

Contents of the entrance test (Social Studies)

Sociology

Culture and society. Culture elements. Socialization of the individual. Role of socialization. Social institutions. Concept of institutionalization. Deviant behavior. Social stratification and social mobility. Social norms. Social inequality. Mass behavior.

Political science

Political sphere of society. Political power. Contents and diversity of power. Political system. Political regime. State as a political institution. Federated systems. Concept of legitimacy. Legitimation of power. Political parties and party systems. Constitutions, law and judicial systems. Constitution of the Russian Federation. Federal structure of Russia.

History

Early centuries of Russian history. Formation of the Old Russian state. Kievan Rus' during its heyday. Adoption of Christianity, its historical meaning. Feudal fragmentation: reasons and consequences. Formation of Russian centralized state. Ivan the Terrible. Russia in the 18th century. Reforms of Peter the Great. Russia in the 19th century. Russian foreign policy directions and features. Russia in the 20th century. Revolutionary events of 1917. USSR. USSR during the Second World War. Collapse of the USSR. Modern Russia in the 21st century.

Applicants are not required to perform detailed knowledge of each topic mentioned. Knowing key historical figures and meaning of turning points in history of Russia will be enough.

Geography

Sources of geographic information. Geographical location and borders of Russia. Climate of Russia. Seas washing Russia. Lakes of Russia. Vegetation and fauna of Russia. Entities of the Russian Federation and their borders. Population of the Russian Federation. Urban and rural population of the Russian Federation. The largest cities, capital of Russia. Features of the geographical position of major regions of Russia. Russia in the modern world and its borders.

Economics

Various economic systems. Differences between market and command economies. Features of market economy. Concept of market. Supply and demand. Types of market structures. Perfect competition and monopoly. Consumer behavior. Basic principles of rational consumer behavior. Concept of budget constraint. Factors of production. Inflation, deflation. Unemployment. State and private property. Features and functions of the state as an economic institution.