories
- Market structures: monopoly, monopolistic competition, and oligopoly
- Factor pricing, general equilibrium, game theory, uncertainty and risk

2. Advanced Macroeconomics:

- National income concepts and accounting
- Consumption function, investment function
- Demand and Supply of Money
- IS-LM model
- Inflation and unemployment
- Business cycles and economic growth models (Harrod-Domar, Solow, Robinson, Kaldor, etc.)

3. Money, Banking and Finance:

- Functions of money, financial intermediation
- Instruments of monetary control, role and functions of RBI
- Banking sector reforms, monetary policy in India

4. International Economics:

- Theories of international trade
- Balance of payments, exchange rate determination
- IMF, World Bank, WTO

- Trade policy and exchange rate regimes

5. Growth and Development:

- Theories of growth: classical and neoclassical
- Poverty, inequality and unemployment
- Human development and gender development
- Role of international institutions in development

PAPER-II

1. Indian Economy in Pre-Independence Era:

- Land system and its changes
- Commercialization of agriculture
- Deindustrialization
- Railways and Laissez-faire

2. Indian Economy after Independence:

- Planning: Five-Year Plans
- Economic Reforms since 1991
- Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization (LPG)

3. Agriculture:

- Land reforms
- Green revolution and subsidies
- Agricultural pricing and public distribution system
- WTO and Indian agriculture

4. Industry and Services Sector:

- Industrial policies
- Public Sector Enterprises and disinvestment
- MSMEs and start-ups

5. Money and Banking in India:

- Monetary policy of RBI
- Financial sector reforms
- NPA crisis and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

6. External Sector:

- India's foreign trade policy
- FDI, FII and capital account convertibility
- Exchange rate policy and BoP

7. Growth, Development and Employment:

- Demographic trends
- Employment and unemployment
- Poverty and inequality
- HDI and social sector indicators