AC - 20.04.2024 Item No. - 5.4 (N) Sem II (19b)

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University of Mumbai



Syllabus for Extension Work Basket of OE		
Board of Studies in Extension Work		
UG First Year Programme		
Semester	II (Two)	
Title of Paper	Credits 2/4	
Rural Studies - II	2 Credits	
From the Academic Year	2024-25	

Name of the Course: Rural Studies- II

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars	
1	Description of the Course	As globalization and urbanization	
		continue to redefine human settlements,	
		understanding the complexities of rural	
		areas becomes increasingly crucial for	
		addressing global challenges and	
		fostering sustainable development. Rural	
		areas, often characterized by their	
		proximity to natural landscapes, close-	
		knit communities, and traditional	
		livelihoods, play a significant role in the	
		socio-economic fabric of nations.	
		However, they also face unique	
		challenges, including poverty,	
		environmental degradation, inadequate	
		infrastructure, and limited access to	
		services.	
		This course aim to capture the	
		multifaceted nature of rural life and	
		engage with the complexity of rural	
		issues from diverse perspectives.	
2	Vertical	OE (Open Elective)	
3	Туре	Theory	
4	Credit	2 Credits (1 Credit – 15 hours for	
		Theory in a Semester)	
5	Hours Allotted	30 Hours	
6	Marks Allotted	50 Marks	
7	Course Objectives:		
	The course aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives		
	necessary to understand, analyze, and contribute to the advancement of rural		
	communities and their sustainable development.		
	1. To acquaint the learners with environmental challenges in rural areas.		
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2. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of sustainable agricultural practices, climate change and natural resource management, 3. To enable the learners to understand the scarcity of basic amenities. 4. To acquaint the learners about the literacy levels and problems of education. 8 **Course Outcomes:** After studying the course, the students will be able to 1. Explain environmental challenges in detail. 2. Identify sustainable agricultural practices and describe climate change and natural resource management practices. 3. Explain the problems of scarcity of basic amenities in rural areas. 4. Identify the causes of low literacy and problems of education in rural areas. 9 **MODULES: -**MODULE I. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 15 Lectures 1. Environmental challenges in rural areas: deforestation, soil degradation, water scarcity 2. Sustainable agriculture practices and natural resource management. 3. Climate change impacts and adaptation strategies MODULE II. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES 15 Lectures 1. Access to basic amenities: water, sanitation, electricity, and transportation 2. Healthcare infrastructure and challenges in rural healthcare delivery. **3.** Educational institutions and literacy levels in rural areas. **10** Textbooks: (NA) 11 **Reference Books:** Cloke, P., Marsden, T., & Mooney, P. (Eds.). (2005). Handbook of Rural Studies. SAGE Publications. Bryden, J., Henry, C., & Thompson, K. (Eds.). (2013). Handbook of Rural Development. Edward Elgar Publishing. Moseley, M. J. (Ed.). (2003). Handbook of Human Geography. SAGE Publications. Singh, S. (Ed.). (2019). Rural Development in India: Issues, Policies, and Programs. SAGE Publications.

12	Internal Continuous Assessment:40%	Semester End Examination: 60%	
13	Continuous Evaluation through:		
	• Class Test / Assignment: 10 Marks		
	• Presentation: 05 Marks		
	Classroom Participation: 05 Marks		
14	Format of Question Paper: for the final examination (Semester End Examination) Question 1 Essay Type 1 out of 2 (Module 1) 10 Marks		
	Question 2 Essay Type 1 out of 2 (Module 2) 10 Marks		
	Question 3 Shorts Notes 2 out of 4 (Module 1 & 2) 10 Marks		

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