

# NABARD ESI & ARD EBOOK-2020

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES**

**AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Economic and Social Issues | Agriculture and Rural Development**

**Economic and Social Issues**

**ESI Syllabus**

- Nature of Indian Economy
- Structural and Institutional features
- Economic underdevelopment
- Opening the Indian Economy
- Globalisation
- Economic Reforms in India
- Privatisation
- Inflation
- Trends in Inflation & their Impact on National Economy and Individual Income
- Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation in India – Rural and Urban
- Measurement of Poverty – Poverty Alleviation Programmes of the Government
- Population Trends – Population Growth and Economic Development – Population Policy in India
- Agriculture – Characteristics / Status – Technical and Institutional changes in Indian Agriculture
- Agricultural performance
- Issues in Food Security in India
- Non-Institutional and Institutional Agencies in rural credit
- Industry – Industrial and Labour Policy
- Industrial performance
- Regional Imbalance in India's Industrial Development -Public Sector Enterprises
- Rural banking and financial institutions in India
- Reforms in Banking/ Financial sector
- Globalisation of Economy – Role of International Funding Institutions
- IMF & World Bank
- WTO
- Regional Economic Co-operation
- Social Structure in India – Multiculturalism – Demographic trends – Urbanisation and Migration
- Gender Issues Joint family system
- Social Infrastructure
- Education
- Health and Environment
- Education – Status & System of Education
- Socio -Economic Problems associated with Illiteracy
- Educational relevance and educational wastage
- Educational Policy for India
- Social Justice: Problems of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes – socio-economic programmes for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and other backward classes

- Positive Discrimination in favour of the under privileged
- Social Movements
- Indian Political Systems
- Human Development
- Current Economic & Social Issues

Kind of questions you can expect in ESI Question Paper Analysis:

- Questions on economic and social welfare schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Jan Aushadi, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), etc. that are launched for the welfare of people in rural areas, women, children, rural youth, etc
- Committees set up by the government like the Shanta Kumar Committee, social sector programs and missions (like Indradhanush) launched by the Government
- [Ranks of India on various indexes](#)
- Autonomous agencies launched by the Government of India like the National Skill Development Agency launched by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Questions based on the Economic Survey
- Economic currents affairs on topics like department of disinvestment, overdrafts, etc
- Questions based on passages related to current affairs (like the firing of the air hostess, being a good Samaritan, reservations, etc.)

### Preparation Tips & Strategy for NABARD ESI Paper

We suggest you start your preparation by dividing your preparation schedule into broadly two categories: Static and Current Affairs.

- Pick a topic from the syllabus
- Read up about it and understand the concept
- Read important current affairs related to that concept including the facts and figures

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## **ESI Static Preparation tips and strategy**

If you have studied Economic and Social Issues as part of your graduation, then you don't need to study the basics of Economy or Social Issues. However, if your foundation in Economic and Social Issues is weak, we suggest you start by getting your fundamentals in place by reading about them from NCERT textbooks of 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. But, make sure you do selective reading of important concepts only.

Learn various Economic concepts for the static part and about social reforms, census, schemes, etc.

Read full names of schemes and not just their abbreviated forms. In the exam, most questions will only contain the abbreviated form. So, it's important that you know the full-forms of the schemes and sub-schemes.

Do not spend too much time on the static part, as most of the questions that appeared in the previous years' Economic and Social Issues [ESI] paper was based on current affairs related to Economic and Social Issues.

**NOTE:** Having said the above, we suggest you don't entirely base your preparation on previous year ESI paper analysis alone. Use it as a guideline to prepare for this year.

## **ESI Current affairs Preparation tips and strategy**

Most of the questions that appeared in the last year Economic and Social Issues paper were current affairs based which were published in newspapers like The Hindu and magazines like Yojana, and also from the Economic Survey, Union Budget and various government schemes.

We suggest you cover current affairs of 1 year related to Economic and Social issues. It's important that you memorize facts and figures like percentages and other numbers.

The questions are based on the various government Policies in Economic sector, banking and social issues taking place in our surrounding, etc. Follow news related to economics and social issues regularly and read government notices.

## **Agriculture and Rural Development**

### **ARD Syllabus**

- Soil & Water Conservation
- Water Resource
- Farm and Agri-Engineering
- Plantation & Horticulture
- Animal Husbandry
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Agriculture Extensions

- Ecology and Climate Change
- Scenario of Indian Agriculture

The ARD Phase 2 syllabus can be divide into 12 categories as follows:

- Present scenario of Indian Agriculture, Present scenario of allied activities, Factors of production in agriculture, Agriculture finance and marketing, Impact of globalization on agriculture, Issues of food security, Concept and types of farm management.
- Branches of agriculture, Agronomy – definition, meaning and scope, Classification of crops, Factors affecting crop production and Agricultural climatic zones, Cropping systems, Crops and weather, Seeds, Precision farming, Organic farming.
- Types of soil, Soil fertility, Soil erosion and conservation, watershed management.
- Sources of irrigation, Types of irrigation, Crops water requirement, Command area development, Water conservation techniques.
- Sources of power on farm, Water harvesting structures, Agro processing. Storage – godowns, bins, silos, etc.
- Plantation & Horticulture – Definition, meaning and branches, Post-harvest management, supply chain management of P & H crops.
- Role of animals in Indian economy, Animal Husbandry methods, Classification of breeds of cattle, Feeds and fodder classification, Poultry industry in India, Mixed farming, Linkages between livestock/poultry and farming.
- Importance of fisheries in India, Aquaculture, Post-harvest technology, Freshwater, brackish water and marine fisheries.
- Silviculture, Social forestry, Agro forestry, Join forest management, Forest policy and legislation in India, State of Forest Report, Recent Development under MOEFCC.
- Agricultural extension- importance, role and methods, Role of KVKs – Krishi Vigyan Kendra
- Ecology & Environment, GHGs – concept & countries, Adaptation vs Mitigation, Impact of climate change on agriculture and rural livelihood, Carbon credit, IPCC, UNFCCC, COP meetings. Funding mechanisms, Initiatives by GOI-NAPCC, SAPCC, INDC.
- Rural areas – concept and importance for India, Rural population – composition and trends, Problems of rural labor, Issues in handlooms, PRIs – functions and working, MGNREGA, NRLM, Aajeevika, Rural Drinking Water Programs, Swachh Bharat, Rural housing, PURA, Other programs, Rural Credit System – Evolution and growth, Role and functions of RBI, NABARD, SIDBI, etc.

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### Preparation Strategy

- Schemes and sub-schemes on Agricultural & Rural Development are important.
- It's important that you know the full-forms of schemes, as the questions in the exam will have the abbreviations like PMFBY, PMKSY, PMKKKY, etc.
- Though ARD section of both Phase 1 and 2 include questions based on facts & figures, they're more in number and more important for the ARD section of Phase 2 exam.
- Static questions are mainly asked in the Agriculture part of ARD and not much in the Rural Development. This does not mean that you should completely ignore the static (theoretical) part of the Rural Development syllabus. But rather, don't spend too much time on theory for Rural Development. While Agriculture topics are specific, Rural Development topics tend to be more generic.
- Focus more on the current affairs part of ARD. The questions are simple & straight forward and based on facts & figures of schemes & programs.
- The questions (both current affairs based, and theory based) were asked from the topics from Phase 2 NABARD Exam syllabus of ARD. Therefore, one must cover the syllabus of Phase 2 for the Phase 1 of the NABARD Exam.

### Preparation Material for ESI and ARD papers of NABARD

Keep your preparation material minimum and do not hoard too many books as it will only end up intimidating you.

The syllabus of Economic and Social Issues [ESI] and Agriculture and Rural Development [ARD] of NABARD can be intimidating since it is vast. However, reading books cover to cover to understand concepts will only end up confusing you now. You might even spend a lot of time on learning concepts that aren't even in the syllabus.

Therefore, to save that effort and your precious time and energy, we recommend you learn from special ESI & ARD Study notes & take [NABARD Mock Tests](#).

### Why should you take NABARD Mock Tests?

The mock tests are prepared by experts, who know the latest NABARD ESI & ARD exam syllabus and pattern, after thorough research and analysis. They cover the most important topics in the mock tests that will appear in the exam. Taking the mock tests will give you a fair idea about the topics that will be asked, and also the pattern and difficulty level of the questions.

Using this information, you can fine-tune and tailor your ESI and ARD preparation and save time and energy.

Mock tests also help you analyze your performance, determine your speed and accuracy and identify your strong and weak topics in ESI section.

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## Reports

- The Economic Survey of India
- The Union Budget
- Press Information Bureau [PIB]
- Policy reviews of the Government of India

## Magazines

- Yojana
- Pratiyogita Darpan
- Frontline

## Books

- Social & Economic Problems in India by Naseem A Azad
- Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh
- Social Problems in India by Ram Ahuja
- Indian Social System by Ram Ahuja

*NOTE ON BOOKS:* We suggest you pick the best book for your preparation; one with no errors and one that is most recommended. You also need to do selective reading of books. Do not spend time reading them cover to cover. Read up only those concepts that are important for your Economic and Social Issues exam paper.

We wish you all the very best for your exam.

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