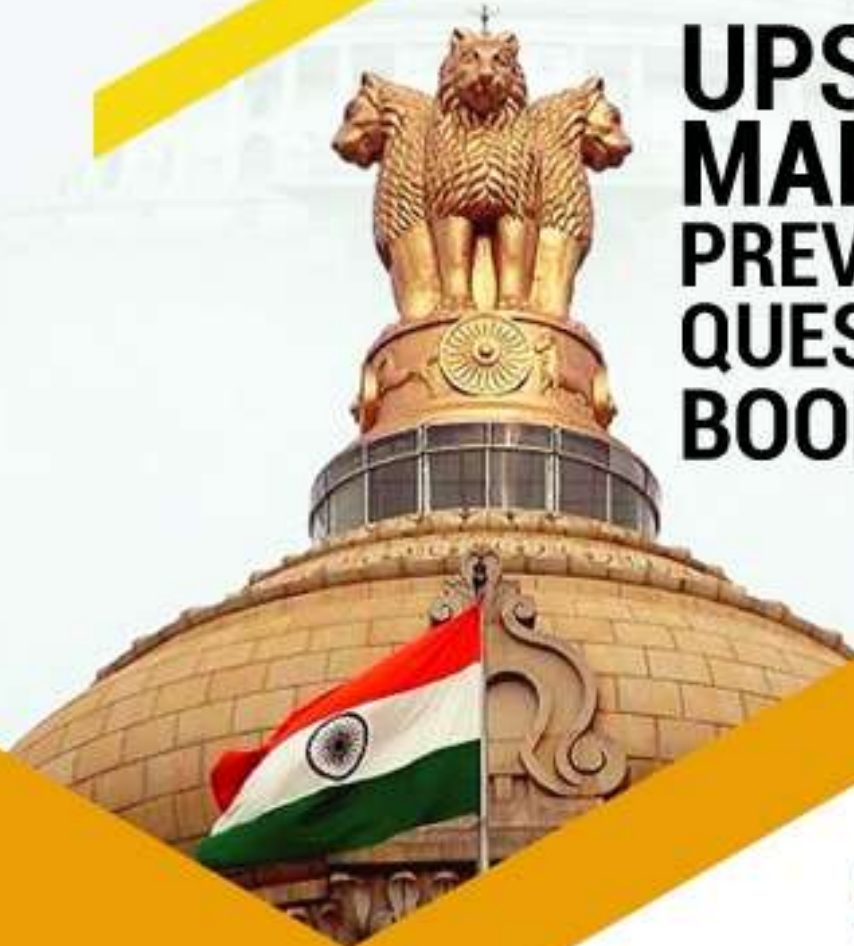




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UPSC MAINS PREVIOUS YEAR ANALYSIS (2013-19)**GENERAL STUDIES -01**

TOPIC	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Indian Culture	3	4	2	2	1	3	1
Modern Indian History	3	2	2	1	5	1	2
The Freedom Struggle		1		2			2
Post-independence	5						
History Of The World Will Include Events From 18 th Century	4	3	2	1	1	1	1
Salient Features Of Indian Society			1	1	2	1	
Role of Women and Women's Organization, Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Developmental issues, Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	2	3	3	2	1	2	3
Effects Of Globalization On Indian Society	1		1	1		1	1
Social Empowerment, Communalism Regionalism & Secularism	1	1	2	2	2	2	
Salient Features Of World's Physical Geography	3	2			1	2	
Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world	4	5	3	5	1	3	2
Important Geophysical Phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.	6	5	5	5	6	1	5

GENERAL STUDIES -02

TOPIC	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Indian Constitution	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Functions and Responsibilities of the Union and the States	3	1	2	3	1	2	1
Separation of Powers between various organs Dispute Redressal Mechanisms and Institutions	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Comparison of the Indian Constitutional Scheme with that of Other Countries						1	1
Parliament and State Legislatures	1	1		1	1	1	1
Salient Features of the Representation of People's Act.					2	1	1
Structure, Organization and Functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary	1	2		1	1		1
Appointment to various Constitutional Posts, Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.	1	2	3	1	2	1	
Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections of the population by the Centre and States	2	2			1	2	4
Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.	2	2	2	3	1	1	1
Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger.	1		1		1	1	
Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency and Accountability, E-governance	2		2	2	1	2	1
Role of Civil Services in a Democracy		1		1	1		
India and its Neighborhood- Relations	6	1	2	1	1		
Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora	1		1	1	2	2	3
Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests		2				1	
Important International Institutions, agencies and fora - their Structure, Mandate	1	2	1	2	1	1	1

GENERAL STUDIES -03

TOPIC	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Growth development poverty employment and unemployment	1	5	1	2	2	1	2
Macro economy: public finance, government budgeting, taxation	3		1	2	3	2	3
Infrastructure and invest models	1	2	1	2	1		
Farming, major crops and cropping patterns				3	1	1	1
Land reforms				1			
Technology missions			3			3	1
Medical, biotechnology and related issues	2				1	1	1
Public distribution system, minimum support price, food subsidies and food security	2	1		2	2	1	1
Food processing industries	3	1			1	1	1
Irrigation and farm mechanization			1	1			1
Space and missile technologies				1	1	1	
Development of Science and Technology in India		2	1	2	1		
IPR and it's related issues		1	1				1
Disaster management: plan, framework, cycle	1	1	1	2	1		2
Biodiversity and conservation		2	1		1	1	
Environment pollution	2				1	1	1
Environmental impact assessment and related issues		1		1		2	1
Challenges to internal security	2	1			3		2
Terrorism, external states, non state actors	1	1		4	1		2
Cyber security	2		3	1	1		1

GENERAL STUDIES -04

TOPIC	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Ethics And Human Interface (Essence, Determinants, Consequences Of Ethics In Human Actions)	2	1	2	1	1	1	
Ethics In Public & Private Relationships				1	1		1
Human Values – Role Of Family, Society And Educational Institutions In Inculcating Values		3	1	1			
Attitude	1	1			1		
Social Influence And Persuasion				1			
Aptitude And Foundational Values For Civil Service	2	2	3		3	3	
Emotional Intelligence	3	1		1		2	2
Contributions Of Moral Thinkers & Philosophers From India And World; Human Value Lessons From Great Leaders, Reformers & Administrators	3	1	2	4	1	2	3
Public/Civil Service Values And Ethics In Public Administration	1	3		1			2
Ethical Concerns And Dilemmas In Government And Private Institutions						2	
Ethical Issues In International Relations And Funding			1		1		
Corporate Governance					2		
Probity In Governance: Concept Of Public Service; Philosophical Basis Of Governance And Probity							1
Information Sharing And Transparency In Government			2			1	2

Codes Of Ethics And Codes Of Conduct				1		1	
Work Culture	1		1	1			
Challenges Of Corruption , Utilization Of Public Funds Case Studies : Emotional Intelligence							2
Civil Serves Foundational Values Related		2	2		1	3	4
Public Service Values & Ethics In Public Administration	2			1			2
Problems, Dilemmas In Public Administration And Public Service		1					
Challenges Of Corruption; Utilization Of Public Funds	3	1				1	
Information (Sharing & Transparency In Government) & Rti	1				1	1	
Ethical_Dilemmas - Sustainable Development Vs Economic Development		1				1	
Decision Making			1	2	3		
Vulnerable Sections Related-women Related			1	2			1
Tribal Communities			1	1			



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- Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World.
- Case studies related to it.

17-10-2020 F.N Test 2 Essay (Sectional)

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17-10-2020 A.N Test 3 G S Paper – I (Sectional)

G.S PAPER - I : Indian Heritage and Culture, History of the World

- Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- History of the World will include events from 18th century such as Industrial Revolution, world wars, Redrawing of National Boundaries, Colonization, Decolonization, political philosophies like Communism, Capitalism, Socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.

24-10-2020 A.N Test 4 G S Paper – II (Sectional)

G.S PAPER -II : Polity , Constitution and Governance

- Historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State Legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and

issues arising out of these.

- Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.

31-10-2020 F.N Test 5 Essay (Sectional)

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31-10-2020 Test 6 GS Paper - IV Part II (Sectional)

G. S. PAPER-IV: Attitude, Aptitude, Emotional Intelligence, Values and Ethics in Public Administration and Probity in Governance and Case Studies

- Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behaviour; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion.
- Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service, Integrity, Impartiality and Non-partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service, Empathy, Tolerance and Compassion towards the weaker-sections.
- Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance.
- Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration: Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions; Laws, Rules, Regulations and Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance; Accountability and Ethical Governance; Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance; Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance.
- Probity in Governance: Concept of Public Service; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity;

Information Sharing and Transparency in Government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work Culture, Quality of Service Delivery, Utilization of Public Funds, Challenges of Corruption.

•Case Studies on above issues.

07-11-2020 Test 7 GS Paper I, II & III (Sectional)

Society; International Relations & Social Justice and Security

Indian Society:

•Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Effects of globalization on Indian society Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.

Social Justice:

•Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

•Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

•Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

•Issues relating to poverty and hunger.

International Relations:

•India and its Neighborhood- Relations.

•Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

•Effect of Policies and Politics of Developed and Developing Countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora.

•Important International Institutions, agencies and fora - their Structure, Mandate.

Security:

•Linkages between development and spread of extremism.

•Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.

•Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.

•Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism.

•Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

14-11-2020 Test 8 GS Paper I & III (Sectional)

Geography, Agriculture and Disaster Management, Bio diversity and Environment

•Salient features of World's Physical Geography.

•Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

•Important Geophysical Phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

•Major Crops - Cropping Patterns in various parts of the country, - Different Types of Irrigation and Irrigation Systems; Storage, Transport and Marketing of Agricultural Produce and Issues and Related Constraints; E-technology in the aid of farmers.

•Issues related to Direct and Indirect Farm Subsidies and Minimum Support Prices; Public Distribution System - Objectives, Functioning, Limitations, Revamping; Issues of Buffer Stocks and Food Security; Technology Missions; Economics of Animal-Rearing.

•Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance, Location, Upstream and Downstream Requirements, Supply Chain Management.

•Land Reforms in India.

•Disaster and Disaster Management.

•Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment.

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General Studies – IV

28-11-2020 **Test 11** GS Paper I (Sectional)

G. S. PAPER –I: Modern Indian History, Freedom Struggle and Post-Independence

- Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.
- The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country.

05-12-2020 **Test 12** GS Paper III (Sectional)

G. S. PAPER-III: Economic Development and Technology

- Effects of Liberalization on the Economy, Changes in Industrial Policy and their Effects on Industrial Growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- Investment Models.
- Science and Technology- Developments and their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life.
- Achievements of Indians in Science & Technology; Indigenization of Technology and Developing New Technology.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, Robotics, Nano-technology, Bio-technology and issues relating to Intellectual Property Rights.

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General Studies – I

30-12-2020 A.N **Test 18** Full Mock Test

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PAPER-I**1. Heritage Culture****Paper: General Studies I****Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture****Topic: Art Forms - Salient features**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment.	150	10
2017	How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times?	150	10
2012	The 'flute-playing Krishna' theme is a very popular in Indian art. Discuss.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture****Topic: Art Forms - Indian paintings**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1985	What are the differences between Mughal style of painting and Rajput style of painting?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture****Topic: Art Forms - Dance**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1988	What are the main forms of classical dance in India? Indicate two features of each.	150	10
1980	Which are the classical dances of India? Where did they originate? Name one distinguished dance of each school of classical dance. Are the measures adequate for promotion for such dances in India? What further measures would you suggest for the promotion of classical dances.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture****Topic: Art Forms - Theatre**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1985	What efforts have been made to develop the theatre in India. Name any two persons associated with the development of this art.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture****Topic: Architecture**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Highlight the Central Asian and Greco -Bactrian elements in Gandara art.		
2016	Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate.	200	12.5
2015	Mesolithic rock cut architecture of India not only reflects the cultural life of the times but also a fine aesthetic sense comparable to modern painting. Critically evaluate this comment.	200	12.5
2014	Gandara sculpture owed as much to the Romans as to the Greeks. Explain.	200	12.5
1987	What were the new elements introduced by the Muslim rulers in the development of Indian architecture?	150	10
1983	To which dynasty did the kings who built the temples at Khajuraho	150	10

	belong?To whom were the temples dedicated.Name the temples that occupy pride of place there.		
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Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture
Topic: Literature

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	Krishnadeva Raya, the King of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture
Topic: Religion & Philosophy

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	Sufis and medieval saints failed to modify either the religious ideas and practices or the outward structure of Hindu/ Muslim societies to any appreciable extent. Comment.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture
Topic: Civilization of India in comparative perspective with others

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	The ancient civilization in Indian sub-continent differed from those of Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece in that its culture and traditions have been preserved without breakdown to the present day. Comment.	200	12.5
2014	To what extent has the urban planning and culture of the Indus Valley Civilization provided inputs to the present day urbanization? Discuss.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture
Topic: History of Scientific Development – Ancient

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	Taxila university was one of the oldest universities of the world with which were associated a number of renowned learned personalities of different disciplines. Its strategic location caused its fame to flourish, but unlike Nalanda, it is not considered as a university in the modern sense. Discuss.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Indian Heritage & Culture
Topic: History of Scientific Development – Medieval

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.	150	10

2. Modern Indian History

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: British Administration

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2008	British vision of India had no single coherent set of ideas. On the contrary, the ideas were shot through with contradictions and inconsistencies. Discuss.	150	10
2007	What are the salient features of the Government of India Acts of 1858 and 1909?	150	10
2005	What in your opinion were the positive steps taken by the British to modernize India?	250	15
2001	What administrative changes were introduced in India after 1858? What were the objectives of these changes?	250	15
1996	What was the Macdonald Award? How was it modified?	150	10
1995	When was the system of open competitive examination in the Indian Civil Service introduced. Analyse the growth of the Indian Civil Service till the passing of the Government of India Act, 1919.	250	15
1995	Discuss the various aspects of social legislation introduced by the East India Company in the first half of the nineteenth century.	150	10
1993	The Minto-Morley Reforms did not and could not provide an answer to Indian problems. Explain.	150	10
1993	What were the basic differences between the conservative and the liberal schools of administrators in the latter half of the 19th century?	150	10
1989	'The recruitment of Indians to Civil Services was the most important question in the last quarter of the nineteenth century.' Explain.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Events from early 1700s to 1857 - British Conquest

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.	150	10
2014	The third battle of Panipat was fought in 1761. Why were so many empire-shaking battles fought at Panipat?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Economic impact of Colonialism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.	250	15
2014	Examine critically the various facets of economic policies of the British in India from mid-eighteenth century till independence.	200	12.5
1998	How did economic nationalism mirror the work of the early nationalist leadership in India.	150	10
1998	How did the Policy of free trade hurt Indian textile industry and crafts in the latter half of the 19th century?	150	10

1983	The economic policies followed by the British led to the transformation of India's Economy into a colonial economy. They disrupted the traditional structure of Indian economy. Explain how this happened with special reference to agriculture, rural employment and development of our industries.	250	15
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Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Events from early 1700s to 1857 - Peoples Resistance Against Colonialism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2003	Discuss the character of major tribal uprisings in British India in the nineteenth Century.	150	10
1994	Discuss the outstanding Tribal uprisings against the British rule during the nineteenth century. What is meant by 'un-British' rule in India? How did the Indian nationalists react against it?	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Important Governor Generals and Viceroys

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	"In many ways, Lord Dalhousie was the founder of modern India." Elaborate.	200	12.5
1999	How far Curzon's policy towards Tibet was influenced by strategic consideration?	150	10
1992	'The Viceroyalties of Lord Lytton and Lord Ripon formed an important landmark in the history of the Indian National Movement.' Examine the truth of the statement.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: From 1857 to 1919 - Revolt of 1857

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	The 1857 Uprising was the culmination of the recurrent big and small local rebellions that had occurred in the preceding hundred years of British rule. Elucidate	150	10
2016	Explain how the Uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India.	200	12.5
1999	What began as a flight for religion ended as a war of independence, for there is not the slightest doubt that the rebels wanted to get rid of the alien government and restore the old order of which the king of Delhi was the rightful representative.' Do you support this viewpoint?	150	10
1987	Despite the fact that Muslims and Hindus fought together against the British in the Revolt of 1857, a separatist movement started soon after, resulting into the partition of India. In the light of this statement, briefly review the origin and development of Muslim Separatist Movement culminating into the creation of Pakistan in 1947.	200	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: From 1857 to 1919 - Modern Nationalism, Moderates and Political Associations

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Why did the 'Moderates' failed to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century?	150	10
2005	"In the Montagu-Chelmsford Report communal representation and reservations were not only retained but considerably extended." Comment.	150	10
2004	What led to the partition of Bengal in 1905?	150	10
2003	Bring out the ideological basis of the Moderate-Extremist divide in the Indian National Congress.	150	10
2001	Discuss the main objectives of the Indian national movement up to 1905. What were its basic weaknesses during this period?	250	15
2000	Trace the origin of the Swadeshi Movement. How did it involve the masses?	250	15
1998	Why did the moderates lose appeal with the Indians and failed to elicit desired response from the British?	150	10
1996	The policies of the British Indian Government during 1858 - 1905 were aimed at preventing another revolt of the masses. Elucidate.	250	15
1996	Bengal was partitioned in 1905 not for administrative reasons but for political purposes. Elucidate.	150	10
1995	Trace the emergence of Indian nationalism till the foundation of the Indian National Congress.	150	10
1994	What were the contributions of the Moderates in the formative stage of the Indian National Congress?	150	10
1993	Why was Bengal partitioned in 1905? How did it lead to the growth of extremist and terrorist schools of nationalism? Why was it annulled and with what consequences?	250	15
1992	How far was the Swadeshi Movement inked with Boycott? Analyse the nature of mass participation in the Movement.	250	15
1987	Who wrote our National Anthem? When, where and on what occasion was it sung for the first time? When was it accepted as our National Anthem?	150	10
1987	What were the motives which led to the partition of Bengal? What were its consequences? Why was it annulled?	250	15
1985	What were the attitudes of the moderates and Extremists towards the freedom movement of India? What led to their show down in Surat(1907).	100	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: From 1857 to 1919 - Phase of Extremism, Militant Nationalism and Home Rule League

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2007	The crisis of the colonial order during 1919 and 1939 was directly linked to the constitutional reforms, disillusionment and militant anti-colonial struggles. Elucidate.	250	15

2003	The reforms of 1909 introduced a cardinal problem and ground of controversy at every revision of the Indian electoral system. Comment.	150	10
2002	Trace the growth of the Indian Home Rule Movement in Britain.	150	10
1997	Examine the causes and nature of extremism in Indian politics in the early part of the present century.	250	15
1994	Explain the part played by Annie Besant in the Home Rule Movement.	150	10
1993	The Lucknow Pact of 1916 was signed without regard for its consequences. Elucidate.	150	10
1991	Discuss the growth of revolutionary terrorism with special reference to its ramifications in Maharashtra, Bengal and Punjab till the first decade of the twentieth century.	250	15
1990	How did LalaLajpatRai and BalGangadharTilak champion the cause of militant nationalism in India?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Early Gandhian Movements

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1994	Trace the emergence of Gandhiji in Indian political scene till the Champaran Satyagraha of 1917. What was the basic philosophy of Satyagraha enunciated by him?	250	15
1993	Mahatma Gandhi's succession, during 1916 - 20, in getting the technique of non-violent satyagraha accepted by the nation as a weapon of struggle against the British was phenomenal. Elucidate.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: From 1919 till independence - GandhianPhase and Mass Nationalism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate	250	15
2008	Non-cooperation movement gave new direction and energy to the National Movement. Explain.	150	10
2007	Do you think Mahatma Gandhi's support to Khilafat Movement had diluted his secular credentials? Give your argument based on the assessment of events.	150	10
2004	Form a critical assessment of the Non-cooperation Movement.	250	15
2003	'The mainstay of Mahatma Gandhi's movements was the rural India.' Elucidate.	150	10
2001	Discuss the aims and objects of the Khilafat Movement. To what extent was it successful?	150	10
2001	Why did Gandhi launch the Salt Satyagraha in 1930 and with what results?	150	10
1996	What were the reasons that changed Gandhiji's attitude of responsive cooperation to non- cooperation in 1920? What were its consequences?	250	15
1995	In what way did the Civil Disobedience Movement affect the different provinces of India? How did it foster peasant movement in India.	150	10

1992	Why did Mahatma Gandhi launch Civil Disobedience Movement? Analyse the intensity of the movement in different parts of India.	150	10
1991	What was Harijan Movement? Why and with what effect did Gandhi launch individual Satyagraha?	150	10
1989	Why did Gandhiji launch the Non-violent Non-cooperation Movement on the Khilafat question? How were other issues joined to it later? Discuss the constructive programme of the Non cooperation.	250	15
1988	Analyse Mahatma Gandhi's main demands presented to Irwin. How did Salt emerge as the central issue for launching the Satyagraha?	150	10
1988	What was the Gandhi-Irwin Pact? Why was it signed and what were its consequences?	150	10
1986	What were the effects of non-violent non-cooperation Movement in India? When was the movement recalled and why?	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: From 1919 till independence - Preparation for independence, Making of Constitution and Partition of India

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during 1940s.	250	15
2017	Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century.	250	15
2015	It would have been difficult for the Constituent Assembly to complete its historic task of drafting the Constitution for Independent India in just three years, but its experience gained with the Government of India Act, 1935 .Discuss	200	12.5
2014	In what ways did the navel mutiny prove to be the last nail in the coffin of British colonial aspirations in India?	200	10
2012	"The Indian independence movement was a mass-based movement the encompassed various sections of society. It also underwent the process of constant ideological evolution." Critically examine.	250	15
2006	How did the Government of India Act, 1935 mark a point of no return in the history of constitutional development in India?	250	15
2005	Why and how did the Congress come to accept the partition of the country?	150	10
2002	Why did Jinnah reject C R Formula?	250	15
2002	Evaluate the attitudes of different political parties towards Quit India Movement.	150	10
2000	What was Mountbatten Plan? Discuss the reactions of Gandhi and Azad to the Plan.	250	15
1999	What were the proposals of the Cabinet Mission? Analyse the actions of the Congress and the League to the proposals.	250	15
1999	Trace the formation of the Swaraj Party. What were its demands?	150	10
1998	Trace the origins of the R. N. I. Mutiny and evaluate its impact on the political situation in India.	150	10

1997	What were the salient features of Gandhi-Irwin Pact?	150	10
1997	What were the circumstances that led to the partition of India in 1947.	150	10
1995	Do you think that the Partition of India was inevitable? Discuss the attitudes of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru and Maulana Azad towards the crucial question of Partition.	250	15
1992	Analyse Jawaharlal Nehru's views on Independence and Dominion Status. How far were these reflected in the policy enunciated by the Lahore Congress?	150	10
1991	Narrate the last phase of the India's freedom movement especially from the beginning of 1947 till the attainment of Independence.	250	15
1990	Trace the origin of the Swaraj Party. What was the manifesto or the Swaraj Party? What were the Swarajists demands and the reactions of the British?	250	15
1990	What was the attitude of the Indian National Congress towards the Second World War?	150	10
1990	What was the August Offer? What were the factors that led the British to change its negative policy and send Cripps to India?	250	15
1990	What were the main feature of the Act of 1935? What was Jawaharlal Nehru's reaction to the Act? Why did he contest the elections of 1937 and with what effect?	250	15
1990	When and why did the revolt of the ratings of the Royal Indian Navy take place? Why did they suspend the movement? What were the attitudes of Gandhi and Patel towards the movement?	150	10
1989	What was the Cabinet Mission Plan? How was the 'grouping clause' fundamental to it? What was its impact on the attitude of the Congress and the League?	250	15
1989	'The trial of the INA officers did more harm than good to the British Rule in India.' Explain.	150	10
1984	what was Cripps Mission? Why did its failure result in Quit India Movement? Mention briefly he major development after this movement leading to Independence in 1947.	250	15
1984	Discuss briefly the basic aims with which the Indian National Congress was founded. when and under what circumstances did it decide to have complete independence (Purna Swaraj) from the British as its goal?	250	15
1982	What are the main factors which led to the partition of India in 1947? To what extent Jawaharlal Nehru justified in writing as follows "It (Communalism) was our fault, of course and we must suffer for our failing. But I cannot excuse or forgive British authorities for the deliberate part they have played in creating disruptions in India".	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Indian States and British

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1980	What were the main reasons for the decision of the British Government to leave India after transferring power the "British India" and the 'Rulers' of Indian states?	150	25

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Modern Indian History
Topic: Personalities

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.	150	10
2016	Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.	200	12.5
2015	How difficult would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi? Discuss.	200	12.5
2015	Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B R Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.	200	12.5
2013	Several foreigners made India their homeland and participated in various movements. Analyse their role in the Indian struggle for freedom.	200	12.5
2013	Critically discuss the objectives of Bhoodan and Gram dan movements initiated by Acharya Vinobha Bhave and their success.	200	12.5
2013	Discuss the contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to pre- and post-independent India.	200	12.5
2007	Evaluate the contribution of revolutionary terrorism represented by Bhagat Singh to the cause of India's Struggle of independence.	150	10
2006	Regardless of distance in time, there were lots of similarities between Lord Curzon and Jawaharlal Lal Nehru. Discuss.	250	15
2006	Critically assess Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru's view on Indian Nationalism.	150	10
2005	Evaluate Subhas Chandra Bose's contribution to India's freedom.	150	10
2001	Explain briefly the main contributions of Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore and Jawaharlal Nehru to the making of modern India.	250	15
1998	Did Jawaharlal Nehru really 'speak' the 'language' of Gandhi? Locate the points of their agreements and departures.	150	10
1996	What was Tilak's contribution towards shaping the course of the nationalist movement in India?	150	10
1996	Why has Nehru in his Autobiography been so critical of the liberals?	150	10
1994	Evaluate the role of Dadabhai Naoroji in exposing the evils of British rule in India.	150	10
1994	In what way did the international events in the late twenties of the present century influence Jawaharlal Nehru's radical views?	150	10
1993	Analyse the main differences between the approaches of Tilak and Gokhale on social and political issues.	150	10
1991	'I am convinced that the only key to the solution of the world's problems and of India's problems lies in socialism. I see no way of ending the poverty, the vast unemployment, the degradation and the subjection of the Indian people except through socialism.' In what way did Nehru succeed in achieving the objectives through national planning?	250	15
1990	'If Aurobindo was the high priest, Rabindranath, was the great poet of the Swadesh Movement.' Elucidate.	150	10

1990	Give a critical account of the Ramakrishna Mission with special reference to the role played by Swami Vivekananda.	150	10
1989	How was Jawaharlal Nehru influenced by socialist ideas?	150	10
1989	How did the Socialist thinking of Nehru and other leaders influence the Congress before 1942?	150	10
1989	How did Patel succeed in avoiding the evil consequences of the doctrine of lapse of paramountcy and in integrating Indian States?	150	10
1989	Tagore's humanism is a blending of his faith in god and man: Comment.	150	10
1988	Discuss Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Basic Education. How did Tagore differ from it?	150	10
1987	Relation between Religion and Politics has been a subject of controversy since long. What are the views of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru of this issue?	150	10
1986	What were the basic differences between Nehru's Internationalism and Tagore's Internationalism? Why was Tagore called 'a spiritual ambassador' ?	150	10
1985	Both Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru were interested in India's economic development, but there were some basic differences in their approaches to this problem. Point out clearly those basic differences.	150	10
1984	Point out clearly the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore in the social and cultural life of India.	150	10
1981	What was the role of Mahatma Gandhi in the eradication of untouchability and to what extent did he influence the constitution and Government policy in this regard? What further steps should be taken to wipe out untouchability	250	15
1981	Explain briefly Mahatma. Gandhi's views on religion and its relation to politics. Were these views shared by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru?	150	10
1980	Mahatma Gandhi wrote in 1928 to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru: "the differences between you and me appear to be so vast and radical that there seems to be no meeting ground between us." State briefly the difference in approach of Gandhiji and Pandit Nehru to the following two issues and indicate the impact of their views on our Constitution and Government policy"	150	10
1979	Describe the main contributions of Jai Prakash Narayan to Indian society and politics.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Modern Indian History

Topic: Press Freedom

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2004	Discuss the major regulations enacted by the British rulers to curb the freedom of Press in India.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Modern Indian History
Topic: Education

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2008	The emergence of new social classes in British India was a direct consequence of the establishment of new social economy, new state system, administrative machinery and Western education. Discuss.	150	10
2004	Discuss the main findings of the Hartog committee (1929).	150	10
2002	What was the Butler Committee Report? Discuss the reactions on the report in India.	250	15
1997	Discuss Mahatma Gandhi's concept of 'Basic Education' How far was it a departure from conventional system of education?	150	10
1991	Trace the growth and development of University education till 1919.	150	10
1990	Trace the progress of the women's education from the early days of the British rule to the year 1947.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I
Subject: Modern Indian History
Topic: Cultural Awakening - Religious and Social Reforms

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Examine the linkages between 19th centuries 'Indian renaissance' and emergence of national identity.	150	10
2007	What was the character of social religious reforms in the 19th Century and how did they contribute to the national awakening in India?	250	15
2006	Characterise the main features of Indian Renaissance.	150	10
2000	Who established the AryaSamaj? What was its goal?	150	10
1989	Analyse briefly the contribution of religious reform movements to the growth of extremist nationalist movement.	150	10
1986	Explain briefly the nature and activities of either Theosophical Society of India or Servants of India Society.	150	10
1986	Discuss the major social reform movements of the second half of the 19th century. In what way did they contribute to the rise and growth of Indian National Movement.	250	15
1983	The nineteenth century is generally called a period of Indian Renaissance. Which were the major social reform movements of this period and what changes did they bring about?	150	10
1980	The Caste system and the practice of untouchability were major targets of attack from the social reform movement, which grew in strength after the revolt of 1857. Indicate the main factors which gradually undermined the caste system and brought into sharp focus the evils of untouchability.	150	10
1979	The second half of the nineteenth century witnessed in India a strong wave of reformation in the spheres of religion and society. What part was played in this directly or indirectly by Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Keshab Chandra Sen and Just M. G. Rande	150	10

3. World History

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: World History

Topic: Events from 18th century - Industrial Revolution

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	Why did the industrial revolution first occur in England? Discuss the quality of life of the people there during the industrialization. How does it compare with that in India at present times?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: World History

Topic: Events from 18th century - American Revolution

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Explain how the foundations of modern world were laid by the American and French revolution.	250	15
2013	“American Revolution was an economic revolt against mercantilism.” Substantiate.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: World History

Topic: Events from 18th century - Imperialism and Colonialism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? Have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?	150	10
2013	“Africa was chopped into states artificially created by accidents of European competition.” Analyze.	200	12.5
1999	How far Curzon’s policy towards Tibet was influenced by strategic consideration.	150	10
1994	Discuss the British policy towards Tibet from the end of the nineteenth century to the Viceroyalty of Lord Curzon.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: World History

Topic: Europe from 1914 to 1936

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	To what extent can Germany be held responsible for causing the two World Wars? Discuss critically.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: World History

Topic: World between two world wars

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	What policy instruments were deployed to contain the Great Economic Depression?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: World History****Topic: World War II**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1994	How did the outbreak of the Second World War affect India's political scene? Did the Cripps Mission resolve the political crisis in India?	250	15

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: World History****Topic: Decolonialization**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula?	150	10
2016	The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans. Examine.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: World History****Topic: Contemporary World Politics - Cold War Era, Rise of Uni-Polar, Multi-Polar World**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	What were the major political, economic and social developments in the world which motivated the anti-colonial in India?	200	12.5
2014	What were the events that led to the Suez Crisis in 1956? How did it deal a final blow to Britain's self-image as a world power?	200	12.5
2013	Critically examine the compulsions which prompted India to play a decisive role in the emergence of Bangladesh.	200	12.5
1982	Explain briefly how the ideas and experiments of Soviet Government in USSR influenced Poet Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: World History****Topic: Political Philosophies: Forms and Effects on the Society - Communalism, Capitalism and Socialism**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1990	What was Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Socialism? How did it differ from Mandan socialism?	250	15

4. Post-Independence India

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Post Independence India****Topic: Political History - Nehruvian Era and early challenges**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	Has the formation of linguistic States strengthened the cause of Indian Unity?	200	12.5
2014	The New Economic Policy – 1921 of Lenin had influenced the policies adopted by India soon after independence. Evaluate.	200	12.5

2005	Examine the policy of Subordinate Union towards Princely States. Account for shift from the policy of Subordinate Isolation.	250	15
2003	Discuss the problem that impeded the integration of the princely states into the Indian Union. How were these problems tackled?	150	10
1997	How did Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel succeed in avoiding the evil consequences of the doctrine of lapse of paramountcy and in integrating Indian States?	250	15
1996	What was the role of the states people's movement in the integration of Indian states?	150	10
1981	One of the outstanding achievements of the Government of independent India is the Integration of the former 'Princely' States with the Indian Union. How was this achieved? What important forces/factors helped the Unification of India?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Post Independence India

Topic: Political History - Shastri and Indira Era

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	Write a critical note on the evolution and significance of the slogan, 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'.	200	12.5
2013	Analyse the circumstances that led to the Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the Agreement.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Post Independence India

Topic: Rise of Regional Aspiration - J&K, Punjab, NE and Dravidian Movement

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.	150	10

5. Indian Society

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Indian Society - Salient Features

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples	250	15
2019	What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.	150	10
2014	The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss. (200 words) 10 marks	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Indian Society - Vulnerable and Marginalized Sections

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1983	In recent times bride burning has increased. Women are tortured for not bringing sufficient dowry. Why such cases are rare amongst Muslims? What measures are being taken by the government to end this pernicious	250	15

	system of dowry and bride burning? What further steps can be taken in your opinion.		
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Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Indian Society - Issues Related to Poverty

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty still exists'. Explain by giving reasons.	150	10
2016	"An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.	200	12.5
2006	Discuss economic backwardness as a major challenge of Indian democracy. Can Democracy and development go together smoothly?	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Indian Society - Population Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	"Empowering women is the key to control population growth". Discuss	150	10
2015	Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the mains cause of population increase in India.	200	12.5
2015	How do you explain the statistics that show that the sex ratio in Tribes in India is more favourable to women than the sex ratio among Scheduled Castes?	200	12.5
2014	Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.	200	12.5
2008	Decline in the sex ratio in India is an alarming sign for India's future social development. Discuss.	150	10
1981	Bring out the findings of the 1981 Census in regard to the growth and variations in rates of growth of population in different parts of the country. How do you account for population explosion during the last three decades? What measures should be adopted for population control?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

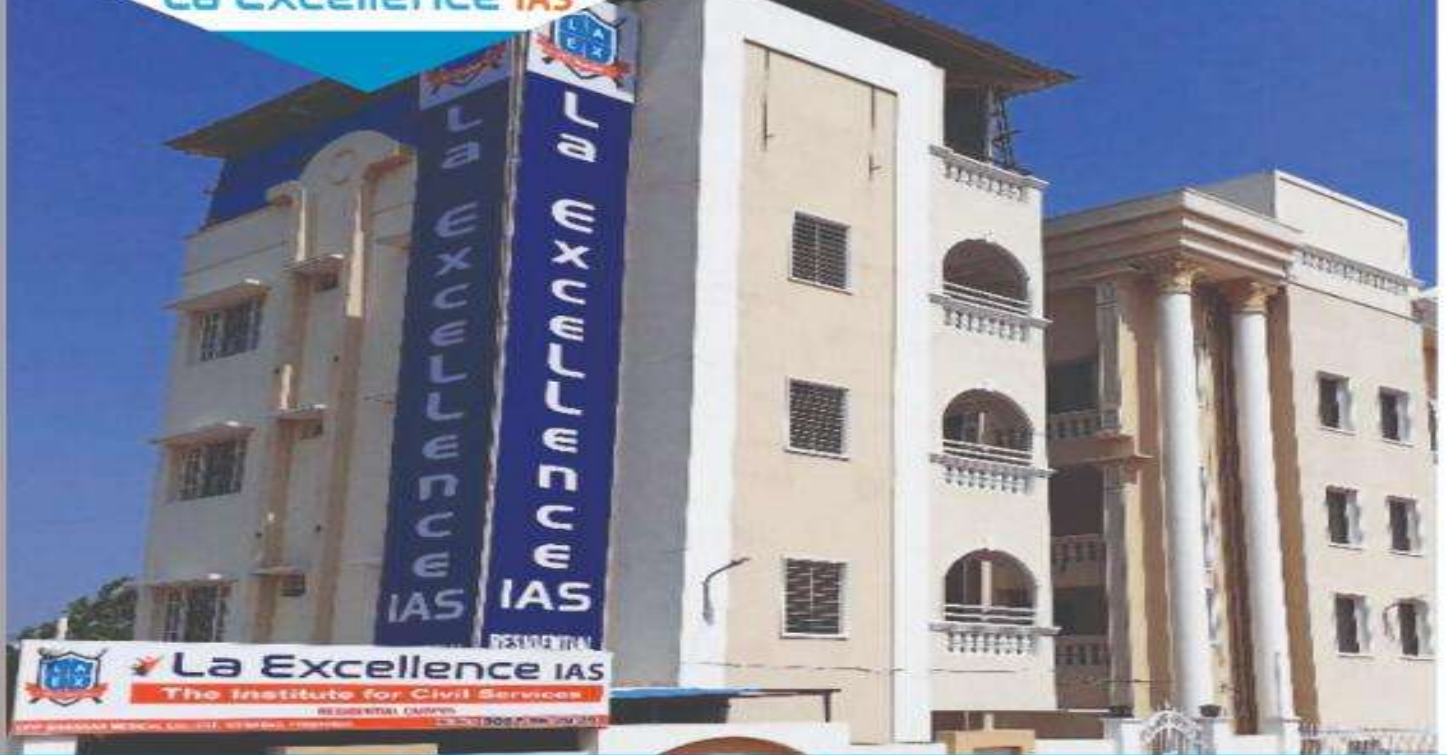
Subject: Society

Topic: Indian Society - Migration

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.	200	12.5



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Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Indian Society - Globalization and its Impact

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.	250	15
2018	'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificity appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.	150	10
2016	To what extent globalization has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.	200	12.5
2015	Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India?	200	12.5
2013	Critically examine the effect of globalization on the aged population in India.	200	12.5
2008	Globalization has brought about a distinct class divide in India instead of ushering in a classless society. Critically examine this argument.	250	15
2006	Examine the effects of globalization on poverty removal in India.	150	10
2005	Discuss the impact of globalization on higher education in India.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Communalism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.	150	10
2017	Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Regionalism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your view point.	150	10
2016	What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.	200	12.5
2015	Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.	200	12.5
2013	Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss.	200	12.5
2008	Discuss the problems in achieving National Integration of India.	150	10
2007	What is regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian Polity.	250	15
2005	"Political boundaries and regional boundaries need to be co-terminus." Do	150	10

	you agree?		
1988	What do you consider are the problems of National Integration in India? Suggest suitable remedies.	250	15
1985	Keeping in view the political developments in India explain how the need for the national integration and the demand for the regional autonomy can be reconciled.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Secularism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism	150	10
2018	How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.	150	10
2018	The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.	250	15
2017	The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate.	250	15
2014	How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?	200	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Urbanisation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development of India?	250	15
2018	Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.	150	10
2016	With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme'.	200	12.5
2015	Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss this statement in the backdrop of rural urban integration.	200	12.5
2013	Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India.	200	12.5
2008	The conditions of the urban poor are more deplorable than that of their rural counterparts. Give your views.	250	15
2007	Explain the nature and causes of growing slum problems in the metropolitan cities of India.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Social Empowerment

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	"Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.	150	10

2017	What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)?	150	10
2016	Why are the tribal in India referred to as the Scheduled Tribes? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment.	200	12.5
2015	Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.	200	12.5
2014	Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.	200	12.5
2008	Examine the role of caste in Indian politics.	150	15
2008	Examine whether rural women in India have been empowered by their active participation in Panchayat Raj System.	150	10
2006	Explain the social constraints in bringing about gender equality in Indian society.	150	10
2006	What are the implications of gender disparities in India?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Society

Topic: Role of Women and Women's Organisations

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?	250	15
2018	'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.	150	15
2017	The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?	250	15
2014	How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?	200	12.5
2013	"Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from gender bias." Comment.	200	12.5
1985	What efforts have been made for the upliftment of women in Nineteenth Century till the present day?	150	10
1980	The most striking change in our social life today is the improved statures of women. Who and what organisations helped their cause enabling them to attain that present status? What important safeguards have been provided in the Constitution and the laws of the land for protection of women's interests? In what directions are further legal measures for their protection called for?	250	15

6. Physical Geography

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Physical Geography of India and World

Topic: Geomorphology - Earth (Origin, Theories, Shape, Movements, Interiors, Crust)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.	150	10

2017	How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth?	150	10
2013	What do you understand by the theory of continental drift? Discuss the prominent evidences in its support.	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Physical Geography of India and World

Topic: Geomorphology - Landforms (Evolution, Running water, Glaciation, Desert and Arid, Limestone and Chalk, Coastal)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism?	250	15
2014	Why are the world's fold mountain systems located along the margins of continents? Bring out the association between the global distribution of fold mountains and the earthquakes and volcanoes.	200	12.5
2014	Bring out the relationship between the shrinking Himalayan glaciers and the symptoms of climate change in the Indian sub-continent.	200	12.5
2013	Major hot deserts in northern hemisphere are located between 20 ^o -30 ^o N latitudes and on the western sides of the continents. Why?	200	12.5
2004	Why are the Aravalli's called a divide between Mewar and Marwar?	150	10
1995	What do you understand by Deccan Trap? Describe its characteristics.	150	10
1985	Where do we find large dessert areas in India?What steps have been taken by the Government for their development?	150	10
1984	Name the main physiographic divisions of India and give the salient features of each division.	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Physical Geography of India and World

Topic: Geomorphology - Rocks, Minerals, Soils, Geomorphic processes, Weathering, Mass Movements

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2005	Causes of soil erosion and its control in India.	150	10
1994	Why are the soils of Malwa in Madhya Pradesh black while those of Karnataka red? Discuss the relative fertility of these soils.	150	10
1990	What is the need for soil conservation? What are the major measures taken by the Government towards conserving soil in India?	150	10
1988	What are black soils? Give their distribution in India and explain their uses and problems.	150	10
1986	What are laterite soils?Where do we find these types of soil?Explain their problem and most suitable use ?	150	10
1984	Soil erosion is one of the most crucial problems in India and offers the most frightening for years. Describe the various kinds of soil erosion and steps which may be taken for the protection of land and soil.	150	10
1983	Describe the various types of soil and their distribution in India	250	15

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Physical Geography of India and World

Topic: Geomorphology - Oceans, Islands, Coral Reefs

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and coastal environment? Give suitable examples?	250	15
2019	Assess the impact of global warming on coral life system with examples.	150	10
2017	Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects.	250	15
2015	Explain the factors responsible for the origin of ocean currents. How do they influence regional climates, fishing and navigation?	200	12.5
2014	Explain the formation of thousands of islands in Indonesian and Philippines archipelagos.	200	12.5
1998	How do the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Lakshadweep differ in the geological evolution and topographical conditions?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Physical Geography of India and World

Topic: Geomorphology - Indian Drainage Systems

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India?	250	15
2018	“The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system.” How can it be made effective in urban areas?	150	15
2016	Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.	200	12.5
2015	India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity.	200	12.5
2013	There is no formation of deltas by rivers on the Western Ghats. Why?	150	10
2006	Why do the rivers of west coast not form a delta?	150	10
2003	Describe the major characteristics of the rivers of Peninsular India.	150	10
1998	What constitutes a Minor Irrigation Project?	150	10
1995	Why have the rivers of the peninsular India well-defined rigid channels in sharp contrast to the Himalayan rivers?	150	10
1995	What is drip irrigation? Why is it considered the most efficient method of irrigation?)	150	10
1993	Give your assessment of the soundness of large river valley project a with high dams vis-a-vis smaller river valley projects.	150	10
1980	Name the major international rivers flowing through India. What Countries/States are covered by the Ganga and the Godavari rivers on their course from their source to the sea?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Physical Geography of India and World

Topic: Climatology - Atmosphere, Weather, Monsoon, Cyclones, Anti-Cyclones, Winds, Precipitation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	How does the cryosphere affect global climate?	150	10
2017	What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia?	250	15
2016	Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.	200	12.5
2015	How far do you agree that the behaviour of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscape? Discuss.	200	12.5
2014	Most of the unusual climatic happenings are explained as an outcome of the El-Nino effect. Do you agree?	200	12.5
2014	Tropical cyclones are largely confined to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mexico. Why?	200	12.5
2013	The recent cyclone on the east coast of India was called 'Phailin'. How are the tropical cyclones named across the world? Elaborate.	100	12.5
2008	The winter rains in North India are largely related to Jet Streams and Western Disturbances. Bring about the relationship.	150	10
2007	Explain how the Himalayan and the Tibetan highlands play an important role in the development of the South West monsoon.	150	10
2002	Discuss the distribution of winds and rainfall over India in the summer monsoon season.	150	10
2001	Explain the causes of the Indian Monsoon.	150	10
1997	Discuss the origin of Monsoon in India.	150	10
1995	What is 'intensity of rainfall' Discuss its importance to Indian farmers.	150	10
1994	Which part of India receives more rainfall from the northeast monsoon than from the southwest monsoon? Explain why it is so?	150	10
1991	What is the basis of monsoon forecasts now prepared by the Indian Meteorological Department, which have been reasonably correct for the last three successive years?	250	15
1989	How has modern technology contributed to a better forecasting of weather? Mention the particular efforts made in India in this regard.	150	10
1988	What is El Nino? How is it relevant to India?	150	10
1982	Monsoon is known to be the energy released by the sea". Explain how does this energy helps the entire economic system of the country. In what ways the country can be prepared to fight the vagaries of the monsoon.	150	10
1981	Unlike most other parts of the country, why is the Tamil Nadu coast wettest in November-December and not in July-August?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Physical Geography of India and World****Topic: Climatology - Insolation, Temperature, Pressure**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	Bring out the causes for the formation of heat islands in the urban habitat of the world.	150	10
2013	What do you understand by the phenomenon of 'temperature inversion' in meteorology? How does it affect weather and the habitants of the place?	150	10
2001	Had there been no Himalayas, what would have been the winter climate in north India?	150	10
1996	What is ozone hole? How is it formed and what effect does it have on the earth?	150	10
1995	What is 'greenhouse effect' What are its adverse effects on the Earth's environment? What steps are being taken to check the same?	250	15

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Physical Geography of India and World****Topic: Vegetation**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Discuss the causes of depletion of mangroves and explain their importance in maintaining coastal ecology.	150	10
2005	What is eco-tourism? How could it be promoted in India?	150	10
1996	Where do mangrove forests occur in India? Describe their main characteristics.	150	10
1995	What policy has the Government of India adopted in recent years to protect our environment, control pollution and maintain ecological balance? State briefly.	150	10

7. Geophysical Phenomenon

Paper: General Studies I**Subject: Geophysical phenomenon****Topic: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Landslides, Floods, Droughts, Tsunamis**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India?	250	15
2016	"The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides." Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.	200	12.5
2016	Major cities of India are becoming more vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.	200	12.5
2016	In what way micro-watershed Development projects help in water conservation in drought prone and semi-arid regions of India.	200	12.5
2013	Bring out the causes for more frequent occurrence of landslides in the Himalayas than in the Western Ghats.	150	10
1989	Water-conservation has assumed an urgency particularly in drought prone areas. What are the methods available for controlling water evaporation from large surfaces (e. g. Ponds and tanks) and improving the water-holding capacity of the soil?	200	12.5

8. Economic Geography India and World

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Economic Geography of India and World

Topic: Distribution of Natural Resources, Industries, Trade

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Can the strategy of regional-resource based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India?	150	10
2018	Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?	150	10
2018	What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem?	150	10
2018	What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.	250	15
2017	"In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss.	150	10
2017	Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications.	250	15
2016	South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment.	200	12.5
2015	What are the economic significances of discovery of oil in Arctic Sea and its possible environmental consequences?	200	12.5
2014	Account for the change in the spatial pattern of the Iron and Steel industry in the world.	200	12.5
2014	Critically evaluate the various resources of the oceans which can be harnessed to meet the resource crisis in the world.	200	12.5
2014	How does India see its place in the economic space of rising natural resources rich Africa?	200	12.5
2013	Do you agree that there is a growing trend of opening new sugar mills in southern states of India? Discuss with justification.	150	10
2013	Analyse the factors for the highly decentralized cotton textile industry in India.	150	10
2013	With growing scarcity of fossil fuels, the atomic energy is gaining more and more significance in India. Discuss the availability of raw material required for the generation of atomic energy in India and in the world.	200	12.5
2013	It is said that India has substantial reserves of shale oil and gas, which can feed the needs of the country for quarter century. However, tapping of the resource does not appear to be high on the agenda. Discuss critically the availability and issues involved.	200	12.5
2004	Examine the distribution of oil refineries in India.	150	10
2003	Account for the very high concentration of salt extraction industries in the Saurashtra and South Tamilnadu Coast.	150	10
2002	Give an account of the tea plantations of Assam and West Bengal and state the economic significance of these plantations.	150	10
1999	What is Deep-water Oil Exploration? What are its prospects in India?	150	10
1999	What is the importance of Indian Ocean for India?	150	10
1993	Which parts of India are described as 'arid zones' Comment on the characteristics and economic activities prevalent in these regions?	150	10

1991	Where is Antarctica and what is there so special about It? What do you know of any ban on exploration in Antarctica?	150	10
1991	Examine the recent developments that have taken place in identifying and mapping land resources in India.	150	10
1989	Name the minerals used in generating nuclear energy and the places where they are found in India.	150	10
1981	Mention the distribution of steel plants in India, with foreign collaboration or assistance, if any. What are the locational advantages enjoyed by each of these plant?	150	10
1981	As the resources of land are getting depleted man is turning to sea for the supply of his needs. What are the prospects of sea exploration for obtaining our requirements of food, minerals and chemicals, oil and gas?	150	10

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Economic Geography of India and World

Topic: Sectors - Primary, Agriculture, Transport and Communication

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Discuss the factors for localization of agro-based food processing industries of North West India.	150	10
2018	Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.	250	15
2017	Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulses because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by United Nations.	150	10
2016	Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India.	200	12.5
2014	Whereas the British planters had developed tea gardens all along the Shivaliks and Lesser Himalayas from Assam to Himachal Pradesh, in effect they did not succeed beyond the Darjeeling area. Explain.	200	12.5
2014	Why did the Green Revolution in India virtually by-pass the eastern region despite fertile soil and good availability of water?	200	12.5
1999	What is dry farming? Discuss its relevance in augmenting the food supply in India.	150	10
1996	What is shifting cultivation? Describe its salient characteristics with reference to India?	150	10
1994	What is dryland agriculture? Discuss its importance to India.	150	10
1989	Which part of India has developed comparatively more marine-based industries and why?	150	10
1985	What are the important wheat growing regions in India, and why are we now growing enough wheat in India to meet our own demand for it?	150	10
1981	What is shifting cultivation? Where in India has this been localized to? Consider its consequences and examine the steps taken by Government of prevent this practice.	150	10
1980	Name two major ports in India's eastern and western seacoasts and the major exports/imports through each of these ports.	150	10

9. Human Geography

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Human Geography

Topic: Human settlements, Migration

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	“The growth of cities as I.T. hubs has opened up new avenues of employment, but has also created new problems”. Substantiate this statement with examples.	250	15
2016	The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain	200	12.5
2015	Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata are the three Mega cities of the country but the air pollution is much more serious problem in Delhi as compared to the other two. Why is this so?	200	12.5
2015	The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are reaching the limits of ecological carrying capacity due to tourism. Critically evaluate.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies I

Subject: Human Geography

Topic: Population - Composition, Distribution, Density, Growth

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1991	Explain the factors affecting the distribution of population in India, bringing out the variation in density over space. Account for the varied environmental problems resulting from wide spread deforestation in both Aravalli and Himalayan regions.	250	15
1991	Explain the factors affecting the distribution of population in India, bringing out the variation in density over space.	150	10

Paper-II

1. Indian Polity and Constitution

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Indian Constitution - History, Evolution and Making of Constitution

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What can France learn from the Indian Constitution’s approach to secularism?	150	10
2018	India and USA are two large democracies. Examine the basic tenets on which the two political systems are based.	250	15
2008	Do you think there is a need for a review of the Indian Constitution? Justify your view.	150	15
2007	What is a Constitution? What are the main sources of the Indian Constitution?	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Indian Constitution - Salient Features, Preamble, Fundamental Rights, DPSP, Duties, special provisions related to some states

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in the light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on Right to Privacy.	250	15
2016	To what extent is Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, bearing marginal note “Temporary provision with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir”, temporary? Discuss the future prospects of this provision in the context of Indian polity.	200	12.5
2016	Discuss each adjective attached to the word ‘Republic’ in the preamble. Are they defensible in the present circumstances’ stances?	200	12.5
2015	Discuss the possible factors that inhibit India from enacting for its citizens a uniform civil code as provided for in the Directive Principles of State Policy.	200	15
2015	Does the right to clean environment entail legal regulations on burning crackers during Diwali? Discuss in the light of Article 21 of the Indian Constitution and Judgement(s) of the Apex Court in this regard.	200	15
2014	What do you understand by the concept “freedom of speech and expression”? Does it cover hate speech also? Why do the films in India stand on a slightly different plane from other forms of expression? Discuss.	200	10
2013	Discuss -Section 66A of IT Act, with reference to its alleged violation of Article 19 of the Constitution.	200	10
2013	Recent directives from Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas are perceived by the ‘Nagas’ as a threat to override the exceptional status enjoyed by the State. Discuss in light of Article 371A of the Indian Constitution.	200	10
2011	Essentially all that is contained in Part IV-A of the Constitution is just a codification of tasks integral to the Indian way of life. Critically examine this statement.	250	15
2008	Enumerate the fundamental duties incorporated in the Constitution after the 42nd amendment.	150	15
2007	Bring out the differences between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Discuss some of the measures taken by the Union and State Governments for the implementation of the Directive Principles of State Policy.	150	15
2006	What is right to life and personal liberty? How have the courts expanded its meaning in recent years?	250	20
2005	Give your views on the right to freedom of religions as enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Do they make India a secular State?	250	20
2005	What are the constitutional limitations on the free movements of Indians throughout the country?	150	15
2004	What is the significance of a preamble to a constitution? Bring out the philosophy of the Indian polity as enshrined in the preamble of the Indian Constitution.	250	20
2004	Discuss how the Constitution of India provides equal rights.	250	20
2003	Identify the major Fundamental Duties.	150	15
2002	Why does the Constitution of India provide different forms of Oaths for the President, the Ministers, the legislators and the members of the judiciary? Discuss their significance.	250	20

2002	Discuss the constitutional provisions relating to the non-justiciable directives binding upon the states.	150	15
2001	What is the constitutional position of Directive Principles or State Policy? How has it been interpreted by the judiciary after the emergency in 1975 – 77?	250	20
2001	Discuss the constitutional provisions regarding the rights of children.	150	15
1999	What grounds does Article 15 of the Indian Constitution prohibit discrimination? Indicate the way the concept of ‘Special protection’ has qualified this prohibition, and contributed to social change	250	20
1999	What is the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy? Mention which Directive Principles of State Policy have got primacy over the Fundamental Rights.	150	15
1998	Briefly state the stages through which the present position of the Directive Principles vis-a-vis the Fundamental Rights has emerged	250	20
1996	What do you understand by the term Rule of Law? How does the Constitution of India seek to establish it?	250	20
1996	Why does the Constitution of India contain different forms of Oath for the President, the Ministers, the Legislators and the members of the Judiciary? Discuss their significance	250	20
1995	What are the constitutional rights of the citizens of India? What do you think about the demand of the NRI's for dual citizenship?	150	10
1994	Differentiate between the ‘due process of law’ and ‘the procedure established by law’ in the context of deprivation of personal liberty in India.	150	10
1994	Indicate the provisions of Indian Constitution relating to Secularism.	150	10
1993	What are the fundamental duties and their implications	150	10
1993	Distinguish between preventive detention and punitive detention	150	10
1993	What are the various writs available to the citizens of India?	150	10
1993	What is meant by ‘equal protection of law’	150	10
1993	What is the content of the 10th schedule of the Constitution of India?	150	10
1993	What is the purpose of Article 24 of the Constitution of India?	150	10
1991	Discuss the secular nature of Indian polity and the position of minorities in India.	150	10
1990	What are the reasonable restriction mentioned in the Indian Constitution accompanying the fundamental rights?	150	10
1987	Briefly mention why and how the Chapter on Directive Principles gained precedence over the Chapter on Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution.	250	15
1982	Differentiate between the fundamental rights and directive principle of state policy, do you think that the later has been adequately implemented? Give reasons for your views.	250	15
1981	Bring out the significance of the Fundamental Rights provided in the Constitution of India. The right to acquire, hold and dispose of property has ceased to be a fundamental right. Examine the purpose of the change	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Indian Constitution - Important and Latest Amendments, Basic Structure

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	“Parliament’s power to amend the constitution is a limited power and it cannot be enlarged into absolute power”. In the light of this statement explain whether parliament under article 368 of the constitution can destroy the Basic structure of the constitution by expanding its amending power?	250	15
2017	Explain the salient features of the Constitution(One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016. Do you think it is efficacious enough ‘to remove cascading effect of taxes and provide for common national market for goods and services’?	250	15
2015	“If amendment bill to the Whistle-blowers Act, 2011 tabled in the Parliament is passed, there may be no one left to protect.” Critically evaluate.	200	15
2006	How would you differentiate between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and of an Ordinary Legislative Bill?	150	10
2003	Highlight the significance of Forty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India.	150	10
2002	How is the Constitution of India amended? Do you think that the procedure for amendment makes the Constitution a plaything in the hands of the Centre?	250	15
2001	What are the main differences between the passage of a Constitution Amendment Bill and other Legislative Bills?	250	15
2000	What constitutes the doctrine of ‘basic features’ as introduced into the Constitution of India by the Judiciary?	250	20
1999	Highlight the significance of the Twenty Forth Amendment to the Constitution of India?	150	10
1998	Highlight the significance of the Seventy-third Amendment to the Constitution of India.	150	10
1994	Describe the emergence of Basic Structure concept in the Indian Constitution.	150	10
1994	Four more languages were added to the 8th Schedule of the Constitution through two amendments. Give the names of these four languages as also the serial number of amendments.	150	10
1992	What are the general features of the amending procedures of the Constitution of India?	250	15
1990	What are the major recommendations of the National Perspective Plan for women, 1988 and what are the relevant recommendations as envisaged in the Constitutional Amendment Bill (64th Amendment)?	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Federalism, Issues of States and UT, Emergency Provisions

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Under what circumstances can the Financial Emergency be proclaimed by the President of India? What consequences follow when such a declaration remains in force?	150	10

2018	Whether the Supreme Court Judgement (July 2018) can settle the political tussle between the Lt. Governor and elected government of Delhi? Examine.	250	15
2016	Discuss the essentials of the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act and anomalies, if any that have led to recent reported conflicts between the elected representatives and the institution of the Lieutenant Governor in the administration of Delhi. Do you think that this will give rise to a new trend in the functioning of the Indian federal politics?	200	12.5
2016	Did the Government of India Act, 1935 lay down a federal constitution? Discuss.	200	12.5
2015	The concept of cooperative federalism has been increasingly emphasized in recent years. Highlight the drawbacks in the existing structure and the extent to which cooperative federalism would answer the shortcomings.	200	15
2014	Though the federal principle is dominant in our constitution and that principle is one of its basic features, but it is equally true that federalism under the Indian Constitution leans in favour of a strong Centre, a feature that militates against the concept of strong federalism. Discuss.	200	10
2013	Constitutional mechanisms to resolve the inter-state water disputes have failed to address and solve the problems. Is the failure due to structural or process inadequacy or both? Discuss.	200	10
2010	"Disputes between the riparian states on sharing of river waters in post-Independence India are becoming increasingly complex." Objectively analyze the major disputes in this connection, with special reference to the Southern states.	250	15
2008	Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the federal polity in India.	250	15
2008	Examine the demand for greater state autonomy and its impact on the smooth functioning of India polity.	150	10
2005	Comment on the financial relation between the Union and the States in India. Has post-1991 liberalization in any way affected it?	250	15
2004	Discuss the meaning of "breakdown of constitutional machinery". What are its effects.	250	15
2004	The Inter-State river water dispute has once again assumed centre-stage after the Punjab Assembly's Bill terminating all previous accord on river waters. Discuss.	150	10
2001	Discuss the administrative relation between the centre and the states in the light of recent controversies.	250	15
2000	Examine the demand for greater State-autonomy and also its impact on the smooth functioning of the Indian polity.	250	15
2000	Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the working of federal polity in India.	150	10
1997	What is Article 356 in the Indian Constitution? Comment.	150	10
1996	What role can the Union Government play in settling interstate water disputes?	150	10
1995	Describe the non-federal features of the Council of States.	150	10
1993	What are the essentials of a true federation? Analyse the nature of the Indian federation.	250	15
1992	What are Zonal Councils? Discuss their constitution, role and importance in achieving interstate comity.	250	15

1991	Examine whether the grant of greater autonomy to the States would be in the interest of strengthening the integrity and promoting the economic development of the country, especially in the light of recent happenings in our Country.	250	15
1991	'The planning operation's in India have led to erosion of federalism.' Discuss.	150	10
1990	The emphasis in modern federations should not be one division and separation but on Collaboration and on Cooperation. Discuss the statement in the context of Indian Policy.	250	15
1985	Explain the grounds on which the President can proclaim a state emergency. Give examples from the recent experience.	250	15
1983	Many countries which achieved independence after the war have come under dictatorship or military rule. What are the forces that have enabled India to maintain a democratic system? Consider in this connection, the emergency provision in the constitution of India, in making your presentation.	250	15
1983	What were the objectives in having three separate legislative list in the Constitution of India? Can the Parliament make any law regard to any item in the state list? Does any of the issue arising from the above give rise to Union State controversies.	250	15
1982	India is not a federation but it has definite federal features. Elucidate.	250	15
1982	Planning and federalism make uneasy partners, the planning operations in India have led to the erosion of federalism, Discuss.	250	15
1981	Analyse the causes of controversy in India, in recent years in regard to Union-State relations. What are the specific areas? Consider the main issues and offer your comments and suggestions.	250	15
1980	Why were the states of India 'reorganised' in 1950? Do you think that the policy has served the purpose which the Government had in view? Give reasons for your views.	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Separation of Powers and Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	From the resolution of contentious issues regarding distribution of legislative powers by the courts, 'Principle of Federal Supremacy' and 'Harmonious Construction' have emerged. Explain.	150	10
2019	Do you think Constitution of India does not accept principle of strict separation of powers rather it is based on the principle of 'checks and balance'? Explain.	150	10
2013	'The Supreme Court of India keeps a check on arbitrary power of the Parliament in amending the Constitution.' Discuss critically.	200	12.5
2015	Resorting to ordinances has always raised concern on violation of the spirit of separation of powers doctrine. While noting the rationales justifying the power to promulgate ordinances, analyze whether the decisions of the Supreme Court on the issue have further facilitated resorting to this power. Should the power to promulgate ordinances be repealed?	200	15
2007	Impact of globalization on state system and its institutions.	150	10

1983	Separation of powers is essential to ensure Individual liberty. Discuss this with regard to the provisions in the Constitution and practices adopted so far.	150	10
1982	Examine the relative role of Legislature, Judiciary and the executive in the functioning of the parliamentary system of Government in India. It is a fact that executive has been tending to be more powerful over the years?	150	10

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Pressure Groups

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What are the methods used by the farmer's organizations to influence the policy-makers in India and how effective are these methods?	150	10
2017	How do pressure groups influence Indian political process? Do you agree with this view that informal pressure groups have emerged as powerful than formal pressure groups in recent years?	150	10
2013	Pressure group politics is sometimes seen as the informal face of politics. With regards to the above, assess the structure and functioning of pressure groups in India.	200	10
2009	Pressure group are an anonymous empire and are an unofficial Government. Do you agree with above statement? Substantiate with reasons?	250	15
2008	Pressure groups and political parties share an intimate and inconclusive relationship. They work closely and are not the same. Analyse how political parties and pressure groups are different from each other?	250	15
2006	Pressure groups mushroomed in India but quality of work did not improve. Discuss the reasons for the rise in pressure groups and their failure to make impact in India.	250	15
1999	Pressure groups in India are not matured but they are too diverse. Analyse the characteristics of pressure groups in India?	250	15
1997	Functioning of pressure groups differ widely in India and western countries. Analyse	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Judiciary and Supreme court judgements

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	How far do you agree with the view that tribunals curtail the jurisdiction of ordinary courts? In view of the above, discuss the constitutional validity and competency of the tribunals in India.	250	15
2017	Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to appointment of judges of higher judiciary in India.	150	10
2016	What was held in the Coelho case? In this context, can you say that judicial review is of key importance amongst the basic features of the Constitution?	200	12.5
2015	What are the major changes brought in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 through the recent Ordinance promulgated by the President?	200	15

	How far will it improve India's dispute resolution mechanism? Discuss.		
2014	Starting from inventing the basic structure doctrine, the judiciary has played a highly proactive role in ensuring that India develops into a thriving democracy. In light of the statement, evaluate the role played by judicial activism in achieving the ideals of democracy.	200	10
2008	What is meant by Judicial Activism? Evaluate its role in the context of the functioning of Indian Polity.	250	15
2006	Is the High Courts' power to issue 'writs' wider than that of the Supreme Court of India?	150	10
2005	Is it possible to distinguish between judicial review and judicial activism in India? Does the recent behaviour of the Indian judiciary partake more of judicial activism? Argue with suitable example.	250	15
2002	What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? How far does it play its role as guardian of the Constitution?	150	10
2000	Explain Public Interest Litigation. Who can file it and on what basis can it be rejected by the Court of Law?	150	10
1996	What is meant by 'Judicial Activism' Evaluate its role in reducing corruption in public life.	150	10
1995	What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? Discuss its role as a guardian of the Constitution.	250	15
1994	Explain the significance of the April 1994 Supreme Court judgement on the proclamation of President's rule.	150	10
1991	What was the magnitude of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and what were the salient features of the Supreme Court verdict on the Bhopal as Tragedy?	150	10

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Parliament and State Legislatures

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Individual parliamentarian's role as the national law maker is on a decline, which in turn, has adversely impacted the quality of debates and their outcome. Discuss.	250	15
2018	Why do you think the committees are considered to be useful for parliamentary work? Discuss, in this context, the role of the Estimates Committee.	150	10
2017	Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people.	150	10
2017	The Indian Constitution has provisions for holding joint session of the two houses of the Parliament. Enumerate the occasions when this would normally happen and also the occasions when it cannot, with reasons thereof.	250	15
2014	The 'Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and its members' as envisaged in Article 105 of the Constitution leave room for a large number of un-codified and un-enumerated privileges to continue'. Assess the reasons for the absence of the legal codification of the parliamentary privileges. How can this problem be addressed?	200	10

2013	The role of individual MPs (Members of Parliament) has diminished over the years and as a result healthy constructive debates on policy issues are not usually witnessed. How far can this be attributed to the anti-defection law which was legislated but with a different intention?	200	10
2010	What are the grounds of disqualification of a Member of Parliament from either House? Quote relevant provisions in your answer.	150	10
2007	What is pro tem Speaker?	150	10
2007	Under what circumstances, Parliament may legislate on State subjects?	150	10
2006	On What grounds can a member be disqualified from either House of Parliament?	250	10
2004	Define money-bill. Discuss how it is passed in the Parliament.	150	10
2002	“The issue of a hung Parliament adversely affects the stability of Indian Government”. Discuss the statement and point out how far changing over to the Presidential form of government will be a solution to this problem.	250	15
2003	Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the federal set up of Indian Parliamentary System.	150	10
2002	Explain the role of the Public Accounts Committee.	150	10
2001	Bring out the aberrations of the parliamentary system of government in India.	250	15
2000	How does Parliament control the Union Executive? How effective is its control?	250	15
2000	Examine the role of Estimates Committee.	150	10
1999	In what ways is the RAJYA SABHA expected to play a special role in today's changing political scenario?	150	10
1999	Assess the importance of the role played by the Public Accounts Committee.	150	10
1998	On what grounds the Legislative Councils are justified? How is it created or abolished in a State?	150	10
1995	Explain the functions of the Estimates Committee.	150	10
1995	Distinguish between Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Government. Do you think that changing over to Presidential form will be a solution for better governance? Substantiate your answer.	250	15
1995	Describe the salient features of Anti-Defection Law.	150	10
1994	Explain the meaning of ex post-facto legislation	150	10
1993	Describe the powers and functions of the Council of States. Compare its powers with those of the House of the People.	250	15
1993	Describe the doctrine of colourable legislation.	150	10
1989	Discuss the powers, privileges and immunities of the Indian Parliament.	250	15
1989	Examine the powers and functions of the speaker of the Lok Sabha.	150	10
1989	Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the Federal set-up of the Indian Parliamentary System.	150	10
1989	Discuss the relationship between the Executive and the legislative wings with reference to India.	150	10
1989	Describe the organization and functions of the committee system in Indian Parliament.	150	10
1989	What is meant by a Cut Motion in Parliament? Mention its different kinds.	150	10
1989	How is breach of Parliament Privilege different from Contempt of the	150	10

	House?		
1989	There are certain spheres where the Rajya Sabha alone has the authority. What are they?	150	10
1989	Explain what is a point of order? When can it be raised?	150	10
1988	Discuss the methods by which Parliament controls public expenditure in India.	250	15
1987	Identify the nature and methods of parliamentary control over the executive in Indian polity.	250	15
1984	Why was it considered necessary to pass the anti-defection bill? In what ways is it likely to improve the political health of the country?	250	15
1983	Despite all talk of an effective opposition why has it not been possible to develop an effective opposition in India? Enumerate the principle impediments to the achievements if the much desired political objective	250	15
1982	What is meant by the sovereignty of the parliament? Consider whether the Indian parliament is a sovereign body?	250	15
1981	The Phenomenon of Political defection in India assumed large proportions in recent years. Bring out the factor responsible for the growth of this phenomenon. Is it right to say than ban on defection will amount to suppression of thought and action?	250	15
1981	What is Parliamentary Democracy? How does the Indian Parliament exercise control over the Union? Can the Parliament have any control over the State Executives/Assess Standing Committees of the Parliament in the exercise.	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Executive , Ministries and Departments of Government

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	Instances of President's delay in commuting death sentences has come under public debate as denial of justice. Should there be a time limit specified for the President to accept/reject such petitions?Analyse.	200	10
2014	The size of the cabinet should be as big as governmental work justifies and as big as the Prime Minister can manage as a team. How far is the efficacy of a government then inversely related to the size of the cabinet? Discuss.	200	10
2007	What are the exceptions when the President of India is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers?	150	10
2003	Discuss the question of death sentence and Presidential clemency.	250	15
2003	Explain the discretionary powers of the Governor of a State.	250	15
2001	Comment on the nature of Ordinance-making power of the President of India. What safeguards are there against possible misuse?	150	10
2001	Distinguish between Cabinet Secretariat and Prime Ministers Secretariat. Which of these is more important?	150	10
1997	How are the President and the Vice President of India elected? What are the constitutional issues involved in their election?	250	15
1994	In India, though the Governor is the constitutional head of a state just as the President of the country, the former may be enjoying more powers	250	15

	than the latter. Do you agree? Give reasons.		
1991	Examine the constitutional relation between the President and the Prime Minister of India.	250	15
1991	Discuss the powers of the President of India regarding the scheduled areas.	150	10
1990	Explain the nature and extent of discretionary powers and special responsibilities of the Governor in the Indian Constitution?	150	10
1989	Discuss the value of the consultative committees attached to the different Ministries of the Government of India?	150	10
1981	Describe briefly the legislative and executive powers of the President of India. Have there been any changes during the last decade? Offer your comments.	250	15
1982	The office of the president of India was designed in the British mode, with this background consider the modification of the executive powers of the president by the 42nd amendment, 1976 and the 44th amendment 1979 to the constitution of India. Comment on the changes.	250	15
1984	How is the governor of a state appointed in India? Does the manner of his appointments ensure his independent functioning?	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Constitutional, Statutory, Executive, Regulatory, Quasi-Judicial Bodies

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	“The Attorney-General is the chief legal adviser and lawyer of the Government of India.” Discuss	250	15
2019	“The Central Administrative Tribunal which was established for redressal of grievances and complaints by or against central government employees, nowadays is exercising its powers as an independent judicial authority.” Explain.	150	10
2018	Whether National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) can enforce the implementation of constitutional reservation for the Scheduled Castes in the religious minority institutions? Examine.	150	10
2018	“The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has a very vital role to play.” Explain how this is reflected in the method and terms of his appointment as well as the range of powers he can exercise.	150	10
2018	How is the Finance Commission of India constituted? What do you know about the terms of reference of the recently constituted Finance Commission? Discuss.	250	15
2017	To enhance the quality of democracy in India the Election Commission of India has proposed electoral reforms in 2016. What are the suggested reforms and how far are they significant to make democracy successful?	250	15
2017	Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize and tackle the problems that women face at both public and private spheres? Give reasons in support of your answer.	250	15
2016	Exercise of CAC’s powers in relation to the accounts of the Union and the States is derived from Article 149 of the Indian Constitution. Discuss whether audit of the Government’s Policy implementation could amount to overstepping its own (CAG) jurisdiction.	200	12.5
2016	What is a quasi-judicial body? Explain with the help of concrete examples.	200	12.5

2015	“For achieving the desired objectives, it is necessary to ensure that the regulatory institutions remain independent and autonomous.” Discuss in the light of the experiences in recent past.	200	12.5
2014	The setting up of a Rail Tariff Authority to regulate fares will subject the cash strapped Indian Railways to demand subsidy for obligation to operate non-profitable routes and services. Taking into account the experience in the power sector, discuss if the proposed reform is expected to benefit the consumers, the Indian Railways or the private container operators.	200	12.5
2014	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India can be most effective when its tasks are adequately supported by other mechanisms that ensure the accountability of a government. In light of the above observation assess the role of NHRC as an effective complement to the judiciary and other institutions in promoting and protecting human rights standards.	200	12.5
2013	Discuss the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission which have been a departure from the previous commissions for strengthening the local government finances.	200	12.5
2008	Discuss the composition and functions of Union Public Service Commission.	150	10
2006	How does the Inter- State Council establish co-ordination between States?	150	10
2005	What are the steps that the Election Commission may take if a recalcitrant State Government wants to put off Assembly Elections?	150	10
2004	How does the Indian Constitution Seek to maintain independence of the Public Service Commission?	250	15
2004	What is a Finance Commission? Discuss the main functions of the State Finance Commission.	150	10
2003	What is a Finance Commission?	150	10
1999	Discuss the composition and functions of the National Security Council.	150	10
1997	Present your views for and against the creation of an All India Judicial Service.	150	10
1994	What is the stand of the Election Commission on the residential qualification of the members of the Rajya Sabha?	150	10
1994	Explain the role of the Planning Commission and the National Development Council in the formulation of public policy in India.	250	15
1994	Explain the position of the Election Commission with regard to the residential qualification of the members of the Council of States. What do you think about it?	150	10
1993	Describe the composition and functions of the Election Commission of India.	150	10
1993	Describe the composition and functions of the National Development Council.	150	10
1991	What is National Integration Council? Is there a need for it? What was the major outcome of the recent meeting of the National Integration Council?	150	10
1991	What are the constitutional provisions that ensure the independence of the Public Service Commissions in India?	150	10
1989	Define the duties and powers of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in regard to Audit and show how the Constitution provides for his independence from Executive Control.	250	15

1988	Explain the Constitutional responsibilities of the Election Commission of India.	150	10
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Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Elections, Representation of Peoples Act, Political party

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	On what grounds a people's representative can be disqualified under the representation of people act, 1951? Also mention the remedies available to such person against his disqualification.	250	15
2018	In the light of recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission of India to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?	150	10
2017	'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people' Discuss.	150	10
2008	Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics.	150	10
2007	What are the Main determination of voting behaviour in India?	250	15
2002	Describe the methods of delimiting constituencies for parliamentary elections in India.	150	10
2000	Identify the major electoral reforms which are necessary in the Indian Political System.	150	10
1998	Differentiate and state the significance of general election, mid-term election and by-election.	150	10
1990	Review the present Electoral System in India and suggest modifications to ensure better and healthier Policy.	250	15
1985	Is it correct to describe the party system in India as One party Dominant system? Give reasons for your answer.	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Indian Polity and Constitution

Topic: Panchayats, Municipalities, PESA Act

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	"The reservation of seats for women in the institution of local self-government has had a limited impact on the patriarchal character of the Indian political process". Comment.	250	15
2018	Assess the importance of the Panchayat system in India as a part of local government. Apart from government grants, what sources the Panchayats can look out for financing developmental projects?	250	15
2017	"The local self-government system in India has not proved to be effective instrument of governance". Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation.	150	10
2015	In absence of a well-educated and organized local level government system, 'Panchayats' and 'Samitis' have remained mainly political institutions and not effective instruments of governance. Critically discuss.	250	15
2015	KhapPanchayats have been in the news for functioning as extra-constitutional authorities, often delivering pronouncements amounting to	250	15

	human rights violations. Discuss critically the actions taken by the legislative, executive and the judiciary to set the things right in this regard.		
2005	Would you say that the implementation of the Panchayati System in the last ten years has led to a real restructuring of the Indian polity?	250	15
2004	Discuss how State government can exercise control over panchayats	150	10
1993	Bring out the main change in the Panchayati Raj System in India through the Seventy Third Constitutional Amendment Act?	150	10
1983	What were the aims with which Panchayati raj was created in India? Have these aims been fulfilled? What is the present situation obtaining in the country?	150	10
1981	Panchayati Raj has been designed in function as the grass root of democracy in India. Describe its organisational setup. What is the present position? Assess the performances of Panchayati System.	150	10

2. Governance

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Governance

Topic: Government Policies - Issues in Governance Related to Design and Implementation of Government Policies

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Performance of welfare schemes that are implemented for vulnerable sections is not so effective due to absence of their awareness and active involvement at all stages of policy process. Discuss	250	15
2019	Implementation of Information and Communication technology (ICT) based projects/programmes usually suffers in terms of certain vital factors. Identify these factors and suggest measures for their effective implementation.	150	10
2016	Examine the main provisions of the National Child Policy and throw light on the status of its implementation.	200	12.5
2012	What are the salient features of the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2011 introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2011?	150	15
2003	What is the Prime Minister's Five-Point agenda for India's development as a Knowledge Society?	125	15
1994	Describe the various measures taken under the Ganga Action Plan and their impact on the water quality of the river.	250	40
1993	What is ISO 9000? Why is it much in demand these days?	150	10
1993	One of the priority objectives of the Eighth Five Year Plan is the generation of adequate employment to achieve near full employment level by the turn of the century (Eighth Five Year Plan).	250	40
1993	When and why was the National Literacy Mission founded?	150	10
1987	Scarcity of safe drinking water is an acute problem in a large number of villages in India. Point out the factors which make even the available water unfit for drinking by the rural population. What steps would you recommend to make such water potable?	250	40
1983	Asian and Common wealth games have revealed that standard of sports and games are far below the international standard. India did not get a single medal in ninth Asiad in eight sports discipline including gymnastics. What steps have been taken or are being taken to encourage sports and improve the standard in the country ?	250	40

1981	In many non-communist countries in Europe and America professionalism has become specific features of important branches of sports. Do you think that the introduction or official recognition of professionalism will attract more boys and girls to sports and will lead to an improvement in the national standard of sports in India? Given reasons for your answer.	125	15
1980	In many democratic countries radio and televisions are not under the control of the State. Do you think that the same policy should be adopted in India? Mention briefly in favour of and against such a step.	200	25

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Governance

Topic: Important Aspects of Governance-Transparency, Accountability, Corruption, NGO etc

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	“In the Indian governance system, the role of non-state actors has been only marginal.” Critically examine this statement.	200	12.5
2016	“Effectiveness of the government system at various levels and people’s participation in the governance system are inter-dependent.” Discuss their relationship with each other in context of India.	200	12.5
2016	In the integrity index of Transparency International, India stands very low. Discuss briefly the legal, political, economic, social and cultural factors that have caused the decline of public morality in India.	200	12.5
2015	In the light of the Satyam Scandal (2009), discuss the changes brought in corporate governance to ensure transparency, accountability.	200	15
2013	‘A national Lokpal, however strong it may be, cannot resolve the problems of immorality in public affairs.’ Discuss.	200	10
2003	Suggest measures for the eradication of wide spread corruption in Public Life in India.	250	15
1981	The Press in India is free to publish any news and views except there, which are objectionable from the point of view of the security of state, friendly relations with foreign States, etc. What steps have been taken recently by Government to prevent monopoly of the some of the newspaper, to encourage the of small newspapers and to prevent the exploitation of working journalists and other employees of Indian newspapers.	150	25

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Governance

Topic: Important Aspects of Governance - Citizens Charters

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	The Citizen’s Charter is an ideal instrument of organisational transparency and accountability, but it has its own limitations. Identify the limitations and suggest measures for greater effectiveness of the Citizen’s Charters.	250	15
2013	Though Citizens’ charters have been formulated by many public service delivery organizations, there is no corresponding improvement in the level of citizens’ satisfaction and quality of services being provided Analyse.	200	10

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Governance

Topic: Important Aspects of Governance - e-Governance

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	E-governance is not only about utilization of the power of new technology, but also much about critical importance of the 'use value' of information. Explain.	150	10
2013	Electronic cash transfer system for the welfare schemes is an ambitious project to minimize corruption, eliminate wastage and facilitate reforms. Comment.	200	10
2008	"e-governance has the potentiality to emerge as the most effective instrument of efficiency, transparency and accountability." Comment.	250	15
2004	Discuss the utility of e-governance in the Indian context.	150	100

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Governance

Topic: Role of Civil Services in a Democracy

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Initially Civil Services in India were designed to achieve the goals of neutrality and effectiveness, which seems to be lacking in the present context. Do you agree with the view that drastic reforms are required in Civil Services? Comment.	250	15
2016	"Traditional bureaucratic structure and culture have hampered the process of socio-economic development in India." Comment.	200	12.5
2014	Has the Cadre based Civil Services organization been the cause of slow change in India? Critically examine.	200	10
1990	Describe the Constitutional position of the Civil Services in India. How is their neutrality and independence sought to be achieved?	250	15
1985	The supreme court has held that a Government servant could not be dismissed or removed from service without an enquiry under article 311 (2) (B) of the Constitution in 'public interest' and for 'public good' what is your view on this issue ?	250	15
1980	What are the respective views of the political leadership and the permanent civil services in the governance of India? What steps, if any, in your view have to be taken to secure better appreciation of the functions of the civil services and to ensure their proper and efficient functioning ?	150	25

3. Social Justice

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Social Justice and Development

Topic: Development Processes and Development Industry (Mechanisms)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	The need for cooperation among various service sectors has been an inherent component of development discourse. Partnership bridges the gap among the sectors. It also sets in motion a culture of 'collaboration' and 'team spirit'. In the light of statements above examine India's development process.	250	15

2019	'In the context of neo-liberal paradigm of developmental planning, multi-level planning is expected to make operations cost-effective and remove many implementation blockages'- Discuss	250	15
2019	Despite Consistent experience of high growth, India still goes with the lowest indicators of human development. Examine the issues that make balanced and inclusive development elusive.	150	10
2014	Do government's schemes for up-lifting vulnerable and backward communities by protecting required social resources for them, lead to their exclusion in establishing businesses in urban economies?	200	12.5
2014	An athlete participates in Olympics for personal triumph and nation's glory; victors are showered with cash incentives by various agencies, on their return. Discuss the merit of state sponsored talent hunt and its cultivation as against the rationale of a reward mechanism as encouragement.	200	12.5
2014	Two parallel run schemes of the Government, viz the Aadhaar Card and NPR, one as voluntary and the other as compulsory, have led to debates at national levels and also litigations. On merits, discuss whether or not both schemes need run concurrently. Analyse the potential of the schemes to achieve developmental benefits and equitable growth.	200	12.5
2013	The concept of Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme is almost a century old in India with early beginnings in Madras Presidency in pre-independent India. The scheme has again been given impetus in most states in the last two decades. Critically examine its twin objectives, latest mandates and success.	200	12.5
2013	The basis of providing urban amenities in rural areas (PURA) is rooted in establishing connectivity Comment.	200	12.5
2013	Identify the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that are related to health. Discuss the success of the actions taken by the Government for achieving the same.	200	12.5
2012	The Union Cabinet recently cleared the proposal to rename and amend the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. What are the salient features of the proposed amendments?	200	12.5
2011	Bring out the salient features of the PCPNDT Act 1994, and the implications of its amendment in 2003.	250	15
2009	What are your views on the features and impact of the POCSO Act 2012?	150	10
2007	Discuss the steps to get rid of child labour in India.	250	15
2007	Integrated Child Services (ICDS) Development.	150	10
2003	Discuss the steps taken by Government to check child labour and promote child welfare.	250	15
2002	Write briefly about the Programmes for 'Welfare of the Disabled'.	150	10
2000	Discuss the propositions laid down by the Supreme Court of India in the context of Torture in Prisons and Human Dignity.	250	15
1997	Give your assessment on land reforms in India.	250	15
1997	What specific provisions exists in the Constitution of India about child labour?	150	10
1994	What are the major recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee's Draft National Population Policy, relating to gender issues?	150	10

1985	What are the main causes of anti-reservation stir in India? What are the provisions in our constitution regarding reservation? Do you consider the policy on reservation is bad?	150	10
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Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Social Justice and Development

Topic: Development Processes and Development Industry (NGOs, Donor Charities, Other Stakeholders)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	Examine critically the recent changes in the rules governing foreign funding of NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976.	200	12.5
2015	How can the role of NGOs be strengthened in India for development works relating to protection of the environment? Discuss throwing light on the major constraints.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Social Justice and Development

Topic: Development Processes and Development Industry (SHGs, MFIs)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	'The emergence of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in contemporary times points to the slow but steady withdrawal of the state from developmental activities'. Examine the role of the SHGs in developmental activities and the measures taken by the Government of India to promote the SHGs.	250	15
2015	The Self-Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme (SBLP), which is India's own innovation, has proved to be one of the most effective poverty alleviation and women empowerment programmes. Elucidate.	200	12.5
2014	The penetration of self-help groups (SHGs) in rural areas in promoting participation in development programmes is facing sociocultural hurdles. Examine.	200	12.5
2013	The legitimacy and accountability of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their patrons, the micro-finance outfits, need systematic assessment and scrutiny for the sustained success of the concept. Discuss.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Social Justice and Development

Topic: Vulnerable Sections of Population

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Multiplicity of various commissions for the vulnerable sections of the society leads to problems of overlapping jurisdiction and duplication of functions. Is it better to merge all commissions into an umbrella Human Rights Commission? Argue your case.	250	15
2017	Does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ensure effective mechanism for empowerment and inclusion of the intended beneficiaries in the society? Discuss.	150	10
2013	The Central Government frequently complains on the poor performance of the State Governments in eradicating suffering of the vulnerable sections of the society. Restructuring of Centrally sponsored schemes across the sectors for ameliorating the cause of vulnerable sections of population aims at providing flexibility to the States in better implementation. Critically evaluate.	200	12.5

2006	What are the social and economic consequences of abolishing child labour in India?	250	15
2006	What are the problems related to the rehabilitation of the mentally challenged persons in India?	150	10
1997	What is Social Justice? How can reservation of seats for women in Parliament contribute to the establishment of a socially just society in India.	250	15
1993	Why has the question of child labour become more important recently? How is it going to affect India?	150	10
1982	Analyse the situation in the North-eastern States what steps are being taken and could be taken to restore it to normally having regard to the strategic these States, the interests and aspirations of the different communities and classes of people living there and the paramount importance of national integration	250	15
1981	Why has there been reservation of seats for Scheduled Caste and Tribes in the legislatures and in public services? How the purpose been achieved? Indicate recent developments.	250	15
1980	Situation of law and order has become unstable increasingly in many parts of India. What are the main reasons for the deterioration in law and order position? How are the State Governments trying to control crimes? What further steps would you suggest with a view to provide a greater sense of security in the minds of the people specially those, who belong to the vulnerable sections of the society and live in remote areas.	150	10

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: Social Justice and Development

Topic: Social Sector - Issues Related to Poverty and Hunger

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	There is a growing divergence in the relationship between poverty and hunger in India. The shrinking of social expenditure by the government is forcing the poor to spend more on non-food essential items squeezing their food-budget – Elucidate.	150	10
2018	How far do you agree with the view that the focus on lack of availability of food as the main cause of hunger takes the attention away from ineffective human development policies in India?	250	15
2017	Hunger and Poverty are the biggest challenges for good governance in India still today. Evaluate how far successive governments have progressed in dealing with these humongous problems. Suggest measures for improvement.	150	10
2017	‘Poverty Alleviation Programmes in India remain mere show pieces until and unless they are backed by political will’. Discuss with reference to the performance of the major poverty alleviation programmes in India.	150	10
2016	“Demographic Dividend in India will remain only theoretical unless our manpower becomes more educated, aware, skilled and creative.” What measures have been taken by the government to enhance the capacity of our population to be more productive and employable?	200	12.5
2015	Though there have been several different estimates of poverty in India, all indicate reduction in poverty levels over time. Do you agree? Critically examine with reference to urban and rural poverty indicators.	200	12.5
2004	How is poverty level measured? Evaluate poverty eradication programmes	250	15

	in India.		
1989	What is meant by population explosion? Has it occurred in India	150	10

Paper: General Studies II
Subject: Social Justice and Development
Topic: Social Sector – Education

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	The quality of higher education in India requires major improvements to make it internationally competitive. Do you think that the entry of foreign educational institutions would help improve the quality of higher and technical education in the country? Discuss.	200	12.5
2014	Should the premier institutes like IITs/ IIMs be allowed to retain premier status, allowed more academic independence in designing course and also decide mode/ criteria of selection of students. Discuss in light of the growing challenges.	200	12.5
2009	Mushrooming of Higher Educational Institutions was a matter of grave concern for Yashpal committee. With reference to the relevant portion of that report give your views on how to harmonize private investment and quality of education.	150	10
2004	Is greater spending on education linked to higher literacy?" Discuss.	150	10
1979	Assess the success and failure of India education and indicate the desirable changes needed in the present system.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies II
Subject: Social Justice and Development
Topic: Social Sector – Health

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Appropriate local community level healthcare intervention is a prerequisite to achieve 'Health for All' in India. Explain.	150	10
2017	'To ensure effective implementation of policies addressing water, sanitation and hygiene needs, the identification of beneficiary segments is to be synchronized with the anticipated outcomes' Examine the statement in the context of the WASH scheme.	150	10
2016	Professor Amartya Sen has advocated important reforms in the realms of primary education and primary health care. What are your suggestions to improve their status and performance?	200	12.5
2015	Public health system has limitations in providing universal health coverage. Do you think that the private sector could help in bridging the gap? What other viable alternatives would you suggest?	200	12.5
1987	What is immunization? Mention the steps being taken to immunize the rural population against common diseases to which they are generally prone.	150	10

4. International Relations

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: International Relations

Topic: India and Its Neighbourhood

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	'China is using its economic relations and positive trade surplus as tools to develop potential military power status in Asia', In the light of this statement, discuss its impact on India as her neighbour.	150	10
2016	Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy in the context of the post-Cold War international scenario.	200	15
2015	Project 'Mausam' is considered a unique foreign policy initiative of the Indian Government to improve relationship with its neighbours. Does the project have a strategic dimension? Discuss.	200	15
2015	Terrorist activities and mutual distrust have clouded India-Pakistan relations. To what extent the use of soft power like sports and cultural exchanges could help generate goodwill between the two countries? Discuss with suitable examples.	200	15
2013	What do you understand by 'The String of Pearls'? How does it impact India? Briefly outline the steps taken by India to counter this.	200	10
2013	Discuss the political developments in Maldives in the last two years. Should they be of any cause of concern to India?	200	10
2013	In respect of India-Sri Lanka relations, discuss how domestic factors influence foreign policy.	200	10
2013	What is meant by Gujral doctrine? Does it have any relevance today? Discuss.	200	10
2012	Do you think that China's emergence as one of the largest trading partners of India had adversely affected the settlement of the outstanding border problem?	250	15
2012	Discuss the contentious issues that have caused the prolonged constitutional logjam in Nepal.	250	15
2012	'The situation today is far different to that prevalent fifty years back when the Indus Water treaty was seined.' Highlight the complexity of the current challenges on both sides of the border in this regard. Do you think that a review of the Treaty is in India's best interests?	250	15
2011	Critically examine the security and strategic implications of the so-called 'string of pearls' theory for India.	250	15
2010	Bring out the FDI and employment implications of China being a manufacturing hub and India a services hub.	150	15
2006	Terrorism: Source in Pakistan and Afghanistan.	150	10
2005	Examine the developments in Afghanistan in the post-Taliban period.	150	10
2004	Account for India's increasing involvement in the South-East Asian region.	150	10
1997	What is meant by Gujral Doctrine? Write its specific principles.	150	10
1996	Mention the advantages which India enjoys being at the head of the Indian Ocean.	150	10
1989	What are the differences in the approaches of India and Nepal to the transit-trade question? How is this question complicated by other issues?	250	15

1987	Has the IPKF been able to achieve the goal set before it by the terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement? What are the options available to India?	150	20
1980	Review briefly the present state of India's economic relations with the neighbouring countries-Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Burma and Sri Lanka and indicate how the interest of India and these countries could be promoted through bilateral economic cooperation.	250	30

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: International Relations

Topic: India and Extended Neighbourhood

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	The time has come for India and Japan to build a strong contemporary relationship, one involving global and strategic partnership that will have a great significance for Asia and the world as a whole.' Comment.	150	10
2018	"India's relations with Israel have, of late, acquired a depth and diversity, which cannot be rolled back." Discuss.	150	10
2018	A number of outside powers have entrenched themselves in Central Asia, which is a zone of interest to India. Discuss the implications, in this context, of India's joining the Ashgabat Agreement, 2018.	150	10
2018	In what ways would the ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond to its situation?	250	15
2014	With respect to the South China sea, maritime territorial disputes and rising tension affirm the need for safeguarding maritime security to ensure freedom of navigation and over flight throughout the region. In this context, discuss the bilateral issues between India and China.	200	12.5
2014	Some of the International funding agencies have special terms for economic participation stipulating a substantial component of the aid to be used for sourcing equipment from the leading countries. Discuss on merits of such terms and if there exists a strong case not to accept such conditions in the India context.	200	12.5
2013	Economic ties between India and Japan while growing in the recent years are still far below their potential. Elucidate the policy constraints which are inhibiting this growth.	200	10
2012	Why have the resource rich African and South Asian countries remained poor for decades? Explain.	250	20
2012	How have the US sanctions against Iran affected India's bilateral relations with Iran?	250	20
2011	List the Central Asian Republics and identify those of particular strategic and economic importance to India. Examine the opportunities and bottlenecks in enhancing relations with these countries.	250	15
2000	Was Jawaharlal Nehru justified in adopting the principle of non-alignment as the corner-stone of India's foreign policy?	150	10
2000	How can India accommodate her foreign policy principle of 'non-intervention' with the emerging right to 'intervention'?	150	10
1998	Discuss the implications of Israel's expansion plan. How have the major western powers reacted to it?	250	15
1991	What has been India's stand in respect of the proposed sale of a nuclear reactor to Iran?	150	10

1980	The policy of nonalignment was enunciated by Pandit Nehru and it has become a cornerstone of the foreign policy of independent India. What are the principles underlying the concept of nonalignment? Has this policy been fruitful? Give reasons for your views.	150	15
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Paper: General Studies II
Subject: International Relations
Topic: India and Major Powers

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What introduces friction into the ties between India and United States is that Washington is still unable to find for India a position in its global strategy, which would satisfy India's national self-esteem and ambitions'. Explain with suitable examples.	250	15
2012	Discuss the likely negative impact of the protectionist measures proposed by the US on India's software industry.	250	20
2004	Explain India's strategic relationship with Russia.	150	10
1995	What strategic moves have recently been made by the USA and China in the South Pacific region? Is the USA withdrawing from this region?	250	15
1994	Examine the present status of Indo-US relations. What are the major irritants in the relations between the two countries?	250	15
1985	How far in your opinion is the recent Indo US agreement on technology transfer likely to help us? what are the disadvantages?	250	15
1981	When was the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Union of Soviet Republic signed? What are the important of the treaty and what is its duration? How has the Treaty served India's interests? Does it affect India's position as a prominent members of the Non-aligned Group of Nations.	150	10

Paper: General Studies II
Subject: International Relations
Topic: India and South-South Cooperation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1989	What geopolitical and economic advantages are enjoyed by India due to its location in the southern part of the Continent of Asia?	150	10
1987	What is 'South-South Commission' When and where was it formed? Who are its President and General Secretary? What are its main objectives.	200	10

Paper: General Studies II
Subject: International Relations
Topic: International Institutions and Global Groupings

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	"The long sustained image of India as a leader of the oppressed and marginalised nations has disappeared on account of its new found role in the emerging global order.' Elaborate	250	15
2019	'Too little cash, too much politics, leaves UNESCO fighting for life.' Discuss the statement in the light of US' withdrawal and its accusation of the cultural body as being 'anti-Israel bias'.	150	10

2018	What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive in the present context of 'Trade War', especially keeping in mind the interest of India?	250	15
2017	What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.	150	10
2016	"The broader aims and objectives of WTO are to manage and promote international trade in the era of globalization. But the Doha round of negotiations seem doomed due to differences between the developed and the developing countries." Discuss in the Indian perspective.	250	15
2016	"Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in India and growing interference in the internal affairs of several member-states by Pakistan are not conducive for the future of SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)." Explain with suitable examples	250	15
2016	What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO? What is India's position on these?	150	10
2015	Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UN Security Council.	200	15
2014	The aim of Information Technology Agreements (ITAs) is to lower all taxes and tariffs on information technology products by signatories to zero. What impact would such agreements have on India's interests?	200	12.5
2014	India has recently signed to become founding member of New Development Bank (NDB) and also the Asian Infrastructure Bank (AIIB). How will the role of the two Banks be different? Discuss the strategic significance of these two Banks for India.	200	12.5
2014	WTO is an important international institution where decisions taken affect countries in a profound manner. What is the mandate of WTO and how binding are their decisions? Critically analyse India's stand on the latest round of talks on Food security.	200	12.5
2013	The World Bank and the IMF, collectively known as the Bretton Woods Institutions, are the two inter-governmental pillars supporting the structure of the world's economic and financial order. Superficially, the World Bank and the IMF exhibit many common characteristics, yet their role, functions and mandate are distinctly different. Elucidate.	200	12.5
2012	Compare the significance of IBSA and BRICS in the context of India's multilateral diplomacy.	150	20
2011	As regards the increasing rates of melting of Arctic Sea ice, the interests of the Arctic Council Nations may not coincide with those of the wider world. Explain.	150	10
2008	Discuss India's stand on agricultural issues in WTO's Ministerial Conferences since Doha Round.	250	15
2007	What is Dumping? Evaluate the remedial measures taken by Government of India vis-à-vis WTO provisions regarding dumping.	250	15
2006	What do we understand by 'Doha Round' of talks?	150	10
2006	Discuss the importance of world Trade Organization (WTO) to Indian economy in the light of various opportunities and challenges at the global level.	250	15
2005	Present a complete picture of India's effort for a permanent seat in the UN security Council.	150	10
2004	What is WTO? What are India's objections to its overall functioning?	150	10

2004	Describe the role of the Amnesty International in securing human rights.	150	10
2003	What is the 'Veto' in the UN-system?	150	10
2003	Discuss the role of the NATO after the end of the Cold War.	150	10
2003	Discuss the role of the United Nations in the protection and promotion of Human Rights.	150	10
1995	SAARC Summit has been considered as a 'non-starter' by some political observers while for others it has marked a watershed. Explain the two viewpoints.	250	15
1991	What main topics were discussed at the NATO Summit at Rome recently and indicate the main trends which emerged out of it?	150	10
1983	Mention the main provisions related to the treaty related to the use of High Seas under the International Laws as adopted in 1982. Name the countries which opposed the above Law of Sea Convention and have not ratified yet.	150	10
1982	How often did the heads of the State Government of the Non-Aligned countries meet? When and where did it meet first? Who is the chairman of NAM now? What were the main points agreed to at the last meeting of the Conference of the Head of the States? What was included in the "New Delhi Message"?	150	10
1980	What is 'Commonwealth' of Nations? Who are eligible for its membership? What are its aims? How does it function? Has any member left the Commonwealth.	150	10
1980	Why was ASEAN formed? Who are its members? What has ASEAN achieved so far? What stand has it taken in respect of problems in Afghanistan and Kampuchea.	150	10

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: International Relations

Topic: Indian Diaspora

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in South-East Asian countries' economy and society. Appraise the role of Indian Diaspora in South- East Asia in this context.	250	15
2012	Write a short analytical note on Indian Diaspora. How is the "New Diaspora" different from the "Old Diaspora"?	150	10

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: International Relations

Topic: India's Strategic Choices - Energy diplomacy

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries.	250	15
2007	Elaborate on India's Nuclear Doctrine.	150	10
2005	Explain the political and economic implications of the Indo-Iran gas pipeline.	150	10
1997	20th century was century of oil. 21st century would be the century of natural gas. Comment.	250	15

Paper: General Studies II

Subject: International Relations

Topic: Important Events Around the World

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	The proposed withdrawal of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) from Afghanistan in 2014 is fraught with major security implications for the countries of the region. Examine in light of the fact that India is faced with a plethora of challenges and needs to safeguard its own strategic interests.	200	12.5
1991	Who were the main participants at the West Asian Peace Conference in Madrid and what were the main issues confronting the participants? What do you think has been achieved at the meet?	250	15
1991	Briefly describe the chain of major events towards the end of 1991 which led to the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the resignation of Mikhail Gorbachov. Who assumed the Soviet Union's membership in the United Nations including that in the Security Council.	250	15
1991	Briefly indicate why and what types of problems were faced by the United Germany consequent on its unification.	150	10
1990	What were the basic differences between Iraq and Kuwait which led to the recent crisis in the gulf? What were the reactions of various countries to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait? What are the likely repercussions on India?	250	15
1980	Why did USSR send troops to Afghanistan? What are the broad issues involved? What has been India's response to the Afghan situation.	150	10



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Paper-III

1. Economic Development

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Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Planning

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	How are the principles followed by NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile planning commission in India?	250	15
2012	“There is an urgent need for the Planning Commission to revise the chapter on health in the 12th Plan document.” Comment.	250	15
2002	Define the concept of ‘growth centres’ and evaluate its relevance in regional planning in India.	150	10
1998	The past 50 years of development in India were characterised by planning but the next 50 years of development would be led by the market. Comment.	250	15
1996	Comment on the view that economic planning can raise the rate of capital formation appreciably above the rate attainable under a system of private saving and investment.	250	15
1994	Differentiate between indicative and target planning. Where the Eighth Five Year Plan should be placed?	250	15
1991	Discuss the measures taken in the Five-Year Plans to mitigate rural poverty.	250	15
1990	What is the rationale for decentralized planning in India? Discuss the obstacles that have stood in the way of such planning?	250	15
1990	What measures have been taken under the Five Year Plans increase employment opportunities in rural areas?	150	10
1989	What are the main components of the non-Plan expenditure of the Government of India? Discuss the recent trends in the growth of this expenditure.	150	10
1986	In course of planned economic development India’s actual growth has mostly been lower than the projected growth. How would you explain this shortfall?	150	10
1982	Attainment of self-reliance has been a major objective of planning in India. Analyse the implication of this policy. Assess the progress made so far in this regard	250	15
1982	In their emphasis policy planners on the primacy of the rate of economic growth, some attention has been paid to structural and ideological objective of planning in India. Critically examine the statement.	150	10
1981	Health care for all by 2000 A. D is an important objective of the Sixth Five Year Plan. What steps are being taken for the supply of safe drinking water and provide adequate nutritional safeguards, particularly to the vulnerable sections of the community? What is the present status of preventive medical facilities in our country?	250	15
1981	Removal of Poverty’ was a principal objective of the Fifth plan has been reiterated in the Sixth Plan. Analyse the problem and the impediments involved. How is this objective likely to be realised during the Sixth Plan?	250	15
1979	Briefly review our achievements in industrial development over the plan periods. What roles have been assigned to the Public Sector and the Small-Scale Industries in our industrial development plans and programmes	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Mobilization of resources, Financial Intermediation (Banking, Insurance, Capital Markets, External Resources)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	What were the reasons for the introduction of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2013? Discuss critically its salient features and their effectiveness.	200	12.5
2012	“Domestic resource mobilization, though central to the process of Indian economic growth, is characterized by several constraints? Explain.	250	15
2006	Describe the main sources of Industrial finance in India. How could India be benefitted from recent developments in International finance?	250	15
1996	What measures do you suggest to raise the volume of Public Savings in our country? Briefly state the importance of such savings for the contemporary economic scene.	150	10
1994	It is being suggested that the commercial banks in India should reduce their holdings of nonperforming assets. Does it mean that the former should abandon social priorities?	250	15
1993	What measures have been taken by the Government of India to attract direct foreign investment, as a part of the new strategy of Industrial Development in India?	150	10
1983	Describe the organization and functions of Regional Rural Banks, Review their achievements. Is there any conflicting jurisdiction between the rural banks and the cooperative credit societies?	150	10
1981	What are ‘bearer bonds’ Why were special bearer bonds devised in February? What were their budgetary objectives how far such bonds achieved their objectives?	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Growth, Development, Poverty, Employment and Unemployment

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	It is argued that the strategy of inclusive growth is intended to meet the objectives of inclusiveness and sustainability together. Comment on this statement.	250	15
2018	“Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.Comment on the progress made in India in this regard.	150	10
2016	Among several factors for India’s potential growth, savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential?	200	12.5
2016	What are the salient features of ‘inclusive growth’? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyse and suggest measures for inclusive growth.	200	12.5
2015	The nature of economic growth in India in described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer.	200	12.5
2014	“While we flaunt India’s demographic dividend, we ignore the dropping rates of employability.” What are we missing while doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain.	200	12.5

2014	Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short-sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss.	200	12.5
2014	Normally countries shift from agriculture to industry and then later to services, but India shifted directly from agriculture to services. What are the reasons for the huge growth-services vis-a-vis industry in the country? Can India become a developed country without a strong industrial base?	200	12.5
2014	Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short-sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss.	200	12.5
2012	Critically review the international concern in achieving the targets set for the Millennium Development Goals.	250	15
2012	Keeping in view the informal sector's share in the total workforce in the country, critically examine the relevant inclusive measures initiated by the Government of India and their effectiveness.	250	15
2009	Assess the significance of coastal regions in the economic development of India.	150	10
2005	How has the Indian State tackled the trade-off between environment and development?	150	10
2004	State the comprehensive structural reforms undertaken to improve the Indian economy since 1991.	250	15
2001	What is the incidence of poverty in India? How should poverty alleviation programmes be constructed?	250	15
2000	Control over growth of population in India is an essential condition for the country's rapid economic development. Discuss.	250	15
1998	How is absolute poverty line measured? What are the important measures taken by the Government to eradicate rural poverty in India?	250	15
1998	What are the geo-economic causes of underdevelopment of various regions in India?	150	10
1998	What has been the role of NRIs in the economic development of India in the recent past?	150	10
1997	What measures has the Government of India taken for the development of Tribal areas in India?	150	10
1996	How is poverty-line defined in India? Briefly enumerate the measures undertaken by the Government in recent years to alleviate poverty	150	10
1994	What was the rationale of the Mahalanobis Strategy of economic growth?	150	10
1991	What usually is meant by the expression an underdeveloped economy? What, according to you, are the basic causes of underdevelopment in India?	250	15
1990	What is the economic rationale behind the establishment of growth centres? Explain briefly the criteria for selecting three growth centres.	150	10
1988	Discuss the progress of Indian economy during 'Forty Years of Freedom' What structural changes do you think, have taken place in the economy?	250	15

1987	Discuss the problem of rural unemployment in India. What specific schemes have been launched by the Government to generate employment opportunities in rural areas?	250	15
1983	Inflation has been one of the major and persistent cause of poverty and inequality in India' Analyse.	250	15
1982	Describe the various types of unemployment in India What are the measures devised in the Sixth Plan to deal with the unemployment?	150	10
1981	Unemployment in India is of many types and therefore a complex issue. Describe the nature if the problem and the measures adopted to deal with it particularly in rural areas.	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: WTO, International Trade, LPG

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	Bringing out the circumstances in 2005 which forced amendment to the section 3(d) in Indian Patent Law, 1970, discuss how it has been utilized by the Supreme Court in its judgement in rejecting Novartis' patent application for 'Glivec'. Discuss briefly the pros and cons of the decision. (200 words) 10 marks	200	12.5
2013	Examine the impact of liberalization on companies owned by Indians. Are they competing with the MNCs satisfactorily? Discuss.	200	12.5
2013	Food Security Bill is expected to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in India. Critically discuss various apprehensions in its effective implementation along with the concerns it has generated in WTO.	200	12.5
2012	Why is international trade perceived to have failed to act as an "engine of growth" in many developing countries including India?	250	15
2009	In the WTO negotiations over the years of the DOHA Round, India appears to be diluting its stand on agriculture issues to pursue perceived gains in services. Critically examine.	250	15
1998	Describe the changes that have taken place in the direction of international trade of India since independence.	150	10
1996	Briefly comment on the purpose and type of changes made in our tax structure in the context of liberalisation and structural reforms during the first half of the 1990s.	150	10
1991	Are there good reasons behind the suggestion that in the new programme of economic liberalization, India should go slow in the matter of 'exit policy'?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Infrastructure

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	National Urban Transport Policy emphasises on 'moving people' instead of 'moving vehicles'. Discuss critically the success of the various strategies of the Government in this regard.	200	12.5

2013	Adoption of PPP model for infrastructure development of the country has not been free of criticism. Critically discuss the pros and cons of the model.	200	12.5
2007	Technological changes have brought in a major shift in the use of roads as transport corridors in India. How far do you agree with this view?	150	10
2004	What ails India's road transport economy? Suggest measures of remedy.	150	10
2004	What is Golden Quadrilateral? How will it help in the economic development of the country?	150	10
1998	Infrastructure bottlenecks continue to stifle the economic growth in India. Comment.	150	10
1984	What are the principle components of economic infrastructure? Inadequacy of infrastructure as well as the poor utilization has been the principle bottleneck in economic development. Comment	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Investment Models, Disinvestment

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	Examine the developments of Airports in India through Joint Ventures under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What are the challenges faced by the authorities in this regard.	200	12.5
2015	There is a clear acknowledgment that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are a tool of industrial development, manufacturing and exports. Recognizing this potential, the whole instrumentality of SEZs requires augmentation. Discuss the issues plaguing the success of SEZs with respect to taxation, governing laws and administration.	200	12.5
2015	What are the impediments in marketing and supply chain management in industry in India? Can e-commerce help in overcoming these bottlenecks?	200	12.5
2014	Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the defence sector is now set to be liberalized: What influence this is expected to have on Indian defence and economy in the short and long run?	200	12.5
2014	Explain how Private Public Partnership arrangements, in long gestation infrastructure projects, can transfer unsustainable liabilities to the future. What arrangements need to be put in place to ensure that successive generations' capacities are not compromised?	200	12.5
2013	Discuss the impact of FDI entry into Multi-trade retail sector on supply chain management in commodity trade pattern of the economy.	150	10
2013	Though India allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in what is called multiband retail through the joint venture route in September 2012, the FDI, even after a year, has not picked up. Discuss the reasons.	150	10
2008	Assess the performance of India in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).	150	10
2008	Bring about the pros and cons of Special Economic Zones.	150	10
2007	Explain Mega Food Park Scheme of Government of India.	150	10
2002	Outline the main objectives and achievements of the policy of disinvestment in India?	150	10

1989	Despite having high saving and investment rates. India is experiencing a low growth rate. Why is it so?	150	10
1987	Distinguish clearly between 'Joint Ventures' and 'Foreign Collaboration' Use appropriate examples to illustrate from India's recent experience.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Macro Economy-Monetary Policy, Inflation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Do you agree with the view that steady GDP growth and low inflation have left the Indian economy in good shape? Give reasons in support of your arguments.	150	10
2018	How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India?	250	15
1998	Comment on the view that Monetary Policy in India is used more as a stabilisation device rather than as a development tool.	150	10
1997	Discuss the steps taken by the government in recent years to control inflation.	150	10
1995	What has been the rationale for deregulating commercial bank's lending rates as a policy strategy?	150	10
1990	Discuss the factors that have led to the recent increase in the general price level and the measures taken by the Government to Combat it.	150	10
1981	The phenomenon of rising prices has been largely responsible for Indian economy and planning cut of welfare; it also causes hardship to the people. What are the basic reasons for continuous inflation in India and what has been the government strategy to control it? What specific measure have been taken by the Government of India for controlling inflation	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Macro-Economy-Public finance, Government Budgeting, Taxation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	The public expenditure management is a challenge to the Government of India in context of budget making during the post liberalization period. Clarify it.	250	15
2019	Enumerate the indirect taxes which have been subsumed in the goods and services tax (GST) in India. Also, comment on the revenue implications of the GST introduced in India since July 2017.	150	10
2018	Comment on the important changes introduced in respect of the Long term Capital Gains Tax (LCGT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) in the Union Budget for 2018-2019.	150	10
2013	Discuss the rationale for introducing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India. Bring out critically the reasons for the delay in roll out for its regime.	200	12.5
2013	What is the meaning of the term 'tax expenditure'? Taking housing sector as an example, discuss how it influences the budgetary policies of the	200	12.5

	government.		
2001	What are the hurdles faced by the Finance Ministers of India in keeping the fiscal deficit below 3 – 4 percent of the GDP? Suggest steps to lower the fiscal deficit.	150	10
1995	Do you agree with the view that, in a country like India, a tax on wealth would be a useful supplement to the income tax? Argue the case in the light of Raja Chelliah Tax Reform Committee Report.	250	15
1995	Do you think that income tax reduces economic incentives? Give your reasons.	150	10
1995	Does reduction in fiscal deficit necessarily assure reduction in inflation?	150	10
1994	Indicate briefly the tax reforms that have been introduced in India after the coming in of the New Economic Policy.	150	10
1993	In a developing country like ours what according to you, should be the basis of taxation income or consumption? Spell out your arguments clearly.	150	10
1988	State the distinctive features of the national budget for 1979 – 80. To what extent are the present inflationary trends derived from the budget provisions (About 200 are the present inflationary trends derived from the budget provisions.	200	12.5
1982	Examine the pros and cons of increasing the level of taxation on agriculture sector	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Energy Policy and Sources - Conventional, Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	One of the intended objectives of Union Budget 2017-18 is to 'transform, energize and clean India'. Analyse the measures proposed in the Budget 2017-18 to achieve the objective.	150	10
2015	To what factors can the recent dramatic fall in equipment costs and tariff of solar energy be attributed? What implications does the trend have for the thermal power producers and the related industry?	200	12.5
2014	Should the pursuit of carbon credits and clean development mechanisms set up under UNFCCC be maintained even though there has been a massive slide in the value of a carbon credit? Discuss with respect to India's energy needs for economic growth.	200	12.5
2013	Write a note on India's green energy corridor to alleviate the problem of conventional energy.	200	12.5
2010	Evaluate India's approach towards meeting the country's growing energy demands. Compare the success of this approach with that of another Asian giant which has perhaps the fastest growing energy demand	250	15
2009	Comment on the salient features of the Integrated Energy Policy and its implications on the energy security needs of the country.	150	10
2005	What is the energy Independence? Discuss how India can be transformed into an 'Energy-independent Nation.'	150	10
1987	Expert opinion is sharply divided regarding the advisability or otherwise of building nuclear power plants in India. Summarize the chief arguments on either side and suggest what according to you would be a wiser policy.	250	15

1985	What measures have been taken by the Government of India to develop our own sources for the supply petroleum crude? Discuss the measure of success achieved in this regard.	250	15
1982	What is the global energy crisis and what is its impact on India? Having regard to our situation, environment, resources and problems, what would be the profile of an appropriate energy policy for India? Examine critically the available alternative options.	250	15
1981	What important issues were considered at the Conference held in August 1981 at Nairobi on new and renewable sources of energy under the of United Nations? What progress has been made in India towards the development of renewable sources of energy	200	12.5
1979	Briefly review India's Energy resources. In the context of the world shortage of petroleum, how would you plan for meeting our rural energy needs? Discuss the relative merits of centralised generation, supply and distribution of energy vis-a-vis generation of energy at consumer points or centres.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy - Economic Development

Topic: Macro Economy - Current Account, Capital Account, Balance of Payments, Trade Balance

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	Craze for gold in Indians have led to a surge in import of gold in recent years and put pressure on balance of payments and external value of rupee. In view of this, examine the merits of Gold Monetization Scheme.	200	12.5
2003	Point out the measures undertaken towards flexibility in capital account transactions during the recent past.	150	10

2. Agriculture

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture

Topic: Farming, Major Crops and Cropping Patterns

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production	150	10
2018	How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption.	250	15
2016	What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How crop diversification is helpful to stabilize the yield of the crop in the system?	200	12.5
2009	Elaborate the steps taken by the Government for regionally differentiated approach to increase crop production and diversification in the country.	150	10
1994	What is dry land agriculture? Discuss its importance to India.	150	10

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture
Topic: Irrigation and Farm Mechanization

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Elaborate the impact of National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas.	150	10
1987	Some of the modern agricultural practices being used at present in India are leading to undesirable consequences. Do you agree with this view?	250	15
1987	What are the limitations of mechanized farming in the Indian context?	150	10
1984	Describe the different modes of irrigation practices in India and bring out the relative importance in the field of recent development in irrigation.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture
Topic: Production, Storage, Transport, Marketing, Agricultural Credit

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Examine the role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate number of intermediaries?	150	10
2014	There is also a point of view that Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) set up under the State Acts have not only impeded the development of agriculture but also have been the cause of food inflation in India. Critically examine.	200	12.5
2008	Agriculture productivity in India remains relatively low. Explain the reasons for this situation.	150	10
2007	Comment on the relationship between credit availability and agricultural growth in India.	250	15
1984	India requires 225 million tons of food grain by the end of twentieth century. Briefly discuss the elements of the strategy of agricultural growth that can ensure an increase in food grains output to meet the projected demand.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture
Topic: E Technology in the Aid of Farmers

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	“In the villages itself no form of credit organization will be suitable except the cooperative society.” – All India Rural Credit Survey. Discuss this statement in the background of agricultural finance in India. What constraints and challenges do financial institutions supplying agricultural finance face? How can technology be used to better reach and serve rural clients?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture

Topic: PDS, MSP, Food subsidies, Farm Subsidies, Food Security

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What are the reformative steps taken by the Government to make food grain distribution system more effective?	250	15
2018	What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low income trap?	150	10
2016	How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price and food processing for small and marginal farmers?	200	12.5
2015	In what way could replacement of price subsidy with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss.	200	12.5
2013	What are the different types of agriculture subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by it.	200	12.5
2010	Comment on the recommendations of the Wadhwa Commission on the Public Distribution System.	150	10
2010	Small holder farms need to be strengthened to achieve national food security. Do you agree with this assessment? Substantiate.	150	10
2002	What are 'Minimum Support Prices' in agricultural products? What are their objectives?	150	10
2000	What is (Revised) Targeted Public Distribution System? What are its main features?	150	10
1991	What are the factors that ensure the success of the Public Distribution System?	150	10
1986	Examine the working of the Public Distribution System in India, with particular reference to its objectives and constraints. Suggest a set of measures towards an improvement in the present system.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture

Topic: Technology Missions

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How was India benefitted from the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan in the fields of water engineering and agricultural science respectively?	150	10
2018	Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?	250	15
2016	Explain various types of revolutions, took place in Agriculture after Independence in India. How these revolutions have helped in poverty alleviation and food security in India?	200	12.5
2013	India needs to strengthen measures to promote the pink revolution in food industry for ensuring better nutrition and health. Critically elucidate the statement.	200	12.5
2006	Blue Revolution has definite advantages in India but it is not free from environmental impacts. Discuss.	150	10
1989	Describe the important new techniques which are being introduced in India for crop improvement.	150	10

1986	What is white revolution? Discuss the different aspects which have helped to bring green revolution in India	150	10
1979	Discuss the role of Village Cooperative Movements in promoting rural welfare and development in India. How is the National Dairy Development Board achieving their objectives?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture

Topic: Economics of Animal Rearing

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	Livestock rearing has a big potential for providing non-farm employment and income in rural areas. Discuss suggesting suitable examples.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture

Topic: Food Processing Industries

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Elaborate the policy taken by the Government of India to meet the challenges of the food processing sector.	250	15
2016	What are the reasons for poor acceptance of cost effective small processing unit? How the food processing unit will be helpful to uplift the socio-economic status of poor farmers?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy – Agriculture

Topic: Land Holdings, Land Ceiling, Land Reforms, Contract Farming

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	In view of the declining average size of land holdings in India which has made agriculture non-viable for a majority of farmers, should contract farming and land leasing be promoted in agriculture? Critically evaluate the pros and cons.	200	12.5
2014	The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 has come into effect from 1st January, 2014. What are the key issues which would get addressed with the Act in place? What implications would it have on industrialization and agriculture in India?	200	12.5
2013	Establish relationship between land reforms, agricultural productivity and elimination of poverty in the Indian economy. Discuss the difficulties in designing and implementation of agriculture – friendly land reforms in India.	200	12.5
1983	Immediately after Independence, Land reform measures were initiated to achieve the twin objective of increasing agricultural production and attainment of social justice. What types of measures have been taken by the State to achieve the objectives and with what results? What is the role of Union Government in this?	250	15

3. Industries

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy –Industries

Topic: Manufacturing Sector

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	Account for the failure of manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labour-intensive exports rather than capital-intensive exports. Suggest measures for more labour-intensive rather than capital-intensive exports.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy –Industries

Topic: Industrial Policy, Labour Laws and Related Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	“Industrial growth rate has lagged behind in the overall growth of Gross-Domestic-Product(GDP) in the post-reform period” Give reasons. How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate?	200	12.5
2015	“Success of ‘Make in India’ programme depends on the success of ‘Skill India’ programme and radical labour reforms.” Discuss with logical arguments.	200	12.5
2013	With a consideration towards the strategy of inclusive growth, the new Companies Bill, 2013 has indirectly made CSR a mandatory obligation. Discuss the challenges expected in its implementation in right earnest. Also discuss other provisions in the Bill and their implications.	200	12.5
2005	What are the reasons for industrial sickness in India? Suggest suitable remedies.	250	15
1998	What are the main reasons for industrial sickness in India? How can it be overcome?	150	10
1983	Discuss the Industrial Policy of India adopted in the Sixth plan, tracing the changes in Industrial policy since Independence.	150	10
1980	a) Socialism as a goal of National Policy b)Place of Industries in Indian Economy.	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Indian Economy –Industries

Topic: Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2006	Discuss the role of public sector during the post-reform period of Indian economy.	150	10
1991	What role were the Public Sector Undertakings expected to play in our planning process? Briefly state the current policy of the Government of India with respect to Public Sector Undertakings.	250	15
1990	Identify and analyses a few major management problems which the Indian public enterprises are facing today. In the light of your analysis, would you advocate privatisation of some of our public enterprises?	250	15
1988	Discuss the contribution of public sector enterprises to the economic development of India. Are these enterprises generating enough resources	250	15

	for further investment in the economy?		
1984	Profitability is one of the indices of judging the performance of the public sector enterprises. What other indices can be used for this purpose? Do you consider the performance of the public sector has improved in during the last decade?	250	15
1979	Appraise the performance of the Public Sector Enterprises in India with reference to their objectives and the role assigned to them. Give your concrete suggestions for up their performance.	250	15

4. Science & Technology

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: S&T in Rural Development and Agriculture

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013	What do you understand by Run-of river hydroelectricity project? How is it different from any other hydroelectricity project?	150	10
2012	Discuss the globalization of R&D and its impact on India's development. Provide an illustration from at least one sector such as Information Technology or Health.	250	15
1997	What is Madcow disease?	150	10
1992	Briefly explain the use of various chemical fertilizers in Indian agriculture.	150	10
1985	In the context of the challenges to be faced in the 21st century, it is generally felt that there is an urgent need to re orient science education and scientific research in the country. Identify the important areas that need reorientation and suggest steps you consider necessary for the purpose.	150	10
1982	What is biogas technology? What benefits are envisaged from its use? Describe the steps government of India is taking for its development discussing the salient features of the programme.	250	15
1979	Comment critically on the impact that modern Science and Technology have made on the attitudes, life styles, social structures and economic wellbeing of the people in the rural areas in India.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: Scientific Research, Achievements of Indians in S&T

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Discuss the work of 'Bose-Einstein Statistics' done by Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose and show how it revolutionized the field of Physics.	150	10
2015	India's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) which has a database containing formatted information on more than 2 million medicinal formulations is proving a powerful weapon in the country's fight against erroneous patents. Discuss the pros and cons making this database publicly available under open-source licensing.	200	12.5

2014	Scientific research in Indian universities is declining, because a career in science is not as attractive as are business professions, engineering or administration, and the universities are becoming consumer-oriented. Critically comment.	200	12.5
2014	Can overuse and free availability of antibiotics without Doctor's prescription, be contributors to the emergence of drug-resistant diseases in India? What are the available mechanisms for monitoring and control? Critically discuss the various issues involved.	200	12.5
1991	The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) is expected to set up a number of hydroelectric projects in the Eighth plan. Summarise the salient features of the proposal.	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: Space and Missile Technologies

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What is India's plan to have its own space station and how will it benefit our space programme?	150	10
2018	Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?	150	10
2016	India has achieved remarkable successes in unmanned space missions including the Chandrayaan and Mars Orbiter Mission, but has not ventured into manned space mission, both in terms of technology and logistics? Explain critically.	200	12.5
2015	What do you understand by 'Standard Positioning Systems' and 'Protection Positioning Systems' in the GPS era? Discuss the advantages India perceives from its ambitious IRNSS programme employing just seven satellites.	200	12.5
2012	The safe landing of the "Curiosity" Rover under NASA's space programme has sparked many possibilities. What are those and how could humankind benefit from them?	250	15
2008	What do you know about Indian Regional National Satellite Systems? Describe its important features.	150	10
2007	Discuss the missile technology initiatives undertaken by India.	150	10
2000	What is the significance of the geostationary orbit? What would happen if it becomes too crowded?	250	15
1998	What is remote sensing? What are its uses especially in the Indian context?	250	15
1997	Why is Agni Project important for India?	150	10
1996	Describe how India's space programme has helped in its socio-economic development.	250	15
1995	What is PSLV? Describe its significance for India's space programme.	150	10
1993	What is remote sensing? Describe the status of remote sensing in India.	150	10

1993	Give an account of the achievements of Indian defence scientists in technology development.	150	10
1992	Discuss briefly the importance of the cryogenic engine for India's space programme.	150	10
1992	What are the salient features of India's missile development programme?	150	10
1991	Trace the progress of India's Space Research Programmes? What are its significant achievements?	150	10
1989	What is meant by a stealth aircraft? Mention two stealth technological techniques used in such an aircraft.	150	10
1986	What is remote sensing technique? Name the various regional remote sensing centers in India. What specific purposes are served by remote sensing operations?	150	10
1983	What are the advantages to the nation in sending man into space? It is sometimes argued that the problem of tackling poverty will get side-lined if we indulge in such luxurious experiments. What are your views in this regard?	150	10
1981	What are the significant achievements of Indian scientists in the context of Space Research? How will space technology be useful for weather prediction, telecommunications and identification of natural resources?	250	15
1980	Name the main combat aircraft which are in active service in Indian Air Force. Which of them is obsolete or obsolescent? What have been the recent acquisitions of combat aircraft for use in our Air Force? What options are open to Indian Air Force to match the F - 16 Aircraft, which is being acquired?	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: IT & Computers

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	How can the 'Digital India' programme help farmers to improve farm productivity and income? What steps has the Government taken in this regards?	200	12.5
2015	Discuss the advantage and security implications of cloud hosting of servers vis-a-vis in-house machine-based hosting for government businesses.	200	12.5
2013	What is a digital signature? What does its authentication mean? Give various salient built-in features of a digital signature.	150	10
2013	How does the 3D printing technology work? List out the advantages and disadvantages of the technology.	150	10
2005	Use of Information technology in health management in India.	150	10
2005	What is digital convergence? Examine its implications for modern society.	150	10
2000	India is rapidly emerging as an Information Technology (IT) Superpower. Discuss some aspects of the growth of this Sector in the Indian economy. What role can public policy play in further enhancing growth prospects in this Sector?	250	15

1998	Describe the development of Super-computers in India.	150	10
1998	What are optical fibres? What are their advantages?	150	10
1993	What is a supercomputer? Give an account of super-computer development in India.	250	15
1993	What is a CD-ROM? Describe its main advantages as a vehicle for information dissemination.	150	10
1991	What is artificial intelligence? What is its current scenario and what are its prospects?	250	15
1990	What is the application of superconductors in computers?	150	10
1987	It is believed that the use of fiber optics will revolutionize the telecommunication technology. What progress has been made in India in this field?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Science and Technology
Topic: Robotics

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015	What are the areas of prohibitive labour that can be sustainably managed by robots? Discuss the initiatives that can propel research in premier research institutes for substantive and gainful innovation.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Science and Technology
Topic: Nano-Technology

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2006	Explain how Nanoscience and Nanotechnology have revolutionized modern technology.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Science and Technology
Topic: Medical, Bio-Technology and Related Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How can biotechnology help to improve the living standards of farmers?	250	15
2018	Why is there so much activity in the field of biotechnology in our country? How has this activity benefitted the field of bio-pharma?	250	15
2017	Stem cell therapy is gaining popularity in India to treat a wide variety of medical conditions including leukaemia, Thallessemia, damaged cornea and several burns. Describe briefly what stem cell therapy is and what advantages it has over other treatments?	200	12.5
2014	Can overuse and free availability of antibiotics without Doctor's prescription, be contributors to the emergence of drug-resistant diseases in India? What are the available mechanisms for monitoring and control?	200	12.5

	Critically discuss the various issues involved.		
2013	What do you understand by Fixed Dose drug Combinations (FDCs)? Discuss their merits and demerits.	200	12.5
2012	What do you understand by the term “Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis” (MDR-TB)? What measures would you advocate for its containment and what are the implications of its spread in the community?	250	15
2012	Many food items contain “trans fats”. What do you understand by this term? Which Indian food items contain trans fats? What are the implications of trans fats on human health?	250	15
2007	Explain the objectives and the current achievements of human genome project.	150	10
2006	Justify with necessary logic “Biological clean-up methods can be cheaper than the conventional physical and chemical pollution treatments”.	250	15
2002	“Biotechnology boom may pave a golden path for India”. Discuss.	250	15
2000	How are transgenic plants different from hybrid plants and what is their relevance in modern agriculture? Elaborate.	150	10
1999	What is the Human Genome Project? Discuss briefly its importance.	150	10
1998	What is genetic engineering? Why is it getting increasingly important these days?	250	15
1998	What are enzymes? What is their importance?	150	10
1997	What is Polio? Name its few features and how it can be prevented.	150	10
1996	What are transgenic organisms? What are they used for?	150	10
1995	What is AIDS? Describe its salient features.	250	15
1995	What do you understand by ‘Karnal Technology’ What is it used for?	150	10
1995	What is ‘amniocentesis’ What has made it a controversial technique?	150	10
1994	What are the diseases caused by Iodine Deficiency? What steps are beings taken to tackle the problem in India?	250	15
1994	What is DNA fingerprinting? Which research institution in India is working in this area?	150	10
1993	What is genetic conservation? Bring out the salient features of genetic conservation activity in India.	250	15
1993	Describe how biotechnology is finding use in medicine. Give a few current examples.	150	10
1992	What are bio fertilizers? What advantages do they have over chemical fertilizers?	150	10
1991	Give a brief account of major achievements in the realm of biotechnology in India.	250	15

1989	It has been estimated that there are more than four million leprosy patients in India. What steps are being taken by the Government of India for their treatment and rehabilitation?	150	10
1989	What is ultrasound? State two of its uses in modern medical practice.	150	10
1985	What are genetic diseases give some examples? What are the prospects of treatment of patients suffering from such diseases? Can these patients be cured?	150	10
1985	Microorganisms have been harnessed by man for some time for the production of useful materials. Point out the important developments in this area. What is the current status microbial technology in our country?	150	10
1981	What is meant by 'Genetic Engineering' What are the dangers associated with it? Do you recommend we should go ahead in developing this technology?	150	10
1980	Why has there been a resurgence of Malaria in India? What steps should be taken to prevent its spread and to eradicate it eventually?	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: IPR and Its Related Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	How is the Government of India protecting traditional knowledge of medicine from patenting by pharmaceutical companies?	250	15
2014	In a globalized world, Intellectual Property Rights assume significance and are a source of litigation. Broadly distinguish between the terms— Copyrights, Patents and Trade Secrets.	200	12.5
2012	What do you understand by the term "Innovation"? Discuss the need for launching a national innovation policy in India.	250	15
2010	Did the TRIPS agreement help in resolving trade conflicts arising out of variations in different nations IPR's regimes? Also list the steps taken by India to conform to TRIPS.	150	10
2006	Explain the implications of the implementation of Intellectual Property Clauses in our patent law regime after joining the WTO.	250	15
1996	What are Intellectual Property Rights? Why are Indian scientists concerned about the new patent regimes?	250	15
1994	What is innovation? What kind of economic compulsions in a country like India, you think, could really stimulate innovations?	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: Nuclear Technologies and Related Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	With growing energy needs should India keep on expanding its nuclear energy programme? Discuss the facts and fears associated with nuclear energy.	250	15
2016	Give an account of the growth and development of nuclear science and technology in India. What is the advantage of fast breeder reactor programme in India?	200	12.5

1997	How has India's Nuclear Programme contributed to the economic and defence requirements of the country?	250	15
1996	What is nuclear medicine? Describe briefly its different uses.	150	10
1994	Describe briefly the different phases of India's nuclear energy programme.	150	10
1992	Mention some of the new programmes that have been undertaken in recent years in respect of nuclear research in India.	150	10
1992	What is a fast breeder reactor? Discuss briefly its role in India's nuclear energy programme.	150	10
1989	What are the non-conventional sources of energy relevant in the Indian Context? Comment on the status of the technologies available for their utilization.	150	10
1984	The current tech of nuclear power generation is based upon the fission process, what are the other methods possible for the generation of nuclear power with reference to the Indian condition?	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Science and Technology

Topic: Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2012	Given the accelerated pace development and demand for energy, would you consider renewable energy as a viable option for India's future?	150	10
2007	What are the alternative fuels available for the transport sector? Discuss their characteristics, advantages and disadvantages in their utilization.	150	10
2006	Bring out the prospects of development of alternative energy sources of India.	150	10
2005	Why is hydrogen being acclaimed as the fuel of the future?	150	10
2004	Discuss in detail "Alternative Energy Sources".	250	15
1991	Discuss the potential of solar energy utilization in India.	250	15
1991	What do you understand by the Integrated Rural Energy System? Also mention at least three new sources of Energy.	150	10

5. Environment

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: Environmental Pollution

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Coastal sand mining, whether legal or illegal, poses one of the biggest threats to our environment. Analyze the impact of sand mining along the Indians coasts, citing specific examples.	150	10
2018	What are the impediments in disposing the huge quantities of discarded solid wastes which are continuously being generated? How do we remove safely the toxic wastes that have been accumulating in our habitable environment?	150	10
2015	The NamamiGange and National mission for clean Ganga (NMCG) programmes and causes of mixed results from the previous schemes. What quantum leaps can help preserve the river Ganga better than incremental inputs?	200	12.5

2013	Enumerate the National Water Policy of India. Taking river Ganges as an example, discuss the strategies which may be adopted for river water pollution control and management. What are the legal provisions of management and handling of hazardous wastes in India?	200	12.5
2005	Why do environmentalists regard asbestos and polythene as pollutants?	150	10
1992	What do you understand by Environmental Pollution? Mention the various kinds of pollution and their effect on human health in India.	150	10
1988	State the types of environmental pollution and some of the places where it has occurred due to the progress of industrialization in India.	250	15
1985	Objectives of Ganga Action Plan. Explain in brief the benefits of the plan	150	10
1979	Indicate the sources of atmospheric pollution in the major urban centres in India and the steps to be taken to minimise the problem.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: Environmental Degradation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2012	Examine the cause and the extent of 'desertification' in India and suggest remedial measures.	250	15
2012	The human population is expected to grow to 9 billion by 2050. In this context, many scientists predict that plant genomes would play critical role in keeping out hunger and preserving the environment. Explain.	250	15
2004	Examine the effect of economic development on environmental degradation in India.	150	10
2002	Write briefly about the Desert Development Programme.	150	10
2000	There is a wide-spread concern about the degradation of environment and the problem that go with it. Assess the international response.	150	10
1999	How is deforestation of Himalayas disturbing the ecological balance of north India?	150	10
1998	Which parts of India have been identified as draught prone? Mention the norms for such identification.	150	10
1993	Which parts of India are described as 'arid zones' Comment on the characteristics and economic activities prevalent in these regions?	150	10
1991	Account for the varied environmental problems resulting from wide spread deforestation in both Aravallis and Himalayan regions.	150	10
1987	What do you understand by Ecological Balance? Why is this balance necessary? What is being done in India today to maintain this balance?	150	10
1983	Felling of trees indiscriminately is considered a crime against society. Why is there emphasis against indiscriminate felling and for planting new ones? Discuss the present policy of Farm forestry in our country.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: Climate Change

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	'Climate Change' is a global problem. How India will be affected by climate change? How Himalayan and coastal states of India will be affected by climate change?	200	12.5
2014	Should the pursuit of carbon credits and clean development mechanisms set up under UNFCCC be maintained even though there has been a massive slide in the value of a carbon credit? Discuss with respect to India's energy needs for economic growth.	200	12.5
2014	Drought has been recognized as a disaster in view of its spatial expanse, temporal duration, slow onset and lasting effects on vulnerable sections. With a focus on the September 2010 guidelines from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), discuss the mechanisms for preparedness to deal with likely El Nino and La Nina fallouts in India.	200	12.5
2007	Explain the phenomenon of ozone depletion, its cause and effects. What efforts are needed to reduce it	250	15
2004	Discuss the issue of global warming.	250	15
2000	What are greenhouse gases? What impact do they have on the Earth's climate and with what consequences? Elaborate.	150	10

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: Ozone Depletion

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1999	What is ozone hole? How it caused and what is are its implications for life on Earth?	150	10
1990	What are the main recommendations of the Montreal Protocol to protect the Ozone layer? What are the implications for India of the latest convention held at London?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: EIA and Related Issues

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Define the concept of carrying capacity of an ecosystem as relevant to an environment. Explain how understanding this concept is vital while planning for sustainable development of a region.	250	15
2016	Not many years ago, river linking was a concept but it is becoming reality in the country. Discuss the advantages of river linking and its possible impact on the environment.	200	12.5
2014	Environmental Impact Assessment studies are increasingly undertaken before a project is cleared by the Government. Discuss the environmental impacts of coal-fired thermal plants located at coal pitheads.	200	12.5

2013	What are the consequences of Illegal mining? Discuss the Ministry of Environment and Forest's concept of GO AND NO GO zones for coal mining sector.	200	12.5
1997	Why has the Narmada River Valley Project attracted the attention of the common people?	150	10
1989	What is Sardar Sarovar Project? What is the nature of the controversy surrounding it?	150	10
1980	What is the scope of the Silent Valley Project and what are the issues which have been raised in relation to it? Having regard to the different views expressed. How should the Central Government proceed further in regard to this project?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: Wetlands and their Conservation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	What is wetland? Explain the Ramsar concept of 'wise use' in the context of wetland conservation. Cite two examples of Ramsar sites from India.	150	10
2009	Discuss the wetlands and their role in ecological conservation in India.	150	10
2002	What is Integrated Wastelands Development Programme?	150	10
1986	List major areas of wasteland in India. Discuss on the prospects of Wasteland development, briefly explaining its impact on the food, fodder and fuel supply.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Environment

Topic: Biodiversity and Conservation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Sikkim is the first 'Organic State' in India. What are the ecological and economic benefits of Organic State?	150	10
2018	How does biodiversity vary in India? How is the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 helpful in conservation of flora and fauna?	250	15
2017	Not many years ago, river linking was a concept but it is becoming reality in the country. Discuss the advantages of river linking and its possible impact on the environment.	150	10
2012	The issue of tourism in core areas of tiger reserve forests in the country is a subject matter of debate. Critically examine various aspects of this issue, keeping in view relevant recent judicial pronouncements.	250	15
2012	Analyse critically the inter-linkages between the Convention on Biological Diversity and FAO Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.	250	15
2007	What do you understand by the term 'biodiversity'? Examine the cause and consequence of degeneration of biodiversity?	250	15
1994	Describe the salient features of Project Tiger. How far has it helped in saving the tiger from extinction?	150	10

1993	What is social forestry? Describe how social forestry can help in the uplift of the rural poor.	150	10
1991	What is biodiversity? Why should it be preserved?	250	15
1982	Possessing a tremendous diversity of climate and physical conditions, India has a great variation of fauna. What are main categories/species of Indian fauna? Name any three, which are unique in the world. What steps are being taken to preserve them? Have those efforts been successful?	150	10
1981	What do you understand by ecology? What measures are being taken to preserve the wild flora and fauna and protect the endangered species of animals in India? Name three species for which special measures have been taken to preserve. What are the main objectives of Government science policy? What steps are being taken for the optimum utilisation of manpower, and improvement in the quality of life and technical education?	250	15

6. Disaster Management

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Disaster Management

Topic: Disaster Management - Plan, Framework, Cycle

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Disaster preparedness is the first step in any disaster management process. Explain how hazard zonation mapping will help disaster mitigation in the case of landslides.	250	15
2019	Vulnerability is an essential element for defining disaster impacts and its threat to people. How and in what ways can vulnerability to disasters be characterized? Discuss different types of vulnerability with reference to disasters.	150	10
2013	How important are vulnerability and risk assessment for pre-disaster management? As an administrator, what are key areas that you would focus on in a Disaster Management System?	200	12.5
2008	'In India, there appears to be more disaster of management than management of disaster.' Comment.	150	10
2005	What is the disaster management? Discuss the steps required to tackle natural disasters.	250	15
1985	Why are floods such a recurrent feature in India? Discuss the measures taken by the Government for flood prone area?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Disaster Management

Topic: Disaster Management - Earthquakes, Cyclones, Volcanoes, NDMA guidelines, International cooperation

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Describe various measures taken in India for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) before and after signing 'Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-2030)'. How is this framework different from 'Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005'?	250	15
2016	On December 2004, Tsunami brought havoc on 14 countries including India. Discuss the factors responsible for occurrence of Tsunami and its	200	12.5

	effects on life and economy. In the light of guidelines of NDMA (2010) describe the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.		
2015	The frequency of earthquakes appears to have increased in the Indian subcontinent. However, India's preparedness for mitigating their impact has significant gaps. Discuss various aspects.	200	12.5
2014	Drought has been recognized as a disaster in view of its spatial expanse, temporal duration, slow onset and lasting effects on vulnerable sections. With a focus on the September 2010 guidelines from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), discuss the mechanisms for preparedness to deal with likely El Nino and La Nina fallouts in India.	200	12.5

7. Internal Security

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Internal Security

Topic: Challenges to Internal Security

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	The banning of 'Jammatt-e-Islami' in Jammu and Kashmir brought into focus the role of over-ground workers (OGWs) in assisting terrorist organizations. Examine the role played by OGWs in assisting terrorist organizations in insurgency affected areas. Discuss measures to neutralize influence of OGWs.	150	10
2018	The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is viewed as a cardinal subset of China's larger 'One Belt One Road' initiative. Give a brief description of CPEC and enumerate the reasons why India has distanced itself from the same.	150	10
2016	Mob violence is emerging as a serious law and order problem in India. By giving suitable examples, analyse the causes and consequences of such violence.	200	12.5
2015	Religious indoctrination via digital media has resulted in Indian youth joining the ISIS. What are ISIS and its mission? How can ISIS be dangerous for the internal security of our country?	200	12.5
2014	International civil aviation laws provide all countries complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above their territory. What do you understand by 'airspace' What are the implications of these laws on the space above this airspace? Discuss the challenges which this poses and suggest ways to contain the threat.	200	12.5
2014	China and Pakistan have entered into an agreement for development of an economic corridor. What threat does this pose for India's security? Critically examine.	200	12.5
2013	How far are India's internal security challenges linked with border management particularly in view of the long porous borders with most countries of South Asia and Myanmar?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Internal Security

Topic: Terrorism, External State, Non-State Actors

Year	Question	Words	Marks
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2019	Cross-Border movement of insurgents is only one of the several security challenges facing the policing of the border in North-East India. Examine the various challenges currently emanating across the India-Myanmar border. Also, discuss the steps to counter the challenges.	250	15
2019	Indian Government has recently strengthened the anti-terrorism laws by amending the unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967 and the NIA act. Analyze the changes in the context of prevailing security environment while discussing the scope and reasons for opposing the UAPA by human rights organizations.	250	15
2016	The scourge of terrorism is a grave challenge to national security. What solutions do you suggest to curb this growing menace? What are the major sources of terrorist funding?	200	12.5
2008	What, in your opinion, are the causes of terrorism? Suggest suitable measures to deal with the threat of terrorism in India.	250	15

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Internal Security

Topic: Cyber Security

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What is Cyber Dome Project? Explain how it can be useful in controlling internet crimes in India.	150	10
2018	Data security has assumed significant importance in the digitized world due to rising cyber-crimes. The Justice B. N. Srikrishna Committee Report addresses issues related to data security. What, in your view, are the strengths and weaknesses of the Report relating to protection of personal data in cyber space?	250	15
2016	Discuss the potential threats of Cyber-attack and the security framework to prevent it.	200	12.5
2015	Considering the threats cyberspace poses for the country, India needs a “Digital Armed Force” to prevent crimes. Critically evaluate the National Cyber Security Policy, 2013 outlining the challenges perceived in its effective implementation.	200	12.5
2013	What are social networking sites and what security implications do these sites present?	200	12.5
2013	Cyber warfare is considered by some defence analysts to be a larger threat than even Al Qaeda or terrorism. What do you understand by Cyber warfare? Outline the cyber threats which India is vulnerable to and bring out the state of the country’s preparedness to deal with the same.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III

Subject: Internal Security

Topic: Money Laundering and Its Prevention

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	India’s proximity to two of the world’s biggest illicit opium-growing states has enhanced her internal security concerns. Explain the linkages between drug trafficking and other illicit activities such as gunrunning, money laundering and human trafficking. What countermeasures should be taken to prevent the same? (250 Words, 15 Marks)	250	15

2013	Money laundering poses a serious security threat to a country's economic sovereignty. What is its significance for India and what steps are required to be taken to control this menace?	200	12.5
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Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Internal Security
Topic: Border Security - Challenges, Management

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	The north-eastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyse the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region.	200	12.5
2015	Human rights activists constantly highlight the view that the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) is a draconian act leading to cases of human rights abuses by the security forces. What sections of AFSPA are opposed by the activists? Critically evaluate the requirement with reference to the view held by the Apex Court.	200	12.5
2014	"The diverse nature of India as a multi-religious and multi-ethnic society is not immune to the impact of radicalism which is seen in her neighbourhood'. Discuss along with strategies to be adopted to counter this environment.	200	12.5
2014	How does illegal trans-border migration pose a threat to India's security? Discuss the strategies to curb this, bringing out the factors which give impetus to such migration.	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Internal Security
Topic: Coastal and Island Security

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014	In 2012, the longitudinal marking for high-risk areas for piracy was moved from 65 degrees east to 78 degrees east in the Arabian Sea by the International Maritime Organisation. What impact does this have on India's maritime security concerns?	200	12.5

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Internal Security
Topic: Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism

Year	Question	Words	Marks
1985	Drug abuse and drug addiction have become a serious problem in many countries. What steps have been taken to help the victim of drug abuse?	250	15

Paper: General Studies III
Subject: Internal Security
Topic: Extremism and Development

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is showing a downward trend, but still affects many parts of the country. Briefly explain the Government of India's	150	10

	approach to counter the challenges posed by LWE.		
2015	The persisting drives of the government for development of large industries in backward areas have resulted in isolating the tribal population and the farmers who face multiple displacements with Malkangiri and naxalbari foci, discuss the corrective strategies needed to win the left wing extremism (LWE) doctrine affected citizens back into the mainstream of social and economic growth.	200	12.5
2013	Article 244 of the Indian Constitution relates to administration of scheduled area and tribal areas. Analyse the impact of non-implementation of the provisions of the Fifth schedule on the growth of Left Wing extremism.	200	12.5

Paper-IV

1. Ethics

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Ethics and Human Interface (Essence, Determinants, Consequences of Ethics in Human Actions); Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics in Public & Private Relationships.

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What are the basic principles of public life? Illustrate any three of these with suitable examples.	150	10
2018	What does this quotation mean to you in the present context: "Falsehood takes the place of truth when it results in unblemished common good"-Tirukkural.	150	10
2018	With regard to the morality of actions, one view is that means is of paramount importance and the other view is that the ends justify the means. Which view do you think is more appropriate? Justify your answer.	150	10
2017	The crisis of ethical values in modern times is traced to a narrow perception of the good life. Discuss.	150	10
2017	Without commonly shared and widely entrenched moral values and obligations, neither the law, nor democratic government, nor even the market economy will function properly. What do you understand by this statement? Explain with illustration in the contemporary times.	150	10
2016	Explain how ethics contributes to social and human well-being.	150	10
2016	Law and ethics are considered to be the two tools for controlling human conduct so as to make it conducive to civilized social existence. (a) Discuss how they achieve this objective. (b) Giving examples and show how the two differ in their approaches.	150	10
2015	What is meant by 'environmental ethics'? Why is it important to study? Discuss any one environmental issue from the viewpoint of environmental ethics.	150	10
2015	Differentiate between the following: a) Law and Ethics; b) Ethical management and Management of ethics; c) Discrimination and Preferential treatment; d) Personal ethics and Professional ethics.	200	12.5
2014	Human beings should always be treated as 'ends' in themselves and never as merely 'means'. Explain the meaning and significance of this statement, giving its implications in the modern techno-economic society.	150	10

2013	What do you understand by 'values' and 'ethics'? In what way is it important to be ethical along with being professionally competent?	150	10
2013	Some people feel that values keep changing with time and situation, while others strongly believe that there are certain universal and eternal human values. Give your perception in this regard with due justification.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Emotional Intelligence (Concepts, Utility & Application in Administration & Governance)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	"Emotional Intelligence is the ability to make your emotions work for you instead of against you". Do you agree with this view? Discuss.	150	10
2019	What is meant by 'crisis of conscience'? How does it manifest itself in the public domain?	150	10
2018	What does this quotation mean to you in the present context: Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding? "Mahatma Gandhi.	150	10
2018	"In doing a good thing, everything is permitted which is not prohibited expressly or by clear implication". Examine the statement with suitable examples in the context of a public servant discharging his/her duties.	150	10
2017	How will you apply emotional intelligence in administrative practices?	150	10
2016	Anger is a harmful negative emotion. It is injurious to both personal life and work life. (a) Discuss how it leads to negative emotions and undesirable behaviours. (b) How can it be managed and controlled?	150	10
2014	All human beings aspire for happiness. Do you agree? What does happiness mean to you? Explain with examples.	150	10
2013	What is 'emotional intelligence' and how can it be developed in people? How does it help an individual in taking ethical decisions?	150	10
2013	What do you understand by the term 'voice of conscience'? How do you prepare yourself to heed to the voice of conscience?	150	10
2013	What is meant by 'crisis of conscience'? Narrate one incident in your life when you were faced with such a crisis and how you resolved the same.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Contributions of Moral Thinkers & Philosophers from India and World; Human Value Lessons from Great Leaders, Reformers & Administrators

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	"An unexamined life is not worth living". – Socrates	150	10
2019	"A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes." – M.K. Gandhi	150	10
2019	"Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, there is order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world" – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	150	10
2017	"Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principles which direct them." – Napoleon Bonaparte. Stating examples mention the rulers (i) who have harmed society and country, (ii) who worked for the development of society and country.	150	10

2016	Discuss Mahatma Gandhi's concept of seven sins.	150	10
2016	Analyse John Rawls's concept of social justice in the Indian context.	150	10
2016	Corruption causes misuse of government treasury, Administrative inefficiency and obstruction in the path of national Development. Discuss Kautilya's views.	150	10
2016	Max Weber said that it is not wise to apply to public administration the sort of moral and ethical norms we apply to matters of personal conscience. It is important to realise that the State bureaucracy might possess its own independent bureaucratic morality. Critically analyse this statement.	150	10
2015	"The weak can never forgive; forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."	150	10
2015	We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.	150	10
2014	Which eminent personality has inspired you the most in the context of ethical conduct in life? Give the gist of his/her teachings giving specific examples; describe how you have been able to apply these teachings for your own ethical development.	150	10
2013	There is enough on this earth for every one's need but for no one's greed. Mahatma Gandhi.	150	10
2013	Nearly all men can withstand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.—Abraham Lincoln	150	10
2013	I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who overcomes his enemies.—Aristotle	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Attitude(Content, Structure, Function, Influence &Relation with Thought &Behaviour); Moral and Political Attitudes

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Young people with ethical conduct are not willing to come forward to join active politics. Suggest steps to motivate them to come forward.	150	10
2014	In the context of defence services, 'patriotism' demands readiness to even lay down one's life in protecting the nation. According to you, what does patriotism imply in everyday civil life? Explain with illustrations and justify your answer.	150	10
2013	It is often said that 'politics' and 'ethics' do not go together. What is your opinion in this regard? Justify your answer with illustrations.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Role of Family, Society, Educational Institutions in Inculcating Values;

2016	Our attitudes towards life, work, other people and society are generally shaped unconsciously by the family and social surroundings in which we grow up. Some of these unconsciously acquired attitudes and values are often undesirable in the citizens of modern democratic and egalitarian society. (a) Discuss such undesirable values prevalent in today's educated Indians. (b) How can such undesirable attitudes be changed and socio-ethical values be cultivated in the aspiring and serving civil servants?	150	10
2015	Social values are more important than economic values. Discuss the above statement with examples in the context of inclusive growth of a nation.	150	10
2014	The current society is plagued with widespread trust-deficit. What are the consequences of this situation for personal well-being and for societal well-being? What can you do at the personal level to make yourself trustworthy?	150	10

2014	What factors affect the formation of a person's attitude towards social problems? In our society, contrasting attitudes are prevalent about many social problems. What contrasting attitudes do you notice about the caste system in our society? How do you explain the existence of these contrasting attitudes?	150	10
2014	We are witnessing increasing instances of sexual violence against women in the country. Despite existing legal provisions against it, the number of such incidences is on the rise. Suggest some innovative measures to tackle this menace.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Social Influence and Persuasion

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2016	How could social influence and persuasion contribute to the success of Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan?	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Civil Service Aptitude & Foundational Values (Integrity, Impartiality, Non-Partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	"In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they do not have the first, the other two will kill you." – Warren Buffett. What do you understand by this statement in the present-day scenario? Explain.	150	10
2018	What is meant by public interest? What are the principles and procedures to be followed by the civil servants in public interest?	150	10
2018	State the three basic values, universal in nature, in the context of civil services and bring out their importance.	150	10
2017	Examine the relevance of the following in the context of civil service: (a) Transparency (b) Accountability (c) Fairness and justice (d) Courage of conviction (e) Spirit of service.	150	10
2017	One of the tests of integrity is complete refusal to be compromised. Explain with reference to a real life example.	150	10
2017	Conflict of interest in the public sector arises when (a) official duties, (b) public interest, and (c) personal interest are taking priority one above the other. How can this conflict in administration be resolved? Describe with an example.	150	10
2016	Why should impartiality and non-partisanship be considered as foundational values in public services, especially in the present day socio-political context? Illustrate your answer with examples.	150	10
2015	Public servants are likely to confront with the issues of 'Conflict of Interest'. What do you understand by the term 'Conflict of Interest' and how does it manifest in the decision making by public servants? If faced with the conflict of interest situation, how would you resolve it? Explain with the help of examples.	150	10
2015	How do the virtues of trustworthiness and fortitude get manifested in public service? Explain with examples.	150	10
2015	A mere compliance with law is not enough; the public servant also has to have a well-developed sensibility to ethical issues for effective discharge of duties." Do you agree? Explain with the help of two examples, where (i) an act is ethically right, but not legally and (ii) an act is legally right, but	150	10

	not ethically.		
2015	Two different kinds of attitudes exhibited by public servants towards their work have been identified as the bureaucratic attitude and the democratic attitude. A) Distinguish between these two terms and write their merits and demerits. B) Is it possible to balance the two to create a better administration for the faster development of our country?	150	10
2014	What does 'accountability' mean in the context of public service? What measures can be adopted to ensure individual and collective accountability of public servants?	150	10
2014	Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, but knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful. What do you understand by this statement? Explain your stand with illustrations from the modern context.	150	10
2014	There is a heavy ethical responsibility on the public servants because they occupy positions of power, handle huge amounts of public funds, and their decisions have wide-ranging impact on society and environment. What steps have you taken to improve your ethical competence to handle such responsibility?	150	10
2013	What do you understand by the following terms in the context of public service? (5 terms x 3 marks each: a) Integrity b) Perseverance c) Spirit of service d) Commitment e) Courage of conviction f) Personal opinion	250	15
2013	Indicate two more attributes which you consider important for public service. Justify your answer.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Work Culture

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Discipline generally implies following the order and subordination. However, it may be counter-productive for the organisation. Discuss.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Public Service Values & Ethics in Public Administration; Strengthening of Ethical & Moral Values in Governance; Accountability & Ethical Governance; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	What do you understand by probity in governance? Based on your understanding of the term, suggest measures for ensuring probity in government.	150	10
2019	What is meant by the term 'constitutional morality'? How does one uphold constitutional morality?	150	10
2019	What do you understand by the term 'public servant'? Reflect on the expected role of public servant.	150	10
2016	What do you understand by the terms 'governance', 'good governance' and 'ethical governance'?	150	10
2014	What do you understand by 'probity' in public life? What are the difficulties in practicing it in the present times? How can these difficulties be overcome?	150	10
2014	What does ethics seek to promote in human life? Why is it all the more important in public administration?	150	10
2013	The good of an individual is contained in the good of all. What do you	150	10

	understand by this statement? How can this principle be implemented in public life?		
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Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Problems, Dilemmas in Public Administration and Public Service.

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2018	What do these quotations mean to you in the present context: “The true rule, in determining to embrace, or reject anything, is not whether it has any evil in it; but whether it has more evil than good. There are few things wholly evil or wholly good. Almost everything, especially of governmental policy, is an inseparable compound of the two; so that our best judgement of the preponderance between them is continually demanded.” Abraham Lincoln.	150	10
2018	Explain the process of resolving ethical dilemmas in Public Administration.	150	10
2018	Suppose the Government of India is thinking of constructing a dam in a mountain valley bond by forests and inhabited by ethnic communities. What rational policy should it resort to in dealing with unforeseen contingencies	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Codes of Ethics; Codes of Conduct; Laws, Rules, Regulations, Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance.

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	Explain the basic principles of citizens charter movement and bring out its importance.	150	10
2018	Distinguish between “Code of ethics” and “Code of conduct” with suitable examples.	150	10
2016	Discuss the Public Services Code as recommended by the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Challenges of Corruption; Utilization of Public Funds

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	“Non-performance of duty by a public servant is a form of corruption”. Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer.	150	10
2019	Effective utilization of public funds is crucial to meet development goals. Critically examine the reasons for under-utilization and mis-utilization of public funds and their implications.	150	10
2018	What is meant by conflict of interest? Illustrate with examples, the difference between the actual and potential conflicts of interest.	150	10
2017	“If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are father, the mother and the teacher.” – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Analyse.	150	10
2014	It is often said that poverty leads to corruption. However, there is no dearth of instances where affluent and powerful people indulge in corruption in a big way. What are the basic causes of corruption among people? Support your answer with examples.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Information (Sharing & Transparency in Government); RTI;

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019	There is a view that the Official Secrets Act is an obstacle to the implementation of Right to Information Act. Do you agree with the view? Discuss.	150	10
2018	“The Right to Information Act is not all about citizens’ empowerment alone; it essentially redefines the concept of accountability. Discuss.	150	10
2015	Some recent developments such as introduction of RTI Act, media and judicial activism, etc., are proving helpful in bringing about greater transparency and accountability in the functioning of the government. However, it is also being observed that at times the mechanisms are misused. Another negative effect is that the officers are now afraid to take prompt decisions. Analyse this situation in detail and suggest how this dichotomy can be resolved. Suggest how these negative impacts can be minimized.	150	10
2015	Today we find that in spite of various measures like prescribing codes of conduct, setting up vigilance cells/commissions, RTI, active media and strengthening of legal mechanisms, corrupt practices are not coming under control. A) Evaluate the effectiveness of these measures with justifications. B) Suggest more effective strategies to tackle this menace.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Strength, peace and security are considered to be the pillars of international relations. Elucidate.	150	10
2015	At the international level, the bilateral relations between most nations are governed on the policy of promoting one’s own national interest without any regard for the interest of other nations. This leads to conflicts and tensions between the nations. How can ethical consideration help resolve such tensions? Discuss with specific examples.	150	10

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Corporate Governance; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government & Private Institutions

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	Corporate social responsibility makes companies more profitable and sustainable. Analyse.	150	10
2017	Increased national wealth did not result in equitable distribution of its benefits. It has created only some “enclaves of modernity and prosperity for a small minority at the cost of the majority.” Justify.	150	10

Case Studies

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Ethics and Human Interface (Essence, Determinants, Consequences of Ethics in Human Actions); Dimensions of Ethics; Ethics in Public & Private Relationships.

Human life vs opportunity

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2017	You are aspiring to become an IAS officer and you have cleared various	250	20

human life vs opportunity	stages and now you have been selected for the personal interview. On the day of the interview, on the way to the venue you saw an accident where a mother and child who happen to be your relatives were badly injured. They needed immediate help. What would you have done in such a situation? Justify your action.		
2017 honesty vs opportunity human life vs opportunity	You are the manager of a spare parts company A and you have to negotiate a deal with the manager of a large manufacturing company B. The deal is highly competitive and sealing the deal is critical for your company. The deal is being worked out over a dinner. After dinner the manager of manufacturing company B offered to drop you to the hotel in his car. On the way to hotel he happens to hit motorcycle injuring the motorcyclist badly. You know the manager was driving fast and thus lost control. The law enforcement officer comes to investigate the issue and you are the sole eyewitness to it. Knowing the strict laws pertaining to road accidents you are aware that your honest account of the incident would lead to the prosecution of the manager and as a consequence the deal is likely to be jeopardised, which is of immense importance to your company. What are the dilemmas you face? What will be your response to the situation?	250	20

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Emotional Intelligence (Concepts, Utility & Application in Administration & Governance)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014 dishonesty at work place office relations whistleblowing	<p>Rameshwar successfully cleared the prestigious civil services examination and was excited about the opportunity that he would get through the civil services to serve the country. However, soon after joining the services, he realized that things are not as rosy as he had imagined.</p> <p>He found a number of malpractices prevailing in the department assigned to him. For example, funds under various schemes and grants were being misappropriated. The official facilities were frequently being used for personal needs by the officers and staff. After some time, he noticed that the process of recruiting the staff was also not up to the mark. Prospective candidates were required to write an examination in which a lot of cheating was going on. Some candidates were provided external help in the examination. Rameshwar brought these incidents to the notice of his seniors. However, he was advised to keep his eyes, ears and mouth shut and ignore all these things which were taking place with the connivance of the higher-ups. Rameshwar felt highly disillusioned and uncomfortable. He comes to you seeking your advice. Indicate various options that you think are available in this situation. How would you help him to evaluate these options and choose the most appropriate path to be adopted?</p>	250	20
2014 problem solving	In our country, the migration of rural people to towns and cities is increasing drastically. This is causing serious problems both in the rural as well as in the urban areas. In fact, things are becoming really unmanageable. Can you analyze this problem in detail and indicate not only the socio-economic but also the emotional and attitudinal factors responsible for this problem? Also, distinctly bring out why—	250	20

	<p>1. Educated rural youth are trying to shift to urban areas; 2. Landless poor people are migrating to urban slums; 3. Even some farmers are selling off their land and trying to settle in urban areas taking up petty jobs.</p> <p>What feasible steps can you suggest which will be effective in controlling this serious problem of our country?</p>		
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Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Attitude (Content, Structure, Function, Influence &Relation with Thought &Behaviour); Moral and Political Attitudes

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015 order priorities in disaster management	<p>There is a disaster-prone State having frequent landslides, forest fires, cloudbursts, flash floods and earthquakes, etc. Some of these are seasonal and often unpredictable. The magnitude of the disaster is always unanticipated. During one of the seasons, a cloudburst caused devastating floods and landslides leading to high casualties. There was major damage to infrastructure like roads, bridges and power generating units. This led to more than 100000 pilgrims, tourists and other locals trapped across different routes and locations. The people trapped in your area of responsibility included senior citizens, patients in hospitals, women and children, hikers, tourists, ruling party's regional president along with his family, additional jail. As secretary State and prisoners in jail.</p> <p>As a civil services officer of the State, what would be the order in which you would rescue these people and why? Give justifications.</p>	250	20
2016 sense of Justice	<p>Land needed for mining, dams and other large-scale projects is acquired mostly from Adivasis, hill dwellers and rural communities. The displaced persons are paid monetary compensation as per the legal provisions. However, the payment is often tardy. In any case, it cannot sustain the displaced families for long. These people do not possess marketable skills to engage in some other occupation. They end up as low paid migrant labourers. Moreover, their living is destroyed. Thus, the benefits of traditional ways of community development go to industries, industrialists and urban communities whereas the costs are passed on to these poor helpless people. This unjust distribution of costs and benefits is unethical. Suppose you have been entrusted with the task of drafting a better compensation-cum-rehabilitation policy for such displaced persons, how would you approach the problem and what would be the main elements of your suggested policy?</p>	250	20
2016 Bureaucratic attitudes and reforms	<p>Saraswati was a successful IT professional in USA. Moved by the patriotic sense of doing something for the country she returned to India. Together with some other like-minded friends, she formed an NGO to build a school for a poor rural community.</p> <p>The objective of the school was to provide the best quality modern education at a nominal cost. She soon discovered that she has to seek permission from a number of Governments agencies. The rules and procedures were quite confusing and cumbersome. What frustrated her most was the delays, callous attitude of officials and constant demand of bribes. Her experience and the experience of many others like her has</p>	250	20

	<p>deterred people from taking up social service projects.</p> <p>A measure of Government control over voluntary social work is necessary. But it should not be exercised in a coercive or corrupt manner. What measures can you suggest to ensure that due control is exercised but well meaning, honest NGO efforts are not thwarted?</p>		
<p>2017 vicious cycle of corruption – addressing issues of conscience.</p>	<p>You are an honest and responsible civil servant. You often observe the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a general perception that adhering to ethical conduct one may face difficulties to oneself and cause problems for the family, whereas unfair practices may help to reach the career goals. 2. family, whereas unfair practices may help to reach the career goals. 3. When the number of people adopting unfair means is large, a small minority having a penchant towards ethical means makes no difference. 4. Sticking to ethical means is detrimental to the larger developmental goals 5. While one may not involve oneself in large unethical practices, but giving and accepting small gifts makes the system more efficient. <p>Examine the above statements with their merits and demerits</p>	250	20
<p>2018 rules – rigidity and contextual flexibility</p>	<p>Dr X is a leading medical practitioner in a city. He has set up a charitable trust through which he plans to establish a super-speciality hospital in the city to cater to the medical needs of all sections of the society. Incidentally, that part of the State had been neglected over the years. The proposed hospital would be a boon for the region. You are heading the tax investigation agency of that region. During an inspection of the doctor’s clinic, your officers have found out some major irregularities. A few of them are substantial which had resulted in considerable withholding of tax that should be paid by him now. The doctor is cooperative. He undertakes to pay the tax immediately. However, there are certain other deficiencies in his tax compliance which are purely technical in nature. If these technical defaults are pursued by the agency, considerable time and energy of the doctor will be diverted to issues which are not so serious, urgent or even helpful to the tax collection process. Further, in all probability, it will hamper the prospects of the hospital coming up. There are two options before you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taking a broader view, ensure substantial tax compliance and ignore defaults that are merely technical in nature. 2. Pursue the matter strictly and proceed on all fronts, whether substantial or merely technical. <p>As the head of the tax agency, which course of action will you opt and why?</p>	250	20

Paper: General Studies IV
Subject: Social Influence and Persuasion

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015 social evils/	You are recently posted as district development officer of a district. Shortly thereafter you found that there is considerable tension in the rural areas of your district on the issue of sending girls to schools.	250	20

<p>prejudices and administrative challenges</p>	<p>The elders of the village feel that many problems have come up because girls are being educated and they are stepping out of the safe environment of the household. They are of the view that the girls should be quickly married off with minimum education. The girls are also competing for jobs after education, which have traditionally remained in boys' exclusive domain, adding to unemployment amongst male population.</p> <p>The younger generation feels that in the present era, girls should have equal opportunities for education and employment, and other means of livelihood. The entire locality is divided between the elders and the younger lot and further sub-divided between sexes in both generations. You come to know that in Panchayat or in other local bodies or even in busy crossroads, the issue is being acrimoniously debated.</p> <p>One day you are informed that an unpleasant incident has taken place. Some girls were molested, when they were en route to schools. The incident led to clashes between several groups and a law and order problem has arisen. The elders after heated discussion have taken a joint decision not to allow girls to go to school and to socially boycott all such families, which do not follow their dictate.</p> <p>1. What steps would you take to ensure girls' safety without disrupting their education?</p> <p>How would you manage and mould matriarchic attitude of the village elders to ensure harmony in the inter-generational relations?</p>		
<p>2015 social evils/ prejudices and administrative challenges education of masses</p>	<p>You are the Sarpanch of a Panchayat. There is a primary school run by the government in your area. Midday meals are provided to the children attending the school. The Headmaster has now appointed a new cook in the school to prepare the meals. However, when it is found that the cook is from Dalit community, almost half of the children belonging to higher castes are not allowed to take meals by their parents. Consequently the attendance in the school falls sharply. This could result in the possibility of discontinuation of midday meal scheme, thereafter of teaching staff and subsequent closing down the school.</p> <p>1. Discuss some feasible strategies to overcome the conflict and to create right ambience.</p> <p>2. What should be the responsibilities of different social segments and agencies to create positive social ambience for accepting such changes?</p>	<p>250</p>	<p>20</p>

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Civil Service Aptitude & Foundational Values (Integrity, Impartiality, Non-Partisanship, Objectivity, Dedication to Public Service)

Year	Question	Words	Marks
<p>2019 Ethical values and integrity</p>	<p>In recent times, there has been an increasing concern in India to develop effective civil service ethics, code of conduct, transparency measures, ethics and integrity systems and anti-corruption agencies. In view of this, there is a need being felt to focus on three specific areas, which are directly relevant to the problems of internalizing integrity and ethics in the civil services. These are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipating specific threats to ethical standards and integrity 	<p>250</p>	<p>20</p>

	<p>in the civil services,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the ethical competence of civil servants and • Developing administrative processes and practices which promote ethical values and integrity in civil services. <p>Suggest institutional measures to address the above three issues.</p>		
2019	<p>In one of the districts of a frontier state, narcotics menace has been rampant. This has resulted in money laundering, mushrooming of poppy farming, arms smuggling and near stalling of education. The system is on the verge of collapse. The situation has been further worsened by unconfirmed reports that local politicians as well as some senior police officers are providing surreptitious patronage to the drug mafia. At that point of time a woman police officer, known for her skills in handling such situations is appointed as superintendent of police to bring the situation to normalcy. If you are the same police officer, identify the various dimensions of the crisis. Based on your understanding, suggest measures to deal with the crisis.</p>	250	20
2019	<p>Honesty and uprightness are the hallmarks of a civil servant. Civil servants possessing these qualities are considered as the backbone of any strong organization. In line of duty, they take various decisions, at times some become bonafide mistakes. As long as such decisions are not taken intentionally and do not benefit personally, the officer cannot be said to be guilty. Though such decisions may, at times, lead to unforeseen adverse consequences in the long-term. In the recent past, a few instances have surfaced wherein civil servants have been implicated for bonafide mistakes. They have often been prosecuted and even imprisoned. The instances have greatly rattled the moral fibre of the civil servants.</p> <p>How does this trend affect the functioning of the civil services? What measures can be taken to ensure the honest civil servants are not implicated for the bonafide mistakes on their part? Justify your answer.</p>	250	20
2019	<p>You are heading the rescue operations in an area affected by severe natural calamity. Thousands of people are rendered homeless and deprived of food, drinking water and other basic amenities. Rescue work has been disrupted by heavy rainfall and damage to supply routes. The local people are seething with anger against the delayed limited rescue operations. When your team reaches the affected area, the people there heckle and even assault some of the team members. One of your team members is even severely injured. Faced with this crisis, some team members plead with you to call off the operations fearing threats to their life. In such trying circumstances, what will be your response? Examine the qualities of a public servant which will be required to manage the situation.</p>	250	20
2014 Vicious Cycle of Corruption -issues of	<p>Suppose one of your close friends, who is also aspiring for civil services, comes to you for discussing some of the issues related to ethical conduct in public service. He raises the following points :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the present times, when unethical environment is quite prevalent, individual attempts to stick to ethical principles may 	250	20

<p>Conscience.</p>	<p>cause a lot of problems in one’s career. It may also cause hardship to the family members as well as risk to one’s life. Why should we not be pragmatic and follow the path of least resistance, and be happy with doing whatever good we can?</p> <p>2. When so many people are adopting wrong means and are grossly harming the system, what difference would it make if only a small minority tries to be ethical? They are going to be rather ineffective and are bound to get frustrated.</p> <p>3. If we become fussy about ethical considerations, will it not hamper the economic progress of our country? After all, in the present age of high competition, we cannot afford to be left behind in the race of development.</p> <p>4. It is understandable that we should not get involved in grossly unethical practices, but giving and accepting small gratifications and doing small favours increases everybody’s motivation. It also makes the system more efficient. What is wrong in adopting such practices?</p> <p>Critically analyze the above viewpoints. On the basis of this analysis, what will be your advice to your friend?</p>		
<p>2015 Correction of past Mistakes of self / others</p>	<p>You are heading a district administration in a particular department. Your senior officer calls you from the State Headquarters and tells you that a plot in Rampur village is to have a building constructed on it for a school. A visit is scheduled during which he will visit the site along with the chief engineer and the senior architect. He wants you to check out all the papers relating to it and to ensure that the visit is properly arranged. You examine the file which relates to the period before you joined the department. The land was acquired from the local Panchayat at a nominal cost and the papers show that clearance certificates are available from the two of the three authorities who have to certify the site’s suitability. There is no certification by the architect available on file. You decide to visit Rampur to ensure that all is in order as stated on file. When you visit Rampur, you find that the plot under reference is part of Thakurgarh Fort and that the walls, ramparts, etc., are running across it. The fort is well away from the main village, therefore a school here will be a serious inconvenience for the children. However, the area near the village has potential to expand into a larger residential area. The development charges on the existing plot, at the fort, will be very high and the question of heritage site has not been addressed. Moreover, the Sarpanch, at the time of acquisition of the land, was a relative of your predecessor. The whole transaction appears to have been done with some vested interest.</p> <p>1. List the likely vested interests of the concerned parties.</p> <p>2. Some of the options for action available to you are listed below. Discuss the merits and demerits of each of the options :</p> <p>1. You can await the visit of the superior officer and let him take a decision.</p> <p>2. You can seek his advice in writing or on phone.</p> <p>3. You can consult your predecessor/colleagues, etc., and then decide what to do.</p> <p>4. You can find out if any alternate plot can be got in exchange and then send a comprehensive written report.</p>	<p>250</p>	<p>20</p>

	Can you suggest any other option with proper justification?		
2016 rules vs compassion	<p>Suppose you are an officer in-charge of implementing a social service scheme to provide support to old and destitute women. An old and illiterate woman comes to you to avail the benefits of the scheme. However, she has no documents to show that she fulfils the eligibility criteria. But after meeting her and listening to her you feel that she certainly needs support. Your enquiries also show that she is really destitute and living in a pitiable condition. You are in a dilemma as to what to do. Putting her under the scheme without are documents would clearly be violation of rules. But denying her the support would be cruel and inhuman.</p> <p>1. Can you think of a rational way to resolve this dilemma? Give your reasons for it</p>	250	20
2018 rules vs compassion	<p>Rakesh is a responsible district level officer, who enjoys the trust of his higher officials. Knowing his honesty, the government entrusted him with the responsibility of identifying the beneficiaries under a health care scheme meant for senior citizens. The criteria to be a beneficiary are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 60 years of age or above. 2. Belonging to a reserved community. 3. Family income of less than 1 Lakh rupees per annum. 4. Post-treatment prognosis is likely to be high to make a positive difference to the quality of life of the beneficiary. <p>One day, an old couple visited Rakesh's office with their application. They have been the residents of a village in his district since their birth. The old man is diagnosed with a rare condition that causes obstruction in the large intestine. As a consequence, he has severe abdominal pain frequently that prevents him from doing any physical labour. The couple has no children to support them. The expert surgeon whom they contacted is willing to do the surgery without charging any fee. However, the couple will have to bear the cost of incidental charges, such as medicines, hospitalization, etc., to the tune of rupees one lakh. The couple fulfils all the criteria except criterion 'b'. However, any financial aid would certainly make a significant difference in their quality of life. How should Rakesh respond to the situation?</p>	250	20
2018 social evils and solutions	<p>It is a State where prohibition is in force. You are recently appointed as the Superintendent of Police of a district notorious for illicit distillation of liquor. The illicit liquor leads to many death, reported and unreported, and causes a major problem for the district authorities. The approach till now had been to view it as a law and order problem and tackle it accordingly. Raids, arrest, police cases, and criminal trials – all these had only limited impact. The problem remains as serious as ever. Your inspections show that the parts of the district where the distillation flourishes are economically, industrially and educationally backward. Agriculture is badly affected by poor irrigation facilities. Frequent clashes among communities gave boost to illicit distillation. No major initiatives had taken place in the past either from the government's side or from social organizations to improve the lot of the people. Which new approach will you adopt to bring the problem under control?</p>	250	20

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Work Culture

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019 Sexual harrasment	<p>An apparel manufacturing company having a large number of women employees was losing sales due to various factors. The company hired a reputed marketing executive, who increased the volume of sales within a short span of time. However, some unconfirmed reports came up regarding his indulgence in sexual harassment at the workplace.</p> <p>After sometime a woman employee launched a formal complaint to the management against the marketing executive about sexually harassing her. Faced with the companies' indifference, in not taking cognizance of her grievances, she lodged an FIR with the police.</p> <p>Realizing the sensitivity and gravity of the situation, the company called the woman employee to negotiate. In that she was offered a hefty sum of money to withdraw the complaint and the FIR and also give in writing that the marketing executive is not involved in the case.</p> <p>Identify the ethical issues involved in this case. What options are available to the woman employee?</p>	250	20
2013 employee issues gender sensitivity vs efficiency	<p>You are the Executive Director of an upcoming InfoTech Company which is making a name for itself in the market.</p> <p>Mr. A, who is a star performer, is heading the marketing team. In a short period of one year, he has helped in doubling the revenues as well as creating a high brand equity for the Company so much so that you are thinking of promoting him. However, you have been receiving information from many corners about his attitude towards the female colleagues; particularly his habit of making loose comments on women. In addition, he regularly sends indecent SMS's to all the team members including his female colleagues.</p> <p>One day, late in the evening, Mrs. X, who is one of Mr. A's team members, comes to you visibly disturbed. She complains against the continued misconduct of Mr. A, who has been making undesirable advances towards her and has even tried to touch her inappropriately in his cabin. She tenders her resignation and leaves your office. (20 marks 250 words)</p> <p>1. What are the options available to you? Evaluate each of these options and choose the option you would adopt, giving reasons.</p>	250	20

Paper: General Studies IV**Subject: Public Service Values & Ethics in Public Administration; Strengthening of Ethical & Moral Values in Governance; Accountability & Ethical Governance; Philosophical Basis of Governance and Probity**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2019 Politisization of bureaucracy	<p>In a modern democratic polity, there is a concept of the political executive and permanent executive. Elected people's representatives from the political executive and bureaucracy forms the permanent executive. Ministers frame policy decisions and bureaucrats execute these. In the initial decades after independence, the relationship between the permanent executive and the political executive were characterized by mutual understanding, respect and cooperation, without encroaching upon each other's domain.</p> <p>However, in the subsequent decades, the situation has changed. There are instances of the political executive insisting upon the permanent executive to follow its agenda. Respect for an appreciation of upright bureaucrats has declined. There is an increasing tendency among the political executive to get involved in routine administrative matters such as transfers, posting etc. Under this scenario, there is a definitive trend towards 'politicization of bureaucracy'. The rising materialism and acquisitiveness in social life has also adversely impacted upon the ethical values of both the permanent executive and the political executive.</p> <p>What are the consequences of this 'politicization of bureaucracy'? Discuss.</p>	250	20
2013 corruption - influence peddling, conflict of interest	<p>You are heading a leading technical institute of the country. The institute is planning to convene an interview panel shortly under your chairmanship for selection of the post of professors. A few days before the interview, you get a call from the Personal Secretary (PS) of a senior government functionary seeking your intervention in favour of the selection of a close relative of the functionary for this post. The PS also informs you that he is aware of the long pending and urgent proposals of your institute for grant of funds for modernization, which are awaiting the functionary's approval. He assures you that he would get these proposals cleared.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the options available to you? 2. Evaluate each of these options and choose the option which you would adopt, giving reasons. 	250	20
2013 organizational issues - challenges of Hierarchy	<p>You are working as an Executive Engineer in the construction cell of a Municipal Corporation and are presently in-charge of the construction of a flyover. There are two Junior Engineers under you who have the responsibility of day-to-day inspection of the site and are reporting to you, while you are finally reporting to the Chief Engineer who heads the cell. While the construction is heading towards completion, the Junior Engineers have been regularly reporting that all construction is taking place as per design specifications. However, in one of your surprise inspections, you have noticed some serious deviations and lacunae which, in your opinion, are likely to affect the safety of the flyover. Rectification of these lacunae at this stage would require a substantial amount of demolition and rework which will cause a</p>	250	20

	<p>tangible loss to the contractor and will also delay completion. There is a lot of public pressure on the Corporation to get this construction completed because of heavy traffic congestion in the area. When you brought this matter to the notice of the Chief Engineer, he advised you that in his opinion it is not a very serious lapse and may be ignored. He advised for further expediting the project for completion in time. However, you are convinced that this was a serious matter which might affect public safety and should not be left unaddressed.</p> <p>What will you do in such a situation? Some of the options are given below. Evaluate the merits and demerits of each of these options and finally suggest what course of action you would like to take, giving reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow the advice of the Chief Engineer and go ahead. 2. Make an exhaustive report of the situation bringing out all facts and analysis along with your own viewpoints stated clearly and seek for written orders from the chief Engineer. 3. Call for explanation from the Junior Engineers and issue orders to the contractor for necessary correction within targeted time. 4. Highlight the issue so that it reaches superiors above the Chief Engineer. 5. Considering the rigid attitude of the Chief Engineer, seek transfer from the project or report sick 		
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Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Problems, Dilemmas in Public Administration and Public Service.

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013 Transparency Mistakes of past – self and others	<p>A Public Information Officer has received an application under RTI Act. Having gathered the information, the PIO discovers that the information pertains to some of the decisions taken by him, which were found to be not altogether right. There were other employees also who party to these decisions were. Disclosure of the information is likely to lead to disciplinary action with possibility of punishment against him as well as some of his colleagues. Non-disclosure or part disclosure or camouflaged disclosure of information will result into lesser punishment or no punishment.</p> <p>The PIO is otherwise an honest and conscientious person but this particular decision, on which the RTI application has been filed, turned out to be wrong. He comes to you for advice.</p> <p>The following are some suggested options. Please evaluate the merits and demerits of each of the options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PIO could refer the matter to his superior officer and seek his advice and act strictly in accordance with the advice, even though he is not completely in agreement with the advice of the superior. 2. The PIO could proceed on leave and leave the matter to be dealt by his successor in office or request for transfer of the application to another PIO. 3. The PIO could weigh the consequences of disclosing the information truthfully, including the effect on his career, and reply in a manner that would not place him or his career in jeopardy, but at the same time a little compromise can be made on the contents of the 	250	20

	<p>information.</p> <p>4. The PIO could consult his other colleagues who are party to the decision and take action as per their advice.</p> <p>Also please indicate (without necessarily restricting to the above options) what you would like to advise, giving proper reasons.</p>		
<p>2014 organisational discipline issues of vengeance/harassment at work place organised interests and change</p>	<p>You are a no-nonsense, honest officer. You have been transferred to a remote district to head a department that is notorious for its inefficiency and callousness. You find that the main cause of the poor state of affairs is the indiscipline of a section of employees. They do not work themselves and also disrupt the working of others. You first warned the troublemakers to mend their ways or else face disciplinary action. When the warning had little effect, you issued a show cause notice to the ringleaders. As a retaliatory measure, these troublemakers instigated a woman employee amongst them to file a complaint of sexual harassment against you with the Women's Commission. The Commission promptly seeks your explanation. The matter is also publicized in the media to embarrass you further. Some of the options to handle this situation could be as follows :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give your explanation to the Commission and go soft on the disciplinary action. 2. Ignore the Commission and proceed firmly with the disciplinary action. 3. Brief your higher-ups, seek directions from them and act accordingly. <p>Suggest any other possible option(s). Evaluate all of them and suggest the best course of action, giving your reasons for it.</p>		
<p>2016 gender sensitivity vs efficiency</p>	<p>You are a young, aspiring and sincere employee in a Government office working as an assistant, to the director of your department. Since you've joined recently, you need to learn and progress. Luckily your superior is very kind and ready to train you for your job. He is a very intelligent and well-informed person having knowledge of various departments. In short, you respect your book and are looking forward to learn a lot from him.</p> <p>Since you've good tuning with the boss, he started depending on you. One day due to ill health he invited you at his place for finishing some urgent work. You reached his house and you heard shouting noises before you could ring the bell. You waited for a while. After entering, boss greeted you and explained the work. But you were constantly disturbed by the crying of a woman. At last, you inquired with the boss but his answer did not satisfy you. Next day, you were compelled to inquire further in the office and found out that his behavior is very bad at home with his wife. He also beats up his wife.</p> <p>His wife is not well educated and is a simple woman in comparison to her husband. You see that though your boss is a nice person in the office, he is engaged in domestic violence at home. In such a situation, you are left with the following options. Analyse each option with its consequences.</p>	<p>250</p>	<p>20</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Just ignore thinking about it because it is their personal matter. 2. Report the case to the appropriate authority. <p>Your own innovative approach towards the situation.</p>		
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Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Challenges of Corruption; Utilization of Public Funds

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013 social evils and economic benefits	<p>Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu is known for its manufacturing clusters on firecrackers and matches. The local economy of the area is largely dependent on firecrackers industry. It has led to tangible economic development and improved standard of living in the area.</p> <p>So far as child labour norms for hazardous industries like firecrackers industry are concerned, International Labour Organization (ILO) has set the minimum age as 18 years. In India, however, this age is 14 years.</p> <p>The units in industrial clusters of firecrackers can be classified into registered and non-registered entities. One typical unit is household-based work. Though the law is clear on the use of child labour employment norms in registered/non-registered units, it does not include household-based works. Household-based work means children working under the supervision of their parents/relatives. To evade child labour norms, several units project themselves as household-based works but employ children from outside. Needless to say that employing children saves the costs for these units leading to higher profits to the owners.</p> <p>On your visit to one of the units at Sivakasi, the owner takes you around the unit which has about 10-15 children below 14 years of age. The owner tells you that in his household-based unit, the children are all his relatives. You notice that several children smirk, when the owner tells you this. On deeper enquiry, you figure out that neither the owner nor the children are able to satisfactorily establish their relationship with each other.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring out and discuss the ethical issues involved in the above case. 2. What would be your reaction after your above visit? 	250	20
2014 corruption – value consciousness vs economic cost / career cost	<p>Suppose you are the CEO of a company that manufactures specialized electronic equipment used by a government department. You have submitted your bid for the supply of this equipment to the department. Both the quality and cost of your offer are better than those of the competitors. Yet the concerned officer is demanding a hefty bribe for approving the tender. Getting the order is important both for you and for your company. Not getting the order would mean closing a production line. It may also affect your own career. However, as a value-conscious person, you do not want to give bribe.</p> <p>Valid arguments can be advanced both for giving the bribe and getting the order, and for refusing to pay the bribe and risking the loss of the order. What those arguments could be? Could there be any better way to get out of this dilemma? If so outline the main elements of this third way, pointing out its merits</p>	250	20

2018 corruption – conflict of interest, information peddling	<p>As a senior officer in the Ministry, you have access to important policy decisions and upcoming big announcements such as road constructions projects before they are notified in the public domain. The Ministry is about to announce a mega road project for which the drawings are already in place. Sufficient care was taken by the planners to make use of the government land with the minimum land acquisition from private parties. Compensation rate for private parties was also finalized as per government rules. Care was also taken to minimize deforestation. Once the project is announced, it is expected that there will be a huge spurt in real estate prices in and around that area. Meanwhile, the Minister concerned insists that you realign the road in such a way that it comes closer to his 20 acres farmhouse. He also suggests that he would facilitate the purchase of a big plot of land in your wife name at the prevailing rate which is very nominal, in and around the proposed mega road project. He also tries to convince you by saying that there is no harm in it as he is buying the land legally. He even promises to supplement your savings in case you do not have sufficient funds to buy the land. However, by the act of realignment, a lot of agricultural lands has to be acquired, thereby causing a considerable financial burden on the government, and also the displacement of the farmers. As if this is not enough, it will involve cutting down of a large number of trees denuding the area of its green cover. Faced with this situation, what will you do? Critically examine various conflicts of interest and explain what your responsibilities are as a public servant.</p>	250	20
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Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Information (Sharing & Transparency in Government); RTI;

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2013 corruption information peddling	<p>As a senior officer in the Finance Ministry, you have access to some confidential and crucial information about policy decisions that the Government is about to announce. These decisions are likely to have far-reaching impact on the housing and construction industry. If the builders have access to this information beforehand, they can make huge profits. One of the builders has done a lot of quality work for the Government and is known to be close to your immediate superior, who asks you to disclose this information to the said builder. (20 marks 250 words)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the options available to you? 2. Evaluate each of these options and choose the option which you would adopt, giving reasons. 	250	20
2017 transparency – misuse of RTI	<p>You are a Public Information Officer (PIO) in a government department. You are aware that the RTI Act 2005 envisages transparency and accountability in administration. The act has functioned as a check on the supposedly arbitrarily administrative behaviour and actions. However, as a PIO you have observed that there are citizens who filed RTI applications not for themselves but on behalf of such stakeholders who purportedly want to have access to information to further their own interests. At the same time there are these RTI activists who routinely file RTI applications</p>	250	20

	and attempt to extort money from the decision makers. This type of RTI activism has affected the functioning of the administration adversely and also possibly jeopardises the genuineness of the applications which are essentially aimed at getting justice. What measures would you suggest to separate genuine and non-genuine applications? Give merits and demerits of your suggestions.		
2018 whistle blowing	Edward Snowden, a computer expert and former CIA administrator, released confidential Government documents to the press about the existence of Government surveillance programmes. According to many legal experts and the US Government, his action violated the Espionage act of 1971, which identified the leak of State secret as an act of treason. Yet, despite the fact that he broke the law, Snowden argued that he had a moral obligation to act. He gave a justification for his “whistle blowing” by stating that he had a duty “to inform the public as to that which is done in there name and that which is done against them.” According to Snowden, the Government’s violation of privacy had to be exposed regardless of legality since more substantive issues of social action and public morality were involved here. Many agreed with Snowden. Few argued that he broke the law and compromised national security, for which he should be held accountable. Do you agree that Snowden’s actions were ethically justified even if legally prohibited? Why or why not? Make an argument by weighing the competing values in this case	250	20

Paper: General Studies IV

Subject: Corporate Governance; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government & Private Institutions

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2015 organisati on employee – employer relations . Trade unionism vs work efficiency	<p>A private company is known for its efficiency, transparency and employee welfare. The company though owned by a private individual has a cooperative character where employees feel a sense of ownership. The company employs nearly 700 personnel and they have voluntarily decided not to form a union.</p> <p>One day suddenly in the morning, about 40 men belonging to a political party gatecrashed into the factory demanding jobs in the factory. They threatened the management and employees, and also used foul language. The employees feel demoralized. It was clear that those people who gate-crashed wanted to be on the payroll of the company as well as continue as the volunteers/members of the party. The company maintains high standards in integrity and does not extend favours to civil administration that also includes law enforcement agency. Such incidents occur in public sector also.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assume you are the CEO of the company. What would you do to diffuse the volatile situation on the date of gate-crashing with the violent mob sitting inside the company premises? 2. What could be the long-term solution to the issue discussed in the case? <p>Every solution/action that you suggest will have a positive and a</p>	250	20

	negative impact on you (as CEO), the employees and the performance of the employees. Analyze the consequences of each of your suggested actions.		
2016 conscience vs career whistle blowing	<p>A fresh engineering graduate gets a job in a prestigious chemical industry. She likes the work. The salary is also good. However, after a few months accidentally discovers that a highly toxic waste is being secretly discharged into a river nearby. This is causing health problems to the villagers downstream who depend on the river for their water needs. She is perturbed and mentions her concern to her colleagues who have been with the company for longer periods. They advise her to keep quiet as anyone who mentions the topic is summarily dismissed. She cannot risk losing her job as she is the sole bread-winner for her family and has to support her ailing parents and siblings.</p> <p>At first, she thinks that if her seniors are keeping quiet, why should she stick out her neck. But her conscience pricks her to do something to save the river and the people who depend upon it. At heart she feels that the advice of silence given by her friends is not correct though she cannot give reasons for it. She thinks you are a wise person and seeks your advice.</p> <p>1. What arguments can you advance to show her that keeping quiet is not morally right?</p> <p>2. What course of action would you advise her to adopt and why?</p>	250	20
2017 compassion vs rules	<p>You are the head of the Human Resources department of an organisation. One day one of the workers died on duty. His family was demanding compensation. However, the company denied compensation because it was revealed in investigation that he was drunk at the time of the accident. The workers of the company went to strike demanding compensation for the family of the deceased. The Chairman of the management board has asked for your recommendation. What recommendation would you provide the management? Discuss the merits and demerits of each of the recommendations.</p>	250	20
2018 developmental issues human life vs economic prosperity /opportunity	<p>A big corporate house is engaged in manufacturing industrial chemicals on a large scale. It proposes to set upon the additional unit. Many states rejected its proposal due to the detrimental effect on the environment. But one state government acceded to the request and permitted the unit close to a city, brushing aside all opposition. The unit was set up 10 years ago and was in full swing till recently. The pollution caused by the industrial effluents was affecting the land, water and crops in the area. It was also causing serious health problems to human beings and animals. This gave rise to a series of agitation thousands of people took part, creating a law and order problem necessitating stern police action. Following the public outcry, the State government ordered the closure of the factory. The closure of the factory resulted in the unemployment of not only those workers who were engaged in the factory but also those who were working in the ancillary units. It also very badly affected those industry which depended on the chemicals manufactured by it. As a senior officer entrusted with the responsibility of handling this issues, how are you</p>	250	20

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Paper: General Studies IV**Subject: Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding**

Year	Question	Words	Marks
2014 sustainable development vs environment	<p>Now-a-days, there is an increasing thrust on economic development all around the globe. At the same time, there is also an increasing concern about environmental degradation caused by development. Many a time, we face a direct conflict between developmental activity and environmental quality. It is neither feasible to stop or curtail the development process, nor it is advisable to keep degrading the environment, as it threatens our very survival.</p> <p>Discuss some feasible strategies which could be adopted to eliminate this conflict and which could lead to sustainable development.</p>	250	20
2015 Human life vs economic costs	<p>One of the scientists working in the R & D laboratory of a major pharmaceutical company discovers that one of the company's best-selling veterinary drugs, B has the potential to cure a currently incurable liver disease that is prevalent in tribal areas. However, developing a variant of the drug suitable for human beings entailed a lot of research and development having a huge expenditure to the extent of 50 crores rupees. It was unlikely that the company would recover the costs as the disease was rampant only in poverty-stricken area having very little market otherwise.</p> <p>If you were the CEO, then—</p> <p>(a) Identify the various actions that you could take;</p> <p>(b) Evaluate the pros and cons of each of your actions.</p>	250	20
2016 concerns of safety, livelihood, environment vs economic progress	<p>ABC Ltd. is a large transnational company having diversified business activities with a huge shareholder base. The company is continuously expanding and generating employment. The company, in its expansion and diversification programme, decides to establish a new plant at Vikaspuri, an area which is underdeveloped. The new plant is designed to use energy efficient technology that will help the company to save production cost by 20%. The company's decision goes well with the Government policy of attracting investment to develop such underdeveloped regions. The Government has also announced tax holiday for five years for the companies that invest in underdeveloped areas. However, the new plant may bring chaos for the inhabitants of Vikaspuri region which is otherwise tranquil. The new plant may result in increased cost of living, aliens migrating to the region, disturbing the social and economic order. The company sensing the possible protest tried to educate the people of Vikaspuri region and public in general that how its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy would help overcome the likely difficulties of the residents of Vikaspuri region. In spite of this the protests begin and some of the residents decided to approach the judiciary as their plea before the Government did not yield any result.</p> <p>(a) Identify the issues involved in the case.</p>	250	20

(b) What can be suggested to satisfy Company's goal and to address the resident's concern.		
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