PAPER 1

CDASP1T FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES

MAX. MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

Objectives

The course aims to introduce learners to the foundational concepts, evolution, and significance of Demographic Analysis and Social Policies. It familiarises students with the role of population analysis in understanding social structures, development planning, and policy formulation.

Course Outcomes (COs)

Upon successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

CO1: Understand the meaning, scope, and importance of demographic studies.

CO2: Explain the relevance of population dynamics in social and economic development.

CO3: Describe key demographic processes such as fertility, mortality, migration, and urbanisation.

CO4: Understand the use of demographic data sources and indicators in population analysis.

CO5: Analyse population structure and interpret indicators like age-sex composition, dependency ratio, and population pyramids.

CO6: Recognise the significance of population issues and policies in India's development context.

Section A

Unit 1: Introduction to Demography: Meaning, scope, and evolution of demography, Importance of population studies, Core demographic concepts, Contemporary challenges in demographic data collection.

Unit 2: Sources of Demographic Data: Census, surveys, vital statistics, and administrative records, Strengths and limitations of demographic data sources, Electoral Rolls and Special Intensive Revision (SIR), Use of demographic data in policy and development planning.

Unit 3: Population Growth and Demographic Theories: Population growth and population explosion, Demographic transition theory, Population projections and demographic dividend.

Section B

Unit 4: Fertility and Reproductive Patterns: Meaning and measurement of fertility, Social, economic, and cultural determinants of fertility, Regional and socio-economic variations in fertility.

Unit 5: Mortality and Health Indicators: Meaning and measures of mortality, Factors affecting mortality, Life expectancy, infant and maternal mortality, and public health indicators.

Unit 6: Demography in Policy and Planning: Relevance of demographic analysis in development planning, Population trends and socio-economic development, Population policies and sustainable development.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Books:

1. Bhende, A. & Kanitkar, T. *Principles of Population Studies*, 13th Edition, Himalaya Publishing House, 2020.
2. Bogue, D. J. *Principles of Demography*, John Wiley & Sons, 2017.
3. Weeks, J. R. *Population: An Introduction to Concepts and Issues*, 14th Edition, Cengage Learning, 2020.
4. Srinivasan, K. *Basic Demographic Techniques and Applications*, Sage Publications, 2015.

Articles and Reports:

1. United Nations, *World Population Prospects*, UN DESA, 2022.
2. Registrar General of India, *Census of India Reports*, Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India.