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MA and MSc Development Extension Entrance Syllabus and Comparison

Jamia Millia Islamia Aligarh Muslim University CUET PG

Entrance preparation guide for Development Extension and closely aligned postgraduate routes

Coverage	Details
Primary programme	JMI MA or MSc Development Extension M35
Comparison	AMU and CUET PG aligned admission routes
Focus	Extension education development studies communication research aptitude

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Programme Comparison

The exact MA or MSc Development Extension title is offered by Jamia Millia Islamia through the Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension. AMU and CUET PG should be treated as comparison routes because the programme title, accepting department and required test paper may differ by admission year. Candidates must match the course name with the current university prospectus before selecting a paper.

Route	Status	Preparation emphasis
JMI	Exact programme title MA or MSc Development Extension four semesters	JMI M35 entrance syllabus and general aptitude
AMU	No exact programme title confirmed in the current official programme material reviewed	Use the syllabus of the notified allied programme such as education social work home science rural development or extension
CUET PG	CUET is an examination route rather than one common Development	Prepare the paper code accepted by the target university commonly an allied domain paper or a



	Extension syllabus	general paper
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JMI Entrance Test Overview

Feature	Details
Programme code	M35
Programme	MA or MSc Development Extension
Department	Adult and Continuing Education and Extension
Duration	Four semesters
Question format	Objective multiple choice questions
Practice benchmark	Recent previous paper information indicates 100 MCQs 100 marks 90 minutes and negative marking of 0.25 per wrong answer

The current JMI admission material identifies aptitude areas including reasoning and data analysis, comprehension and verbal ability, product design and service design. The broader preparation syllabus below adds the core Development Extension areas needed for subject readiness and interview or programme-level understanding.

1 Reasoning and Data Analysis

- Number series, letter series, analogy, classification and logical sequence.
- Coding and decoding, directions, blood relations, ranking and ordering.
- Syllogism, statement and conclusion, assumptions, arguments and cause and effect.
- Tables, bar graphs, line graphs, pie charts, percentages, ratios and averages.
- Basic interpretation of social, educational, demographic and development data.

2 Comprehension and Verbal Ability

- Reading comprehension based on social issues, development, education and communication.
- Vocabulary, synonyms, antonyms, idioms and one-word substitutions.
- Grammar, sentence correction, error detection, fill in the blanks and rearrangement.
- Main idea, inference, tone, argument, summary and contextual meaning.

3 Foundations of Development

- Meaning, nature and dimensions of development; economic, social, human and sustainable development.
- Development indicators: income, poverty, health, education, gender, inequality and quality of life.
- Major approaches to development: modernization, dependency, human development, rights-based and participatory approaches.



- Sustainable Development Goals and major Indian development priorities.
- Globalization, liberalization, urbanization, migration and changing livelihoods.

4 Extension Education

- Meaning, philosophy, objectives, principles, scope and functions of extension education.
- Formal, non-formal and informal education; adult education and lifelong learning.
- Historical development of extension work in India.
- Extension teaching methods: individual, group and mass approaches.
- Extension worker: role, competencies, ethics, leadership and community relations.
- Diffusion and adoption of innovations; adopter categories and factors affecting adoption.

5 Development Communication

- Meaning, elements, models and barriers of communication.
- Interpersonal, group, organizational and mass communication.
- Communication for social and behavioural change.
- Participatory communication and community media.
- Use of print, radio, television, mobile phones, social media and digital platforms in extension.
- Media literacy, misinformation, digital divide and ethical communication.

6 Community and Rural Development

- Community: meaning, structure, institutions, power, participation and social change.
- Rural society, agrarian structure, livelihoods, poverty and vulnerability.
- Community organization, local leadership, self-help groups and cooperatives.
- Panchayati Raj Institutions, decentralization and local governance.
- Major rural and urban development programmes, employment initiatives and social protection schemes.
- Role of government departments, NGOs, civil society and corporate social responsibility.

7 Programme Planning and Management

- Needs assessment, stakeholder analysis and prioritization of community problems.
- Planning cycle: objectives, activities, resources, timelines and responsibilities.
- Logical framework, theory of change and results-based management.
- Implementation, supervision, coordination, budgeting and documentation.
- Monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment and sustainability.

8 Research Methods and Statistics

- Nature and purpose of social research; basic, applied, action and evaluation research.
- Research problem, objectives, questions, hypotheses and variables.
- Quantitative, qualitative and mixed-method research designs.
- Sampling concepts and probability and non-probability sampling methods.
- Tools of data collection: questionnaire, interview, observation, focus group and case study.
- Reliability, validity, ethics and informed consent.



- Classification and presentation of data; mean, median, mode, range, variance, standard deviation, correlation and basic interpretation.

9 Gender Inclusion and Social Justice

- Gender concepts, roles, socialization, inequality and empowerment.
- Caste, class, tribe, religion, disability and other dimensions of exclusion.
- Inclusive development and rights of marginalized communities.
- Constitutional values, fundamental rights, social justice and welfare measures.

10 Health Environment and Sustainable Development

- Public health, nutrition, sanitation, reproductive health and health communication.
- Environment, natural resources, climate change, disaster risk and community resilience.
- Sustainable livelihoods, responsible consumption and community-based resource management.

11 Product and Service Design for Development

- Human-centred and user-centred design; understanding users and contexts.
- Problem definition, empathy, ideation, prototyping, testing and iteration.
- Designing accessible, affordable and sustainable products for communities.
- Service design: stakeholders, touchpoints, user journey, service blueprint and feedback.
- Social innovation, appropriate technology and evaluation of usability and impact.

12 General Awareness and Current Affairs

- Major national and international events related to education, health, development, environment and governance.
- Indian Constitution, public institutions and important social-sector policies.
- Major reports and indices concerning human development, gender, poverty, education and health.
- Important organizations: United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, World Bank and major Indian development institutions.

AMU Aligned Preparation Route

For AMU, candidates should first identify the exact programme and departmental test named in the current Guide to Admissions. Where an allied programme accepts a background in social sciences, education, home science, social work, rural development or extension, the following preparation areas provide the closest overlap.

- Extension education and communication
- Adult education and lifelong learning
- Rural sociology and community development
- Social work and welfare administration
- Development theories and Indian development programmes
- Research methodology and elementary statistics
- English comprehension, reasoning and general awareness



Important: AMU admission tests are programme-specific. Do not assume that JMI M35 or a CUET paper automatically applies to an AMU course unless the current AMU guide explicitly says so.

CUET PG Aligned Preparation Route

CUET PG has separate subject papers. A university may map an extension-related programme to Home Science, Education, Social Work, Sociology, Rural Development, Agriculture or a general paper. The accepting university's programme mapping is decisive.

Possible paper family	High priority areas
Home Science	Extension education development communication community development programme planning research methods family and community studies
Education	Foundations of education adult and non-formal education educational psychology research and statistics policy and current issues
Social Work	Social work methods community organization social policy human development research and field practice
Sociology	Sociological concepts Indian society social change rural and urban society research methods
General paper	Comprehension verbal ability quantitative aptitude reasoning data interpretation general awareness

Common Core Comparison

Area	JMI	AMU aligned	CUET PG aligned
Extension education	High	High for allied extension route	High in Home Science or extension paper
Development studies	High	Moderate to high	Depends on selected paper
Communication	High	Moderate	High in Home Science or communication route
Research and statistics	High	High	High in most allied domain papers
Reasoning and comprehension	High	Depends on test	High only where included in chosen paper



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Current affairs	Important	Often important	Paper-dependent
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