

# Topic Wise UPSC Mains Questions (PYQs)

## GS Paper I

Year	Subject	Sub-Topic	Question	Marks
2023	History	Prehistoric Era	Explain the role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India.	10 Marks
2023	History	Important Personalities	What was the difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore in their approach towards education and nationalism?	10 Marks
2023	History	Industrial Revolution	Bring out the socio-economic effects of the introduction of railways in different countries of the world	10 Marks
2023	Geography	Climate Change	Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries.	10 Marks
2023	Geography	Land and Water Resources	Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources?	10 Marks
2023	Geography	Geomorphology	How are the fjords formed? Why do they constitute some of the most picturesque areas of the world?	10 Marks
2023	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	Why is the South-West monsoon called 'Purvaiya' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region? How has this directional seasonal wind system influenced the cultural ethos of the region?	10 Marks
2023	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Do you think marriage as a sacrament in loosing its value in Modern India?	10 Marks
2023	Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	Explain why suicide among young women is increasing in Indian Society.	10 Marks
2023	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children.	10 Marks

<b>2023</b>	History	Vedic Age	What are the main features of Vedic society and religion? Do you think some of the features are still prevailing in Indian society?	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	History	Delhi Sultanate	What were the major technological changes introduced during the Sultanate period? How did those technological changes influence the Indian society?	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	History	British Administration and Policies in India	How did the colonial rule affect the tribals in India and what was the tribal response to the colonial oppression?	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Geography	Indian Physical Environment	Comment on the resource potentials of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas.	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Geography	Natural Vegetation and Wildlife	Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forests regions of India.	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India?	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	From being net food importer in 1960s, India has emerged as a net food exporter to the world. Provide reasons.	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Indian Society	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises?	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static?	15 Marks
<b>2023</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	How will you explain the medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days?	10 Marks

<b>2022</b>	History	British Administration and Policies in India	Why did the armies of the British East India Company – mostly comprising of Indian soldiers – win consistently against the more numerous and better equipped armies of the Indian rulers? Give reasons.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	History	British Administration and Policies in India	Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological department.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Mineral Resources	Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan trap'.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Energy Resources	Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships.	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption?	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Given the diversities among the tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category?	10 Marks
<b>2022</b>	History	Modern Indian History	The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture .	15 Marks

<b>2022</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Oceanography	What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	World Social and Economic Geography	Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How?	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	History	Religion and Philosophy	Analyze the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.	15 Marks
<b>2022</b>	Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	History	Religion and Philosophy	Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti Literature and its contribution to Indian culture.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	History	Social and Religious Reform Movements	Trace the rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements with special reference to Young Bengal and Brahma Samaj.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	History	Indian National Movement	Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of Indian Princely States.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats.	10 Marks

<b>2021</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Despite India being one of the countries of the Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product(GDP) in percentage. Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Indian Society	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	what are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Geography	Earthquakes and Volcanoes	Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Why is India considered as a sub-continent? Elaborate your answer.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.	10 Marks
<b>2021</b>	History	Indian National Congress	To what extent did the role of the moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	History	The Gandhian Phase	Bring out the constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	History	World Wars	" There arose a serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars." Evaluate the statement.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Geography	Indian Physical Environment	Briefly mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions, with examples.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Geography	Climate Change	How do the melting of the Arctic ice and glaciers of the Antarctic differently affect the weather patterns and human activities on the Earth? Explain.	15 Marks

<b>2021</b>	Geography	Mineral Resources	Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India?	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail.	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also?	15 Marks
<b>2021</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	The rock-cut architecture represents one of the most important sources of our knowledge of early Indian art and history. Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	History	Buddhism and Jainism	Pala period is the most significant phase in the history of Buddhism in India. Enumerate.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	History	British Administration and Policies in India	Evaluate the policies of Lord Curzon and their long term implications on the national movements.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Earthquakes and Volcanoes	Discuss the geophysical characteristics of Circum- Pacific Zone.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Climate Change	The process of desertification does not have climate boundaries. Justify with examples.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Land and Water Resources	How will the melting of Himalayan glaciers have a far- reaching impact on the water resources of India?	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Account for the present location of iron and steel industries away from the source of raw material, by giving examples.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi- cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.	10 Marks

<b>2020</b>	Indian Society	Poverty and Developmental issues	COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.	10 Marks
<b>2020</b>	History	Religion and Philosophy	Indian Philosophy and tradition played a significant role in conceiving and shaping the monuments and their art in India. Discuss.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	History	Indian Paintings and Literature	Persian literary sources of medieval India reflect the spirit of the age. Comment.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	History	Indian National Movement	Since the decade of the 1920s, the national movement acquired various ideological strands and thereby expanded its social base. Discuss.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	The interlinking of rivers can provide viable solutions to the multi-dimensional inter-related problems of droughts, floods and interrupted navigation. Critically examine.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Climate Change	Account for the huge flooding of million cities in India including the smart ones like Hyderabad and Pune. Suggest lasting remedial measures.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Energy Resources	India has immense potential of solar energy though there are regional variations in its developments. Elaborate.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Geography	Climate Change	Examine the status of forest resources of India and its resultant impact on climate change.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer.	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?	15 Marks
<b>2020</b>	Indian Society	Social Empowerment	How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the education system in the country? Elaborate your answer.	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	Highlight the Central Asian and Greco Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art.	10 Marks

<b>2019</b>	History	Revolt of 1857	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.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	History	Social and Religious Reform Movements	Examine the linkages between the nineteenth century's 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Oceanography	Assess the impact of global warming on the coral life system with examples.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Natural Vegetation and Wildlife	Discuss the causes of depletion of mangroves and explain their importance in maintaining coastal ecology.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Can the strategy of regional resource-based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India?	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Agriculture and Allied Sectors(geo)	Discuss the factors for localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	"Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?	10 Marks
<b>2019</b>	History	The Gandhian Phase	Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate.	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	History	Indian National Movement	Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s.	15 Marks

<b>2019</b>	History	Industrial Revolution	Explain how the foundations of the modern world were laid by the American and French Revolutions.	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Land and Water Resources	What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India?	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism?	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development in India?	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Geography	Oceanography	How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and coastal environment? Give suitable examples.	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?	15 Marks
<b>2019</b>	Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment.	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	History	Indian Paintings and Literature	Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	History	Important Personalities	Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	World Social and Economic Geography	Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?	10 Marks

<b>2018</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	Oceanography	What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem?	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	"Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India."	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Indian Society	Poverty and Developmental issues	'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons.	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2018</b>	History	Religion and Philosophy	The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	History	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	History	British Administration and Policies in India	Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	"The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas?	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the	15 Marks

			nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.	
<b>2018</b>	Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.	15 Marks
<b>2018</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	History	Architecture and Sculptures	How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times?	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	History	Modern Indian History	Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	History	Indian National Congress	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?	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	History	World History	What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula?	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth?	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Mineral Resources	"In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Agriculture and Allied Sectors(geo)	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.	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Climate Change	How does the cryosphere affect global climate?	10 Marks

<b>2017</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	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.	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Indian Society	Social Empowerment	What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes(STs)?	10 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	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.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	History	Social and Religious Reform Movements	Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	History	Indian National Movement	Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Oceanography	Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India?	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Geography	World Social and Economic Geography	What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia?	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	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?	15 Marks

<b>2017</b>	Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.	15 Marks
<b>2017</b>	Indian Society	Salient features of Indian Society	"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	15 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Architecture and Sculptures	Indian Art and Culture	Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Early Medieval India	Vijayanagara Empire	Krishnadeva Raya, the King of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Modern Indian History	Revolt of 1857	Explain how the Uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Modern Indian History	The Gandhian Phase	Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Modern Indian History	Important Personalities	Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Modern Indian History	Post-independence Period	Has the formation of linguistic States strengthened the cause of Indian Unity?	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	World History	Colonization and decolonization	The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	To what extent globalization has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Salient features of	Poverty and Developmental issues	"An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of	12.5 Marks

	Indian Society		deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.	
<b>2016</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Poverty and Developmental issues	Why are the tribals in India referred to as 'the Scheduled Tribes? Indicate the major provisions in the Constitution of India for their upliftment.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme'.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	Important Geophysical Phenomena	"The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides." Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	Land and Water Resources	The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	World's Physical Geography	South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Major cities of India are becoming more vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	Drainage Basins	Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.	12.5 Marks
<b>2016</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India.	12.5 Marks

<b>2016</b>	Geography	Agriculture and Allied Sectors(geo)	In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India?	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Architecture and Sculptures	Indian Art and Culture	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	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Architecture and Sculptures	Indian Art and Culture	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.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Modern Indian History	The Gandhian Phase	How difficult would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi? Discuss.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Modern Indian History	Important Personalities	Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B R Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Modern Indian History	British Administration and Policies in India	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.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	World History	Industrial Revolution	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?	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	World History	World Wars	To what extend can Germany be held responsible for causing the two World Wars? Discuss critically.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Salient features of	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.	12.5 Marks

	Indian Society			
<b>2015</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Poverty and Developmental issues	Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the main cause of population increase in India.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Poverty and Developmental issues	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?	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Poverty and Developmental issues	Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India?	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	World's Physical Geography	Oceanography	Explain the factors responsible for the origin of ocean currents. How do they influence regional climates, fishing and navigation?	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	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?	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Geography	Land and Water Resources	India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are reaching the limits of ecological carrying capacity due to tourism. Critically evaluate.	12.5 Marks

<b>2015</b>	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	How far do you agree that the behaviour of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscape? Discuss.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart vilages. Discuss this statement in the backdrop of rural urban integration.	12.5 Marks
<b>2015</b>	World's Physical Geography	Energy Resources	What are the economic significances of discovery of oil in Arctic Sea and its possible environemental consequences?	12.5 Marks
<b>2014</b>	History	Indian Art and Culture	To what extent has the urban planning and culture of the Indus Valley Civilization provided inputs to the present day urbanization? Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Arts & Crafts	Gandhara sculpture owed as much to the Romans as to the Greeks. Explain.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	History	Indian Art and Culture	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.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Early Medieval Period	Mughal Empire	The third battle of Panipat was fought in 1761. Why were so many empire-shaking battles fought at Panipat?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Early Medieval Period	Early Medieval Period	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.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Modern Indian History	British Administration and Policies in India	Examine critically the various facets of economic policies of the British in India from mid-eighteenth century till independence.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	In what ways did the navel mutiny prove to be the last nail in the coffin of British colonial aspirations in India?	10 Marks

<b>2014</b>	World History	Colonization and decolonization	What were the major political, economic and social developments in the world which motivated the anti-colonial in India?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	World History	Colonization and decolonization	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?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Modern Indian History	Post-independence Period	The New Economic Policy – 1921 of Lenin had influenced the policies adopted by India soon after independence. Evaluate.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Social Empowerment	How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Important Geophysical Phenomena	Most of the unusual climatic happenings are explained as an outcome of the El-Nino effect. Do you agree?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	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.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Explain the formation of thousands of islands in Indonesian and Philippines archipelagos.	10 Marks

<b>2014</b>	Geography	Important Geophysical Phenomena	Tropical cyclones are largely confined to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mexico. Why?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Climate Change	Bring out the relationship between the shrinking Himalayan glaciers and the symptoms of climate change in the Indian sub-continent.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	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.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	Agriculture and Allied Sectors(geo)	Why did the Green Revolution in India virtually by-pass the eastern region despite fertile soil and good availability of water?	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	World Social and Economic Geography	Account for the change in the spatial pattern of the Iron and Steel industry in the world.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	World Social and Economic Geography	Critically evaluate the various resources of the oceans which can be harnessed to meet the resource crisis in the world.	10 Marks
<b>2014</b>	Geography	World Social and Economic Geography	How does India see its place in the economic space of rising natural resources rich Africa?	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Literature	Though not very useful from the point of view of a connected political history of South India, the Sangam literature portrays the social and economic conditions of its time with remarkable vividness. Comment.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Music and Dance	Discuss the 'Tandava' dance as recorded in early Indian inscriptions.	5 marks
<b>2013</b>	Indian Arts & Crafts	Architecture and Sculptures	Chola architecture represents a high watermark in the evolution of temple architecture. Discuss	5 marks

<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	Defying the barriers of age, gender and religion, the Indian women became the torchbearer during the struggle for freedom in India. Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	Several foreigners made India their homeland and participated in various movements. Analyze their role in the Indian struggle for freedom.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Important Personalities	"In many ways, Lord Dalhousie was the founder of modern India." Elaborate.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Post-independence Period	Critically discuss the objectives of Bhoodan and Gramdan movements initiated by Acharya Vinobha Bhave and their success.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Post-independence Period	Write a critical note on the evolution and significance of the slogan, 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Post-independence Period	Discuss the contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to pre- and post-independent India.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Partition and Independence	Analyze the circumstances that led to the Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the Agreement.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Modern Indian History	Partition and Independence	Critically examine the compulsions which prompted India to play a decisive role in the emergence of Bangladesh.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	World History	Industrial Revolution	'Latecomer' Industrial Revolution in Japan involved certain factors that were markedly different from what West had experienced." Analyze.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	World History	Colonization and decolonization	"Africa was chopped into states artificially created by accidents of European competition." Analyze.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	World History	Colonization and decolonization	"American Revolution was an economic revolt against mercantilism." Substantiate.	10 Marks

<b>2013</b>	World History	Colonization and decolonization	What policy instruments were deployed to contain the Great Economic Depression?	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Role of women and women's organization	"Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from gender bias." Comment.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Effects of Globalization	Critically examine the effect of globalization on the aged population in India.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism	Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	What do you understand by the theory of continental drift? Discuss the prominent evidences in its support.	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Important Geophysical Phenomena	The recent cyclone on the east coast of India was called 'Phailin'. How are the tropical cyclones named across the world? Elaborate.	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Important Geophysical Phenomena	Bring out the causes for the formation of heat islands in the urban habitat of the world.	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	What do you understand by the phenomenon of 'temperature inversion' in meteorology? How does it affect weather and the habitants of the place?	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Major hot deserts in northern hemisphere are located between 20-30 deg N latitudes and on the western sides of the continents. Why?	10 Marks

<b>2013</b>	Geography	Important Geophysical Phenomena	Bring out the causes for more frequent occurrence of landslides in the Himalayas than in the Western Ghats.	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Drainage Basins	There is no formation of deltas by rivers on the Western Ghats. Why?	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Do you agree that there is a growing trend of opening new sugar mills in southern states of India? Discuss with justification.	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Analyze the factors for the highly decentralized cotton textile industry in India.	5 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Energy Resources	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.	10 Marks
<b>2013</b>	Geography	Energy Resources	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.	10 Marks
<b>2012</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	“The Indian independence movement was a mass-based movement that encompassed various sections of society. It also underwent the process of constant ideological evolution.” Critically examine.	25 Marks
<b>2012</b>	Geography	Energy Resources	Given the accelerated pace development and demand for energy, would you consider renewable energy as a viable option for India’s future?	15 Marks
<b>2012</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Music and Dance	What are the groups into which musical instruments in India have traditionally been classified?	5 Marks
<b>2012</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	Comment on each of the following in about 20 words each: (a) The significance of Patharughat in the Indian freedom struggle.	2 Marks

<b>2012</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Music and Dance	Comment on each of the following in about 20 words each: (b) Bangurumba folk dance	2 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Discuss the extent, causes, and implications of the 'nutrition transition' said to be underway in India.	20 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	Trace the salient sequence of events in the popular revolt that took place in February 1946 in the then, 'Royal Indian Navy' and bring out its significance in the freedom struggle. Do you agree with the view that the sailors who took part in this revolt were some of the unsung heroes of the freedom struggle?	20 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Modern Indian History	Indian National Movement	Evaluate the influence of the three important women's organizations of the early twentieth century in India on the Country's society and politics. To what extent do you think were the social objectives of these organizations constrained by their political objectives?	20 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Salient features of Indian Society	Urbanization, their problems and their remedies	The significance of counter-urbanisation in the improvement of metropolitan cities in India.	12 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Modern Indian History	Revolutionary Activities	In the context of the freedom struggle, write short notes (not exceeding 50 words each) on the following: 'Benoy-Badal-Dinesh' martyrdom	5 Marks
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<b>2011</b>	Modern Indian History	Important Personalities	In the context of the freedom struggle, write short notes (not exceeding 50 words each) on the following: 'Babbar Akali' movement	5 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Music and Dance	Distinguish either between the 'Moatsu' and 'Yemshe' festivals of Nagaland or the 'Losar' and 'Khan' festivals of Arunachal Pradesh.	5 Marks

<b>2011</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Arts & Crafts	Write a sentence each on any five of the following traditional theatre forms: Bhand Pather, Swang, Maach, Bhaona, Mudiyettu, Dashavatar	5 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Arts & Crafts	What are the major different styles of unglazed pottery making in India?	5 Marks
<b>2011</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Music and Dance	List the classical dance forms of India as per the Sangeet Natak Akademi.	5 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	“Disputes between the- riparian states on sharing of river waters in post- Independence India are becoming increasingly complex.” Objectively analyse the major disputes in this connection, with special reference to the Southern States.	20 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Modern History	British Administration and Policies in India	“Dalhousie’s predecessors had acted on the general principles of avoiding annexations, if these could be avoided. Dalhousie acted on the principles of annexation, if lie could do so legitimately. His annexations were both of war and peace.” Analyse.	12 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	“Small-holder farms need to be strengthened to achieve national food security.” Do you agree with this assessment? Substantiate.	12 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Agriculture and Allied Sectors(geo)	Assess the contributions made by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in agricultural development.	12 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	List the significant local storms of the hot-weather season .F in the country and bring out their socio-economic impact.	12 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	Transhumance in India	5 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Climate Weather and Atmosphere	Frontogenesis and Frontolysis	5 Marks

<b>2010</b>	Geography	Agriculture and Allied Sectors(geo)	Golden Revolution	5 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Geomorphology	Sea-floor spreading	5 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Drainage Basins	Causes for dominant dendritic pattern of drainage in the Gangetic plains	5 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Geography	Indian Social and Economic Geography	'Break-of-bulk" towns	5 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Indian Art and Culture	Indian Arts & Crafts	While bringing out their salient features, distinguish between either 'Madhubani' Art and 'Manjusha' Art or 'Rajasthani' schools of painting and the 'Pahari' school of Painting.	12 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Modern Indian History	Important Personalities	Contributions of Latika Ghosh to the freedom struggle	2 Marks
<b>2010</b>	Modern Indian History	Important Personalities	Contributions of Bhai Maharaj Singh as a freedom fighter	2 Marks

