

B.A.-III, Paper -I, Public Administration

Topic - Relation of Public Administration to other Social Sciences

(Public Administration & Economics)

- Public Administration is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach that draws on knowledge sources across the social sciences.
- Its increasing interdisciplinary nature implies that it draws upon other social sciences and applies in its study the knowledge, insights, techniques and tools developed by them.
- Economics is concerned with that aspects of human behaviour which arises from the scarcity of means to achieve a given end.
- Adam Smith's definition of 'Economics' as the art of managing the resources of the people and of the government clearly brings out the close relationship between 'Public Administration' and 'Economics'.
- A variety of areas covered in Public Administration are economic based. For example the common areas of study include such matters as public finance, planning, programming and budget system.
- The formulation of government's development plans and policies are to be evaluated in terms of their economic consequences.
- Thus economic plannings bring 'Public Administration' and 'Economics' closer.

Public Administration	Economics
Government's developmental plans / Policies / schemes	Public finance / Planning Programming and budget system