

General Knowledge (32)

Introduction

General Knowledge has not become important only today but it occupied and retained its important position from the earliest times. General Knowledge is an inseparable part of competitive examinations.

With this view the Government of Maharashtra, through the resolution dated 5th July, 2002 has introduced 'General Knowledge' as a compulsory subject for the Sainiki Schools in Maharashtra at +2 stage. The students getting education in Sainiki School at the +2 stage are supposed to develop adequate general knowledge. The motto of introducing the subject is to empower the students to appear for the competitive examination in general and National Defence Academy (NDA) Exam in particular.

The syllabus is systematically structured by treating history, Geography, Defence studies and General Ability as a whole and organizing relevant information in such a way that it will cater to the specific needs of students for the Board examination in the subject at Std XII as well as National Defence Academy (NDA) exam and other competitive examinations.

Objectives

To enable the students to

1. Develop an ability to appear for National Defence Academy examinations and other competitive examinations.
2. Get acquainted with the Indian History, World Geography as well as Indian Geography, Indian Polity, Defence set up & its functioning.
3. Acquire the knowledge of recruitment in the Armed Forces and paramilitary forces as an officer.
4. Develop interest among the students to join armed forces.
5. Develop interest in Defence strategies.
6. Develop the general ability of the students regarding
 - i) The geographical aspects of India and the Earth.
 - ii) Major historical dates and events of India and World.
 - iii) Current affairs.
7. Inculcate the leadership qualities among students.
8. Develop reference skills and inculcate self study habits.
9. Acquaint the students with rich national culture and heritage.
10. Make aware the students, regarding national and international up-dates.



Section A : History - Std. XI

UNIT	SUB.UNITS
1. Ancient India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Harappan Civilisation(2500 to 1800 BC) ii) Vedic Period, The Aryans (1500 BC to 1000 BC) Early Vedic age iii) Later Vedic age (1000 BC to 600 BC) iv) Rise of Jainism and Buddhism
2. Ancient Dynasties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Mahajanpadas ii) The Magdha Empire(600 to 400 BC) iii) The Maurya Dynasty(321 to 289 BC) iv) Post Mauryan period v) Gupta Dynasty(320 to 550 AD)
3. Medieval India	<p>The Sultanate of Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Slave Dynasty(1206 to 1290 AD) ii) The Khilji Dynasty(1290 to 1320 AD) iii) The Tughlaq Dynasty(1320 to 1414 AD)The Sayyad Dynasty(1414 to 1451 AD) iv) The Lodhi Dynasty(1451 to 1526 AD)
4. The Mughal Dynasty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Babur (1526 to 1531 AD) ii) Humayun (1530 to 1540 and 1555-56) iii) The Afghan Interregnum Sher Shah Suri (1540 to 1545) iv) Akbar (1556 to 1605) v) Jahangir (1605 to 1627) vi) Shahajahan (1628 to 1658) vii) Aurangzeb (1659 to 1707)
5. Modern India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Coming of the Europeans ii) India under the British rule of East India Company. iii) British Governors under company rule (1757 to 1857)



SECTION B : GEOGRAPHY
Std. XI

UNIT	SUB.UNITS
1. Astronomy	i) The Earth as a planet
2. Lithosphere	i) The Earth's crust, Rocks and Weathering
3. Atmosphere	i) Atmosphere and it's composition
4. Hydrosphere	i) Ocean currents and tides
5. Maps and Map Reading	i) Elements of Map ii) Methods of showing relief features on Map iii) Contours

SECTION C : DEFENCE STUDIES
Std. XI

UNIT	SUB.UNITS
1. Introduction to Defence Studies	i) Definition of Defence ii) Scope of Defence iii) Types of war iv) Utility of Defence
2. Higher Defence Organisation	i) Defence Committee of the Cabinet ii) Defence Minister's committee iii) Chief of the staff committee iv) National Defence Council
3. Organization of Indian Armed Forces	i) Army Organisation ii) Navy Organisation iii) Air Force Organisation
4. Training Institutions of Defence Services	i) Officer's Training Institutions of the Army ii) Officer's Training Institutions of the Navy iii) Officer's Training Institutions of the Air Force



SECTION D : GENERAL ABILITY
Std. XI

UNIT	SUB.UNITS
1. Fine Arts	i) Music ii) Dance iii) Painting
2. Sports and Literature	i) Famous books and their Authors ii) Sports
3. Constitution of India	i) Preamble, Salient features ii) Citizen and citizenship iii) Fundamental Rights and Duties iv) Directive Principles
4. Current Events	A) Who's Who in India B) The World we live in

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Std. XII - A: History

Unit	Sub Unit
3. Freedom Movement in India(1857 to 1947)	i) The Revolt of 1857 ii) The Socio-cultural awakening. iii) Indian National Congress a) 1885 to 1905 b) 1905 to 1920
4. Mahatma Gandhi and Nationalist Movement	i) Non co-operation and Beyond.(1920 to 1947) ii) Implementation of Gandhian thoughts after Independence. a) Panchayati Raj b) Co-operatives c) Community Development d) Sarvodaya and Bhoodan Movement e) Secularism and Democracy



5. Post Independence India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Economic Planning in India ii) Five year plan. (First to Twelfth) iii) Foreign policy of India
6. National Integration	Necessity and History
7. Modern World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) American War of Independence. ii) French Revolution. iii) Industrial Revolution. iv) Russian Revolution.
8. World During two World Wars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) First World War (1914-1918) ii) League of Nations. iii) Rise of Dictatorship in Europe (Fascism and Nazism) iv) Second World War (1939-1945)
9. United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Charter of UNO. ii) Principal Organs. iii) Flag, Membership and languages. iv) Specialized Agencies.

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General Geography of India

B: Geography

Unit	Sub Unit
1. Location	Location, Dimensions and Boundaries.
2. Physiography	Relief Features
3. River Systems	Rivers and Lakes
4. Climate	Concept of Monsoon
5. Natural Vegetation	Forests
6. Mineral and Energy Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Mineral Resources ii) Energy Resources



7. Industries	i) Agro based ii) Mineral based.
8. Transportation, Communication and Trade	i) Transportation and Communication ii) International Trade
9. Map Reading	Topographical Sheets.

C : Defence Studies

Unit	Sub Unit
2. Entry into Armed Forces.	i) After std. 12 th ii) After Graduation iii) After Post Graduation and NCC 'C' Certificate.
3. India's Internal Security	i) Paramilitary forces & their role ii) Entry into paramilitary forces iii) Second line of Defence
4. Leadership	i) Leadership qualities ii) Leadership traits iii) Officer's like qualities.
5. Interview and Interview techniques	Interviews for Military Organisations.
6. Training Institutions for Civil Services	Training for Military Organisation



D: General Ability

Unit	Sub Unit
1. Days observed and Common Abbreviations	i) Well known days and their celebrations. ii) Abbreviations and short forms
2. Indian Polity	i) The Union Government of India a) Legislature b) Executive ii) The State Government a) Legislature b) Executive iii) The Judiciary
3. Major Inventions and Discoveries	i) Science ii) Technology iii) Geographical Discoveries
4. National Insignia	i) National Flag ii) National Emblem iii) National Anthem iv) National Song v) National Awards and Awardees vi) Gallantry Awards.

