

BHARATI VIDYAPEETH
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PhD Entrance Test – 2026
SECTION-II: Geoinformatics - 35 Marks

The syllabus for the entrance test for Ph.d. in Geoinformatics is based on the syllabus for the Masters in Geoinformatics course conducted by BharatiVidyapeeth University. The Entrance exam will be based on the following topics.

Unit -1	<p>Biosciences and Natural Resources</p> <p>Basic ecological concepts and ecosystems: types, functions and structure; Biodiversity-levels, values, threats, conservation measures; Natural resources and associated problems; Planning conservation areas-criteria for conservation, approaches for conservation, tools for conservation and design criteria; Integrated watershed management-watershed management strategy, ecological assessment</p>	One five mark question
Unit -2	<p>Urban Planning</p> <p>Introduction; Urbanization and its impacts; Urban climatology; Disasters and urbanization; Housing; Slums; Urban traffic; Urban utility planning; Open space provisions; Planning laws and environment; Planning Agencies</p>	One five mark question
Unit- 3	<p>Fundamentals of Remote Sensing</p> <p>Introduction- Components, platforms, applications; Remote sensing of the environment- the remote sensing process; Principles of electro-magnetic radiations-atmospheric windows, energy matter interactions; Fundamentals of aerial photography- classification of aerial photography, scale, resolution, geometric characteristics of aerial photographs, photo recognition elements; Elements of visual interpretation; Sensors; Remote Sensing Data Products; Multi-spectral remote sensing; Thermal infrared remote sensing; Applications of passive, microwave and lidar remote sensing</p>	One five mark question
Unit- 4	<p>Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems</p> <p>Introduction to GIS; Geographic data and data measurement map basics, basic geographic concepts; data models, data structures and data input; Global Positioning Systems; Database management; Data Analysis; GIS Project Design and Management</p>	One five mark question
Unit-5	<p>Photogrammetry and Digital image processing</p> <p>Photogrammetric sensing systems; Introduction to digital image processing- data formats, errors; Image rectification and restoration; Image enhancement techniques; Image classification; Data merging and GIS integration; Hyperspectral Image analysis; Digital change detection</p>	One five mark question
Unit-6	<p>Geodatabase management</p>	One five

	Overview of database; Database models and modeling; Spatial data and database systems; Introduction to oracle; Simple queries; PostGRE SQL and PostGIS	mark question
Unit-7	Applications of geospatial technologies Remote sensing and GIS applications in ecosystem studies and conservation, agricultural applications, urban applications, water resources and related applications, health studies, Remote sensing and GIS applications in forest studies, marine sciences, urban mapping, disaster management.	One five mark question
Unit-8	Spatial Statistics Data in ecology and environmental sciences; Statistical techniques; Basic elements and tools of statistical analysis; Concepts of probability ; Distribution; Contingency tables and χ^2 ; χ^2 - test of goodness – of – fit and homogeneity ; Correlation of measurement; Regression analysis; Introductory multivariate statistics and Partial correlation; geostatistics	One five mark question
Unit-9	Spatial analysis Introduction to Spatial analysis; Vector and raster based spatial analysis; Network analysis; Point pattern analysis; Surface analysis; Spatial modeling	One five mark question
Unit-10	Trends in Geoinformatics Web GIS; 3D GIS and visualization; Object oriented GIS; Mobile GIS; Spatial data warehousing and mining; Open GIS consortium; Customization and automation in GIS	One five mark question

Reference Books

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5. Allard, Denis. *J.-P. Chilès, P. Delfiner: Geostatistics: Modeling Spatial Uncertainty*. Springer, 2013.
6. Gelfand, Alan E., et al. *Handbook of Spatial Statistics*. CRC press, 2010.
7. Jensen, John R. *Remote Sensing of the Environment: An Earth Resource Perspective 2/E*. Pearson Education India, 2009.
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