

**STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF SYLLABUS  
(Paper I and Paper II)**

**Paper I (for classes 1 to V) Primary Stage**

**I. Child Development and Pedagogy**

**30 Questions**

**a) Child Development (Primary School Child)**

**15 Questions**

- Concept of development and its relationship with learning
- Principles of the development of children
- Influence of Heredity & Environment
- Socialization processes: Social world & children (Teacher, Parents, Peers)
- Piaget, Kohlberg and Vygotsky: constructs and critical perspectives
- Concepts of child-centered and progressive education
- Critical perspective of the construct of Intelligence
- Multi-Dimensional Intelligence
- Language & Thought
- Gender as a social construct; gender roles, gender-bias and educational practice
- Individual differences among learners, understanding differences based on diversity of language, caste, gender, community, religion etc.
- Distinction between Assessment for learning and assessment of learning; School-Based Assessment, Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation: perspective and practice
- Formulating appropriate questions for assessing readiness levels of learners; for enhancing learning and critical thinking in the classroom and for assessing learner achievement.

**b) Concept of Inclusive education and understanding children with special needs**

**5 Questions**

- Addressing learners from diverse backgrounds including disadvantaged and deprived
- Addressing the needs of children with learning difficulties, 'impairment' etc.
- Addressing the Talented, Creative, Specially abled Learners

**c) Learning and Pedagogy**

**10 Questions**

- How children think and learn; how and why children 'fail' to achieve success in school performance.
- Basic processes of teaching and learning; children's strategies of learning; learning as a social activity; social context of learning.
- Child as a problem solver and a 'scientific investigator'
- Alternative conceptions of learning in children, understanding children's 'errors' as significant steps in the learning process.
- Cognition & Emotions
- Motivation and learning
- Factors contributing to learning - personal & environmental

**II. Language I****30 Questions****a) Language Comprehension****15 Questions**

Reading unseen passages - two passages one prose or drama and one poem with questions on comprehension, inference, grammar and verbal ability (Prose passage may be literary, scientific, narrative or discursive)

**b) Pedagogy of Language Development****15 Questions**

- Learning and acquisition
- Principles of language Teaching
- Role of listening and speaking; function of language and how children use it as a tool
- Critical perspective on the role of grammar in learning a language for communicating ideas verbally and in written form
- Challenges of teaching language in a diverse classroom; language difficulties, errors and disorders
- Language Skills
- Evaluating language comprehension and proficiency: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Teaching- learning materials: Textbook, multi-media materials, multilingual resource of the classroom
- Remedial Teaching

**III. Language - II****30 Questions****a) Comprehension****15 Questions**

Two unseen prose passages (discursive or literary or narrative or scientific) with question on comprehension, grammar and verbal ability

**b) Pedagogy of Language Development****15 Questions**

- Learning and acquisition
- Principles of language Teaching
- Role of listening and speaking; function of language and how children use it as a tool
- Critical perspective on the role of grammar in learning a language for communicating ideas verbally and in written form;
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- Remedial Teaching

**IV Mathematics****30 Questions****a) Content****15 Questions**

- Geometry
- Shapes & Spatial Understanding
- Solids around Us
- Numbers
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Measurement
- Weight
- Time
- Volume
- Data Handling
- Patterns
- Money

**b) Pedagogical issues****15 Questions**

- Nature of Mathematics/Logical thinking; understanding children's thinking and reasoning patterns and strategies of making meaning and learning
- Place of Mathematics in Curriculum
- Language of Mathematics
- Community Mathematics
- Evaluation through formal and informal methods
- Problems of Teaching
- Error analysis and related aspects of learning and teaching
- Diagnostic and Remedial Teaching

**V. Environmental Studies****30 Questions****a) Content****15 Questions**

- i. Family and Friends:
  - 1.1 Relationships
  - 1.2 Work and Play
  - 1.3 Animals
  - 1.4 Plants
- ii. Food
- iii. Shelter
- iv. Water
- v. Travel
- vi. Things We Make and Do

**b) Pedagogical Issues****15 Questions**

- Concept and scope of EVS
- Significance of EVS, integrated EVS
- Environmental Studies & Environmental Education
- Learning Principles
- Scope & relation to Science & Social Science
- Approaches of presenting concepts
- Activities
- Experimentation/Practical Work
- Discussion
- CCE
- Teaching material/Aids
- Problems

**Paper II (for classes VI to VIII) Elementary Stage****I. Child Development and Pedagogy****30 Questions****a) Child Development (Elementary School Child)****15 Questions**

- Concept of development and its relationship with learning
- Principles of the development of children
- Influence of Heredity & Environment
- Socialization processes: Social world & children (Teacher, Parents, Peers)
- Piaget, Kohlberg and Vygotsky: constructs and critical perspectives
- Concepts of child-centered and progressive education
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  - Language Skills
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  - Teaching-learning materials: Textbook, multi-media materials, multilingual resource of the classroom
  - Remedial Teaching

**III. Language-II** **30 Questions**

- a) Comprehension** **15 Questions**
- Two unseen prose passages (discursive or literary or narrative or scientific) with question on comprehension, grammar and verbal ability

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#### IV. Mathematics and Science

60 Questions

##### (i) Mathematics

30 Questions

##### a) Content

20 Questions

##### ❖ Number System

- Knowing our Numbers
- Playing with Numbers
- Whole Numbers
- Negative Numbers and Integers
- Fractions

##### ❖ Algebra

- Introduction to Algebra
- Ratio and Proportion

##### ❖ Geometry

- Basic geometrical ideas (2-D)
- Understanding Elementary Shapes (2-D and 3-D)
- Symmetry: (reflection)
- Construction (using Straight edge Scale, protractor, compasses)

##### • Mensuration

##### • Data handling

##### b) Pedagogical issues

10 Questions

- Nature of Mathematics/Logical thinking
- Place of Mathematics in Curriculum
- Language of Mathematics
- Community Mathematics
- Evaluation
- Remedial Teaching
- Problem of Teaching

**i) Science****30 Questions****a) Content****20 Questions**❖ **Food**

- Sources of food
- Components of food
- Cleaning food

❖ **Materials**

- Materials of daily use

❖ **The World of the Living**❖ **Moving Things People and Ideas**❖ **How things work**

- Electric current and circuits
- Magnets

❖ **Natural Phenomena**❖ **Natural Resources****b) Pedagogical issues****10 Questions**

- Nature & Structure of Sciences
- Natural Science/Aims & objectives
- Understanding & Appreciating Science
- Approaches/Integrated Approach
- Observation/Experiment/Discovery (Method of Science)
- Innovation
- Text Material/Aids
- Evaluation - cognitive/psychomotor/affective
- Problems
- Remedial Teaching

**V. Social Studies/Social Sciences****60 Questions****a) Content****40 Questions**❖ **History**

- When, Where and How
- The Earliest Societies
- The First Farmers and Herders
- The First Cities
- Early States
- New Ideas

- The First Empire
- Contacts with Distant lands
- Political Developments
- Culture and Science
- New Kings and Kingdoms
- Sultans of Delhi
- Architecture
- Creation of an Empire
- Social Change
- Regional Cultures
- The Establishment of Company Power
- Rural Life and Society
- Colonialism and Tribal Societies
- The Revolt of 1857-58
- Women and reform
- Challenging the Caste System
- The Nationalist Movement
- India After Independence

❖ **Geography**

- Geography as a social study and as a science
- Planet: Earth in the solar system
- Globe
- Environment in its totality: natural and human environment
- Air
- Water
- Human Environment: settlement, transport and communication
- Resources: Types-Natural and Human
- Agriculture

❖ **Social and Political Life**

- Diversity
- Government
- Local Government
- Making a Living
- Democracy
- State Government

- Understanding Media
- Unpacking Gender
- The Constitution
- Parliamentary Government
- The Judiciary
- Social Justice and the Marginalised

**b) Pedagogical issues**

**20 Questions**

- Concept & Nature of Social Science/Social Studies
- Class Room Processes, activities and discourse
- Developing Critical thinking
- Enquiry/Empirical Evidence
- Problems of teaching Social Science/Social Studies
- Sources - Primary & Secondary
- Projects Work
- Evaluation

**Note: For Detailed syllabus of classes I-VIII, please refer to NCERT syllabus and textbooks**