PART-A
(General Knowledge of Rajasthan)

Unit-I


Art of Rajasthan: Architectural tradition of Rajasthan-temples, fort and palaces from ancient to modern period; Various schools of paintings which developed during medieval period; Classical Music and Classical Dance, Folk Music & Instruments; Folk Dances & Drama.

Language & Literature: Dialects of Rajasthani Language, Literature of Rajasthani language and Folk literature.


Social Life in Rajasthan: Fairs and festivals; Social customs and traditions; attires and ornaments.

Geography of Rajasthan :- Broad physical features- Mountains, Plateaus, Plains & Desert; Major Climatic types; Major rivers and lakes; Major forest types and distribution; Population growth, Density and Distribution; Desertification, Droughts & Floods; Environmental pollution and Ecological concerns.

-50 Questions

UNIT-II

Dry land farming- Constraints in dry farming areas, moisture conservation practices in dry land farming, tillage. Role of agro-forestry in soil and water conservation, silvi-culture, compatibility of crops. Agronomy of important crops- cereals, pulses, oilseeds, fibre crops, forage crops, sugarcane, sugar beet, potato.


UNIT-III

Fruit Science :- Importance of fruit production with special reference to Rajasthan, recent trends in propagation, Nursery, HDP, training & pruning, important physiological disorders, role of bio-regulators, INM, cultivation practices of Mango, Citrus, Banana, Papaya, Sapota, Coconut, Aonla, Pomegranate, Datepalm, Ber, Apple & Bael.


Floriculture :- Importance and scope of floriculture in Rajasthan. Precision farming, special horticultural practices, Harvest Indices, Post harvest handling. Cultivation practices of Rose, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Gladioli, Marigold, Gaillardia etc. Landscape gardening and styles of gardening, Lawn and its maintenance, Bio-aesthetic planning. Importance of Forestry in Rajasthan.


UNIT-IV

Cell and cell division, centre of origin, mendelian principles and heredity, Linkage and Crossing over, Chromosomal Aberration (structure and numerical), multiple allele and Blood group inheritance, Cytoplasmic Inheritance, gene regulation and Interaction. Genetic material (type of DNA and structure), Plant Breeding methods for self and cross pollinated crops, concept of heterosis, Quantitative and Qualitative characters, self incompatibility and male sterility and its application in plant breeding, hybrid, domestication, acclimatization, Plant Genetic Resource of important crops, crop evolution of Wheat, Cotton, Tobacco, Potato and Mustard group, Breeding for biotic and Abiotic stresses, Inbreeding depression, polyploidy, mutation and mutation breeding, Marker Assisted selection, Release and notification of varieties, IPR, PPV and FR Act., Seed Technology, Seed Production of important crops, minimum seed standard for production and certification. Seed Act, Seed Control Order, Combining ability DNA, recombinant technology, Transgenic crops and their scope. Micro propagation and Tissue Culture Techniques. Molecular Genetic. Variation – It’s causes and importance. Multiple factor hypothesis.
UNIT-V

UNIT-VI
Contribution of livestock and poultry in economy of Rajasthan. Livestock development programmes and policies initiated by Government of Rajasthan. Important indigenous, crossbreed and exotic breeds of livestock (cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats, swine, camels) and poultry. Livestock production systems, and migration of animal in Rajasthan. Livestock behavior and shelter management- Principles of housing, hygiene and sanitation. Management of different categories of animals - calves, growing, pregnant, and lactating animals. Milk synthesis and milking management. Conventional and unconventional feed and fodder resources of Rajasthan and their nutritive value. Hay and silage making, complete feed and fodder blocks, fodder banks. Important infectious and non infectious diseases of livestock and poultry, and their preventive and control measures. Strategies for reducing the impact of climate change: heat and cold stress on livestock and poultry production.

UNIT-VII
Role and importance of fungi, nematodes, viroids, phytoplasma, bacteria, viruses and other micro-organisms in Agriculture. Classification, morphology, growth nutrition and reproduction of fungi, bacteria and viruses. IDM, Bio control disease management. Major diseases (Fungal, bacterial, viral, Phytoplasma and nematode) of field crops, vegetables and fruits of Rajasthan and their management. Mushroom production technology. Plant quarantine.

UNIT-VIII
UNIT-IX
Agricultural Engineering: Farm power and machinery, bullock and tractor drawn implements, Tools, Measurements of irrigation water, Water lifting devices. Agriculture Statistics: Measurement of Central Tendency, Standard error and deviation, Correlation, Regression, Test of Significance, F & Chi Square test, Experimental designs-CRD, RBD, SPD.

UNIT-X
Peculiarities of Indian Agriculture, place of agriculture in Indian Economy. NITI Aayog. Consumer behaviour, demand, supply, demand Schedule and supply schedule, market equilibrium, elasticity, Principles of farm management. Agricultural marketing, marketing functions and institutions, WTO, contract farming, future markets. Prices of agricultural commodities. e-NAM, Agricultural finance and credit, credit institutions, cooperative Banks, crop insurance. Demonstration, NABARD, GST. Agricultural development and poverty alleviation programmes. Agricultural production functions-Characteristics and optimization. Project Appraisal Techniques.

UNIT-XI
Objectives and principles of extension education. Need assessment, bench mark survey and PRA Technique. Programmes of extension in India specially Shriniketan, Marthandam, Gurgaon Experiment, Etawah Pilot Project, Nilokheri Project, CDP, Panchayat Raj, IADP, IAAP, HYVP, KVK, IVLP, ORP, IRDP, T&V system, Lab to Land, ATIC, RKVY, MGNREGA, ND, SGSY, JRY, PMRY, PMFBY, Soil Health Card, NRLM etc. Recent Skill Development schemes specially PMKVV, EETP, NEEM, ASCI etc. Teaching methods, ICT applications in TOT, verbal and non-verbal communication, Diffusion and adoption of innovation- concept, meaning and stages of adoption, adopter categories, Rural leadership-types and role of leaders in rural context, Rural Social Institutions, caste, family and social groups, Programme planning- principles and steps in programme development, impact assessment, Participatory training techniques, Front line demonstrations, field days, kisan mela, campaign, writing reports, radio talk, TV talk, writing of Farm Literature and scientific information, Identification and documentation of ITK.

-130 Questions

Pattern of Question Papers:
1. Objective Type Paper.
2. Maximum Marks: 180
3. Number of Questions: 180
4. Duration of Paper: Three Hours
5. All Questions carry equal marks.
6. There will be Negative Marking.

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