I. M.A

- General Knowledge/current events.
- National Security organisations in India: Indian Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces
- Challenges to security: Global, Regional, National and internal level Issues. (Political, Economic, Social, and other dimensions like Terrorism, Insurgency, etc).
- India’s History, Geography, economics, policies, science & technology and basic computer knowledge.

II. Ph.D.

- Research Aptitude
- Basic Research Methodology
- India’s Foreign Policy, Defence and Security Policies
- Defence organisations in India: Higher Defence Organisation in India, National Security Council, Indian Armed Forces and Paramilitary and Civil defence, Intelligence Agencies.
- Challenges to security: Human Security, National, Sub-Regional, Regional and International Level.
- Concepts of security Traditional and Non-Traditional Security Concern (Comprehensive Security)
- Economic, Science and Technology and National Security.