

**INSIGHTS IAS AGRICULTURE OPTIONAL TEST SERIES FOR CSE 2022**

DATE	SUBJECT	SYLLABUS
20-06-2022	<b>ECOLOGY + AGRONOMY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecology and its relevance to man</li> <li>2. Natural resources, their sustainable management and conservation</li> <li>3. Physical and social environment as factors of crop distribution and production.</li> <li>4. Agro ecology; cropping pattern as indicators of environments.</li> <li>5. Environmental pollution and associated hazards to crops, animals and humans.</li> <li>6. Climate change - International conventions and global initiatives.</li> <li>7. Greenhouse effect and global warming.</li> <li>8. Advance tools for ecosystem analysis - Remote sensing (RS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).</li> </ol> <p><b>Agronomy:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cropping patterns in different agro-climatic zones of the country.</li> <li>2. Impact of high yielding and short-duration varieties on shifts in cropping patterns.</li> <li>3. Concepts of various cropping and farming systems.</li> <li>4. Organic and Precision farming.</li> </ol> <p>Package of practices for production of important cereals, pulses, oil seeds, fibres, sugar, commercial and fodder crops</p> <p><b>Weed science:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weeds - their characteristics.</li> <li>2. Dissemination and association with various crops; their multiplications;</li> <li>3. Cultural, biological, and chemical control of weeds.</li> </ol>

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### **SOIL SCIENCE (including SOIL WATER CONSERVATION) + FORESTRY**

#### **Soil science and nutrient management:**

1. Soil- physical, chemical and biological properties.
2. Processes and factors of soil formation.
3. Soils of India.
4. Mineral and organic constituents of soils and their role in maintaining soil productivity.
5. Essential plant nutrients and other beneficial elements in soils and plants.
6. Principles of soil fertility, soil testing and fertilizer recommendations.
7. Integrated nutrient management.
8. Biofertilizers.
9. Losses of nitrogen in soil, nitrogen-use efficiency in submerged rice soils, nitrogen fixation in soils.
10. Efficient phosphorus and potassium use.
11. Problem soils and their reclamation.
12. Soil factors affecting greenhouse gas emission.

#### **Soil and water conservation:**

1. Soil conservation
2. Integrated watershed management.
3. Soil erosion and its management. Dry land agriculture and its problems.
4. Technology for stabilizing agriculture production in rain fed areas.
5. Water-use efficiency in relation to crop production,
6. Criteria for scheduling irrigations,
7. Ways and means of reducing runoff losses of irrigation water.

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		<p>8. Rainwater harvesting.</p> <p>9. Drip and sprinkler irrigation.</p> <p>10. Drainage of waterlogged soils,</p> <p>11. Quality of irrigation water</p> <p>12. Effect of industrial effluents on soil and water pollution.</p> <p>13. Irrigation projects in India.</p> <p><b>Forestry:</b></p> <p>1. Important features and scope</p> <p>2. Various types of forestry plantations such as social forestry, agro-forestry, and natural forests.</p> <p>3. Propagation of forest plants.</p> <p>4. Forest products. Agro forestry and value addition.</p> <p>5. Conservation of forest flora and fauna.</p>
		<p><b>Agricultural economics:</b></p> <p>1. Farm management, scope, importance and characteristics, farm planning.</p> <p>2. Optimum resource use and budgeting.</p> <p>3. Economics of different types of farming systems.</p> <p>4. Marketing management - strategies for development, market intelligence.</p> <p>5. Price fluctuations and their cost; role of co-operatives in agricultural economy;</p> <p>6. Types and systems of farming and factors affecting them.</p> <p>7. Agricultural price policy.</p> <p>8. Crop Insurance.</p>

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<p>04 – 07 – 2023</p>	<p><b>AGRI ECONOMICS + AGRI EXTENSION</b></p>	<p><b>Agricultural extension:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agricultural extension, its importance and role,</li> <li>2. Methods of evaluation of extension programmes,</li> <li>3. Socio-economic survey and status of big, small and marginal farmers and landless agricultural labourers.</li> <li>4. Training programmes for extension workers</li> <li>5. Role of Krishi Vigyan Kendra's (KVK) in dissemination of Agricultural technologies.</li> <li>6. Non-Government Organization (NGO) and self-help group approach for rural development.</li> </ol>
<p>10-07-2023</p>	<p><b>AGRICULTURE PAPER 1</b></p>	<p>FULL SYLLABUS OF PAPER 1</p>
<p>17-07-2023</p>		<p><b>Cell biology:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cell structure, function and cell cycle.</li> <li>2. Synthesis, structure and function of genetic material.</li> <li>3. Laws of heredity.</li> <li>4. Chromosome structure, chromosomal aberrations</li> <li>5. Linkage and cross-over, and their significance in recombination breeding.</li> <li>6. Polyploidy, euploids and aneuploids.</li> <li>7. Mutations - and their role in crop improvement.</li> <li>8. Heritability, sterility and incompatibility, classification and their application in crop improvement.</li> <li>9. Cytoplasmic inheritance, sex-linked, sex-influenced and sex-limited characters.</li> </ol> <p><b>Plant breeding:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. History of plant breeding.</li> </ol>

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	<p><b>GENETICS/CELL BIOLOGY + PLANT BREEDING</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Modes of reproduction, selfing and crossing techniques.</li> <li>3. Origin, evolution and domestication of crop plants, centre of origin, law of homologous series, crop genetic resources conservation and utilization.</li> <li>4. Application of principles of plant breeding, improvement of crop plants.</li> <li>5. Molecular markers and their application in plant improvement.</li> <li>6. Pure-line selection, pedigree, mass and recurrent selections, combining ability, its significance in plant breeding.</li> <li>7. Heterosis and its exploitation.</li> <li>8. Somatic hybridization.</li> <li>9. Breeding for disease and pest resistance.</li> <li>10. Role of interspecific and distribution constraints. intergeneric hybridization.</li> <li>11. Role of genetic engineering and biotechnology in crop improvement.</li> <li>12. Genetically modified crop plants.</li> </ol>
		<p><b>Plant physiology:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Principles of Plant Physiology with reference to plant nutrition, absorption, translocation and metabolism of nutrients.</li> <li>2. Soil - water- plant relationship.</li> <li>3. Enzymes and plant pigments;</li> <li>4. Photosynthesis- modern concepts and factors affecting.</li> <li>5. C3, C4 and CAM mechanisms.</li> <li>6. Factors affecting aerobic and anaerobic respiration;</li> <li>7. Carbohydrate, Protein and fat metabolism.</li> <li>8. Growth and development; photoperiodism and vernalization.</li> </ol>

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24-07-2023	<b>CROP PHYSIOLOGY + PLANT PROTECTION + SEED SCIENCE</b>	<p>9. Plant growth substances and their role in crop production.            10. Physiology of seed development and germination; dormancy.            11. Stress physiology - drought, salt and water stress.</p> <p><b>Plant protection techniques:</b></p> <p>1. Diagnosis of pests and diseases of field crops, vegetables, orchard and plantation crops and their economic importance.            2. Classification of pests and diseases and their management.            3. Integrated pest and disease management.            4. Storage pests and their management.            5. Biological control of pests and diseases.            6. Epidemiology and forecasting of major crop pests and diseases.            7. Plant quarantine measures.            8. Pesticides, their formulation and modes of action.</p> <p><b>Seed production and technology:</b></p> <p>1. Seed production and processing technologies.            2. Seed certification, seed testing and storage.            3. DNA finger printing and seed registration.            4. Role of public and private sectors in seed production and marketing.            5. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues, WTO issues and its impact on Agriculture.</p>
		<p><b>Horticulture and landscape gardening:</b></p> <p>1. Major fruits, plantation crops, vegetables, spices and flower crops            2. Package practices of major horticultural crops.            3. Protected cultivation and high tech horticulture.</p>

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<p><b>31-07-2023</b></p>	<p><b>HORTICULTURE + FOOD PRODUCTION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Post-harvest technology and value addition of fruits and vegetables</li> <li>5. Landscaping and commercial floriculture.</li> <li>6. Medicinal and aromatic plants.</li> <li>7. Role of fruits and vegetables in human nutrition.</li> </ol> <p><b>Food production and nutrition management:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Food production and consumption trends in India.</li> <li>2. Food security and growing population - vision 2020.</li> <li>3. Reasons for grain surplus.</li> <li>4. National and international food policies.</li> <li>5. Production, procurement, distribution constraints.</li> <li>6. Availability of food grains, per capita expenditure on food.</li> <li>7. Trends in poverty, Public Distribution System and Below Poverty Line population, Targeted Public Distribution System (PDS), policy implementation in context to globalization.</li> <li>8. Processing constraints.</li> <li>9. Relation of food production to National Dietary Guidelines and food consumption pattern.</li> <li>10. Food based dietary approaches to eliminate hunger.</li> <li>11. Nutrient deficiency –             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Micro nutrient deficiency , Protein Energy Malnutrition or Protein Calorie Malnutrition (PEM or PCM),</li> <li>2. Micro nutrient deficiency and HRD in context of work capacity of women and children.</li> </ol> </li> <li>12. Food grain productivity and food security.</li> </ol>
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## INSIGHTS IAS AGRICULTURE OPTIONAL TEST SERIES FOR CSE 2022

06-07-2023	<b>PAPER 2 FULL LENGTH</b>	FULL PAPER 2 FULL SYLLABUS
14-07-2023 (9:00 am to 12:00 pm)	<b>AGRI OPTIONAL FULL- LENGTH TEST</b>	FULL OPTIONAL (Paper 1) SYLLABUS
14 - 07 - 2023 (2:00 pm to 5:00 pm)	<b>AGRI OPTIONAL FULL- LENGTH TEST</b>	FULL OPTIONAL (Paper 2) SYLLABUS

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### NOTE:

1. Kindly attend the tests with the same mood and intensity as you attend in examination hall.
2. Be honest to yourselves. Adhere to the time limits strictly.
3. Prepare the subject thoroughly before taking tests.
4. Main intension of the tests is to enable you to complete the syllabus of the optional by covering even the less emphasized areas and to bring value addition to your answers.