**Detailed Guidelines for Social Geography (DSE), B.A. Hons Geography, Sem 5**

An online meeting was held on 25th July 2024, to discuss and prepare the teaching and exam guidelines for Social Geography, a DSE paper of B.A. (Hons) Geography, Semester V. The following members attended the meeting.

1. D r. Ranjana A Gera, Kamala Nehru College
2. Prof. Kavita Arora, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Morning
3. Prof. Seema Sahdev, Kalindi College
4. Dr. Prabuddh Kumar Mishra, Shivaji College
5. Ankur Srivastava, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College
6. Dr. Sandip Satpati, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Morning

The following points regarding the teaching content and exam questions were agreed upon.

**Unit 1: Social Geography: (8 hrs)**

Origin, Nature and Scope; Concept of Social Space.

* Origin, Nature and Scope (subject matter) of social Geography. Paradigm shifts/ Approaches in social geography need to be discussed (Positivism, Marxism, Humanism, Feminism and Post Structuralism etc.)
* Concept of Social Space (concepts of Emile Durkheim, Lefebvre, Chombart de lauwe, Edward Soja)

Full question will be asked on above two topics. No separate question on any subpart or suggested content will be asked

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**Unit 2: Social Differences and Diversity: (10 hrs)**

Concepts; Socio- Cultural Regions, language regions of India

* Concepts of Social Difference, Social Diversity, Categories of Social Differences (Race, ethnicity, Religion, Language, Caste, Class, Age, Gender, Ability, Sexuality etc)

Question will be asked on full topic, not on suggested subparts

* Socio-Cultural regions of India - by David E. Sopher and Subbarao

Full question on Socio-cultural region will be asked, not by any one scholar

* Language regions of India – Liquistic groups, spatial distribution of official languages mentioned in Eight Schedule of the Indian Constitutions.

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**Unit 3: Social Wellbeing: (9 hrs)**

Concept of Social Well Being; Needs and Wants; Components of Social Well Being: Healthcare, Education, Housing; Gender Equality in India.

* Concept of social wellbeing (Historical progression of the concept, D. M. Smith), Components of Social Wellbeing
* Concept of needs and wants (only short notes)
* Spatial distribution of the components of wellbeing in India - Healthcare, Education, Housing, Gender Equality. (Full question on one component can be asked)

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**Unit 4: Social Geographies of Exclusion and Inclusion: (9 hrs)**

Ethnicity, race, religion based social and spatial exclusion, Disability and Space.

* Concept of social exclusion and inclusion and examples of spaces of exclusion (Full question can be asked)
* Social and spatial exclusion on basis Ethnicity, Race and Religion (Full question on any one of these can be asked)
* Disability and space- how spaces exclude persons with disability and how can space be designed to include disabled, concepts like Universal design, Foucault’s concept of Heterotopia, Para Olympics etc. (no separate question on suggested components)

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**Unit 5: Social Welfare Policies and Programs: (9 hrs)**

Policies for People with Disabilities, senior citizens and Transgenders.

* Policies and programs for People with Disabilities, senior citizens and Transgenders.

at global and national (India)scale.

SUGGEST REFERENCES