

Syllabus for Russian & Central Asian Studies (COPH21)

Note:

- i. There will be one Question Paper which will have 100 questions.
- ii. All questions will be compulsory.
- iii. The Question Paper will have two Parts i.e. Part A and Part B
- iv. Part A will have 50 questions based on Research Methodology
- v. Part B will have 50 questions based on Subject-Specific Knowledge.

- ❖ The syllabus will cover an overview of the History, Politics, Foreign Policy, Economy and Sociology of the fifteen countries that comprised the former Soviet Union, namely: the Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.
- ❖ The syllabus broadly covers the thematic areas, such as:
 - ❖ Comparative politics and theories of international relations.
 - ❖ Research methods in social sciences.
 - ❖ Russian revolution, Soviet politics, industrialization debates, collectivization, Five-year plans, Soviet economy, social system and foreign policy; Glasnost, perestroika, nationalist movements in the late 1980s’.
 - ❖ Disintegration of USSR, end of Cold War.
 - ❖ Post-Soviet transitions: Socio-political, economic developments, Nation and state-building processes in the former Soviet space.
 - ❖ Globalization, liberalization and its impact on former Soviet states.
 - ❖ India’s relations with the post-Soviet states.
 - ❖ Geopolitics, energy security, foreign policy, and strategic culture of the post-Soviet space.
 - ❖ Gender, environment, water resources, migration, human security, civil society and media in the post-Soviet states
 - ❖ New regionalism in the post-Soviet space.

