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## MOST COMPREHENSIVE 10 YEARS MAINS PYQ ANALYSIS

**General Studies – I  
Subject-wise Number of Questions and Marks distribution (2013 to 2022)**

GS-I Subjects	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
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Indian Heritage and Culture	2	20	4	40	2	25	2	25	2	20	3	35	1	10	4	50	1	10	3	40
World History	4	40	2	20	2	25	1	12.5	1	10	0	0	1	15	0	0	1	15	0	0
Modern Indian History and Freedom Struggle	3	30	4	40	3	37.5	4	50	3	40	2	25	4	50	2	25	3	40	2	20
Post Independent Indian History	5	50	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	15
Geography of World and India	7	70	10	100	7	87.5	8	100	8	100	7	85	8	100	8	100	6	80	8	100
Indian Society	4	40	5	50	6	75	4	50	6	80	7	90	6	75	6	75	8	95	6	75

Maximum questions that have appeared in General Studies-I are from Geography of World and India and Indian Society



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### GATI COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Year-wise syllabus mapping

# GENERAL STUDIES – I

### (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)

#### 2022

Q1. How will you explain the medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days? (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Architecture from ancient to modern times].

Q2. 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. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History (events)].

Q3. Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History (issues)].

Q4. Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Geographical features].

Q5. Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological department. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena (cyclone)].

Q6. Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan trap'. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Distribution of Key Natural Resources in the Indian subcontinent].

Q7. Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries in world and India].

Q8. Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Social problems and their remedies].

Q9. 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? (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].

Q10. Given the diversities among the tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category? (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Diversity of India].

Q11. The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century.

Discuss with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country].

Q12. Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture].

Q13. Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient aspects of Art Forms and Architecture].

Q14. What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography; factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries in various parts of the world].

Q15. Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries in various parts of the world; Changes in critical geographical features and their effect on flora and fauna].

Q16. Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography; factors responsible for the location of tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India)].

Q17. Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography].

Q18. Analyze the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].

Q19. Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Secularism].

Q20. Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Effects of Globalization on Indian society].

#### 2021

Q1. Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti Literature and its contribution to Indian culture. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture].

Q2. Trace the rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements with special reference to Young Bengal and Brahma Samaj. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History (significant events, personalities, issues)].

Q3. Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of Indian Princely States. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Post-independence Consolidation].

Q4. Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena (landslides)].

Q5. 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. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent)].

Q6. What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps)].

Q7. Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena; changes in critical geographical features].

Q8. Why is India considered as a sub-continent? Elaborate your answer. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography].

Q9. Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Diversity of India].

Q10. Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Social Empowerment].

Q11. To what extent did the role of the moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors].

Q12. Bring out the constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors].

Q13. "There arose a serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars." Evaluate the statement. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - World wars].

Q14. Briefly mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions, with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography].

Q15. 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. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps)].

Q16. Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world].

Q17. What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Developmental issues].

Q18. Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Population and Associated Issues].

Q19. What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Effects of Globalization on Indian society].

Q20. How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].

#### 2020

Q1. The rock-cut architecture represents one of the most important sources of our knowledge of early Indian art and history. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Architecture from ancient times].

Q2. Pala period is the most significant phase in the history of Buddhism in India. Enumerate. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture].

Q3. Evaluate the policies of Lord Curzon and their long-term implications on the national movements. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History (Personalities)].

Q4. Discuss the geophysical characteristics of Circum-Pacific Zone. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography].

Q5. The process of desertification does not have climate boundaries. Justify with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features (deserts)].

Q6. How will the melting of Himalayan glaciers have a far-reaching impact on the water resources of India? (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps)].

Q7. Account for the present location of iron and steel industries away from the source of raw material, by giving examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India)].

Q8. Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi-cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].

Q9. COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Poverty and Developmental issues].

Q10. Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Regionalism].

Q11. Indian Philosophy and tradition played a significant role in conceiving and shaping the monuments and their art in India. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture (Architecture)].

Q12. Persian literary sources of medieval India reflect the spirit of the age. Comment. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Literature].

Q13. Since the decade of the 1920s, the national movement acquired various ideological strands and thereby expanded its social base. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - The Freedom Struggle — its various stages].

Q14. The interlinking of revivers can provide viable solutions to the multi-dimensional inter-related problems of droughts, floods and interrupted navigation. Critically examine. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Geographical features (river-interlinking)].

Q15. Account for the huge flooding of million cities in India including the smart ones like Hyderabad and Pune. Suggest lasting remedial measures. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].

Q16. India has immense potential of solar energy though there are regional variations in its developments. Elaborate. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries].

Q17. Examine the status of forest resources of India and its resultant impact on climate change. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features and their impact on flora and fauna].

Q18. Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Effects of Globalization on Indian society].

Q19. Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].

Q20. How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the education system in the country? Elaborate your answer. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Developmental issues and social empowerment].

#### 2019

Q1. Highlight the Central Asian and Greco-Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - ancient architecture].

Q2. 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. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History - significant events].

Q3. Examine the linkages between the nineteenth century's 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History significant events].

Q4. Assess the impact of global warming on the coral life system with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Changes in critical geographical features].

Q5. Discuss the causes of depletion of mangroves and explain their importance in maintaining coastal ecology. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - geographical features flora and fauna].

Q6. Can the strategy of regional resource-based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India? (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); Developmental issues].

Q7. Discuss the factors for localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Factors responsible for the location of secondary, sector industries in India].

Q8. What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].

Q9. "Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Social Empowerment].

Q10. What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism? (Answer in 150 words) 10. [Syllabus section - Secularism].

Q11. Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors].

Q12. Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - The Freedom Struggle — its various stages].

Q13. Explain how the foundations of the modern world were laid by the American and French Revolutions. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - World History - Revolutions].

Q14. What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features, problems and remedies].

Q15. How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features and tertiary sector industries].

Q16. How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].

Q17. How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and coastal environment? Give suitable examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena- Ocean currents and water masses].

Q18. Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Diversity of India].

Q19. What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space? (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Role of Women and Women's Organization; Social empowerment].

Q20. Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15. [Syllabus section - Effects of Globalization on Indian society].

**FOR SIMILAR ANALYSIS OF OTHER GS PAPERS AND THE ESSAY PAPER, ENROLL UNDER THE GATI MAINS TEST SERIES OFFERED BY EDEN IAS**



**2018**

- Q1. Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment. (10). [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture]
- Q2. Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India. (10). [Syllabus section - Literature].
- Q3. Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times. (10). [Syllabus section - The Freedom Struggle (Contributors)].
- Q4. Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation? (10). [Syllabus section - Geography (GIS)].
- Q5. Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region? (10). [Syllabus section - Distribution of key natural resources

- across the world].
- Q6. Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics. (10). [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena; Plate tectonics].
- Q7. What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem? (10). [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features (water bodies)].
- Q8. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment. (10). [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].
- Q9. 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons. (10). [Syllabus section - Poverty and

- Developmental issues].
- Q10. How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss. (10). [Syllabus section - Secularism].
- Q11. The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss. (15). [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture (Bhakti movement)].
- Q12. Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India. (15). [Syllabus section - State Reorganization within the country].
- Q13. 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). [Syllabus sec-

- tion -Modern Indian History - significant issues].
- Q14. "The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas? (15). [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies.].
- Q15. Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India. (15). [Syllabus section - Primary sector industries].
- Q16. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics. (15). [Syllabus section - Tertiary sector and Developmental issues].
- Q17. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India

- and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success. (15). [Syllabus section - Social empowerment and Developmental issues].
- Q18. 'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view. (15). [Syllabus section - Role of Women and Women's Organization].
- Q19. 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate. [Syllabus section - Effects of Globalization on Indian society.].
- Q20. 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations. (15). [Syllabus section - Communalism].

**2017**

- Q1. 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 words) [Syllabus section - Ancient Art Forms].
- Q2. Clarify how mid-eighteenth-century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity. (150 words). [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History -significant events and issues].
- Q3. 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 words). [Syllabus section -The Freedom Struggle - its various stages and important contributors/contributions].
- Q4. What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula? (150 words) [Syllabus section - Decolonization].
- Q5. How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth? (150 words) [Syllabus section - Geography].
- Q6. "In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss (150 words) [Syllabus section - Developmental issues, their problems and their remedies].
- Q7. 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 words) [Syllabus section - Human geographical features (crops)].
- Q8. How does the cryosphere affect global climate? (150 words) [Syllabus section - Critical geographical features].
- Q9. 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 words) [Syllabus section - Diversity of India].
- Q10. What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)? (150 words) (250 words) [Syllabus section - Post-independence Consolidation].
- Q11. 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

- words) [Syllabus section - Salient features of Indian Society].
- Q12. Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (250 words) [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History (issues)].
- Q13. Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century. (250 words) [Syllabus section - § The Freedom Struggle - its various stages].
- Q14. Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects. (250 words) [Syllabus section - Salient features of World's Physical Geography].
- Q15. Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. (250 words) [Syllabus section - factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries].
- Q16. In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation in India? (250 words) [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena (floods)].
- Q17. 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 words) [Syllabus section - Salient features of India's Physical Geography-monsoons].
- Q18. 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 words) [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History- significant events and issues].
- Q19. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (250 words) [Syllabus section - Communalism].
- Q20. "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 words) [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].

- Q1. Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives, successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate. [Syllabus section - salient aspects of Indian art & architecture]
- Q2. Krishnadeva Raya, the king of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss. [Syllabus section - Ancient literature].
- Q3. Explain how the uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India. [Syllabus section - Modern Indian History- significant events].
- Q4. Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase. [Syllabus section - Freedom struggle important contributors/contributions]
- Q5. Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom. [Syllabus section - Freedom struggle (personalities)].
- Q6. Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity? [Syllabus section - post independence state reorganisation].
- Q7. The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans. Examine. [Syllabus section -

- Decolonization].
- Q8. To what extent globalisation has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain. [Syllabus section - Effects of Globalization on Indian society].
- Q9. "An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples. [Syllabus section -Poverty and Developmental issues].
- Q10. Why are the tribals in India referred to as 'the Scheduled Tribes'? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment. [Syllabus section - Post-independence Consolidation].
- Q11. With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme.' [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].
- Q12. What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer. [Syllabus section - Regionalism].
- Q13. Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes. [Syllabus section - World's Physical Geography and critical geographical features].

- Q14. "The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides." Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation. [Syllabus section - Indian physical geography].
- Q15. The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain. [Syllabus section - Developmental issues; critical geographical features].
- Q16. South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment. [Syllabus section - Geopolitics].
- Q17. Major cities of India are becoming vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss. [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].
- Q18. Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations. [Syllabus section - geopolitics].
- Q19. Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India. [Syllabus section - tertiary sector].
- Q20. In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India? [Syllabus section - Developmental issues].

**2015**

- Q1. 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. [Syllabus section - Indian Heritage and Culture]
- Q2. 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. [Syllabus section - Indian architecture]
- Q3. How difficult would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi? Discuss. [Syllabus section - Freedom struggle - Important contributors]
- Q4. Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B R Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate. [Syllabus section - Freedom struggle - Personalities]
- Q5. 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. [Syllabus section - Post Independence consolidation - Historical origin of constitution]
- Q6. 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? [Syllabus section - Industrial revolution]

- Q7. To what extent can Germany be held responsible for causing the two World Wars? Discuss critically. [Syllabus section - world wars]
- Q8. Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity. [Syllabus section - Diversity of India]
- Q9. Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the mains cause of population increase in India. [Syllabus section - Population and associated issues]
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- ence regional climates, fishing and navigation? [Syllabus section - World Physical geography - ocean currents]
- Q15. 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? [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].
- Q16. India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity. [Syllabus section - critical geographical features (water-bodies)].
- Q17. The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are reaching the limits of ecological carrying capacity due to tourism. Critically evaluate. [Syllabus section - changes in critical geographical features and their effects]
- Q18. How far do you agree that the behaviour of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscape? Discuss. [Syllabus section - Important Geophysical Phenomena- Monsoons].
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- Q15. The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain. [Syllabus section - Developmental issues; critical geographical features].
- Q16. South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment. [Syllabus section - Geopolitics].
- Q17. Major cities of India are becoming vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss. [Syllabus section - Urbanization, their problems and their remedies].
- Q18. Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations. [Syllabus section - geopolitics].
- Q19. Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India. [Syllabus section - tertiary sector].
- Q20. In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India? [Syllabus section - Developmental issues].



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Q14. Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India. [Syllabus section – Role of women].

Q15. How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West? [Syllabus section – Secularism].

Q16. Most of the unusual climatic happenings are explained as an outcome of the El-Nino effect. Do you

agree? [Syllabus section – World's Physical geography]

Q17. 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. [Syllabus section – Important Geophysical Phenomena such as earthquakes and Volcanic activity].

Q18. Explain the formation of thou-

sands of islands in Indonesian and Philippines archipelagos. [Syllabus section – Salient features of World's Physical Geography].

Q19. Tropical cyclones are largely confined to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mexico. Why? [Syllabus section – Important geophysical phenomenon like cyclones].

Q20. Bring out the relationship between the shrinking Himalayan glaciers and the symptoms of climate

change in the Indian sub-continent. [Syllabus section – geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features].

Q21. 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. [Syllabus section – factors responsible for the location of primary sector industries].

Q22. Why did the Green Revolution in India virtually by-pass the eastern region despite fertile soil and good availability of water? [Syllabus section – factors responsible for the location of primary sector industries].

Q23. Account for the change in the spatial pattern of the Iron and Steel industry in the world. [Syllabus section – factors responsible for the location of secondary sector industries].

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Q24. Critically evaluate the various resources of the oceans which can be harnessed to meet the resource crisis in the world. [Syllabus section – Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world].

Q25. How does India see its place in the economic space of rising natural resource rich Africa? [Syllabus section – Distribution of Key Natural Resources across the world].

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Q1. 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-200 words.) [Syllabus section – Indian literature].

Q2a. Discuss the Tandava dance as recorded in the early Indian inscriptions. (5 marks-100 words.) [Syllabus section – Salient aspects of Art Forms].

Q2b. Chola architecture represents a high watermark in the evolution of temple architecture. Discuss. (5 marks-100 words.) [Syllabus section – Indian architecture].

Q3. Defying the barriers of age, gender and religion, the Indian women became the torch bearer during the struggle for freedom in India. Discuss. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Freedom struggle -significant events].

Q4. Several foreigners made India their homeland and participated in various movements. Analyze their role in the Indian struggle for freedom. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – The Freedom Struggle – its various stages and important contributors/contributions].

Q5. In many ways, Lord Dalhousie was the founder of modern India. Elaborate. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Modern Indian History – Personalities].

Q6. Critically discuss the objectives of Bhoodan and Gramdan movements initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave and their success. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Post-independence Consolidation].

Q7. Write a critical note on the evolution and significance of the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan". (10 marks-200 words.) [Syllabus section – Post-independence Consolidation]

Q8. Discuss the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to pre-and post-independent India. (10 marks-200 words.) [Syllabus section – Freedom struggle – Personalities; Post-independence Consolidation].

Q9. Analyse the circumstances that led to Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the agreement. (10 marks-200 words.) [Syllabus section – Post-independence History (Indo-Pak war)].

Q10. Critically examine the compulsions which prompted India to play a decisive role in the emergence of Bangladesh. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Post-independence History (Indo-Pak war)].

Q11. "Latecomer" Industrial revolution in Japan involved certain factors that were markedly different from what west had experience. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Industrial revolution].

Q12. Africa was chopped into states artificially created by accident of European competition. Analyse. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Colonization].

Q13. American Revolution was an economic revolt against mercantilism. Substantiate. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – History of the World – significant events].

Q14. What policy instruments were deployed to contain the great economic depression? (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – History of the World; Capitalism its forms and effect on the society].

Q15. Discussion the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Urbanisation, their problems and remedies].

Q16. Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from gender bias. Comment. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Role of women and women's organisations].

Q17. Critically examine the effects of globalization on the aged population in India. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Effects of globalisation on Indian society].

Q18. Growing feeling of regionalism is an

important factor in the generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – regionalism].

Q19(a). What do you understand by the theory of continental drift? Discuss the prominent evidences in its support. (5 marks 100 words) [Syllabus section – Physical geography – continental drift].

Q19(b) The recent cyclone on the east coast of India was called "Phailin". How are the tropical cyclones named across the world? Elaborate. (5 marks-100 words.) [Syllabus section – Important Geophysical Phenomena – Cyclone].

Q20(a) Bring out the causes for the formation of heat islands in the urban habitat of the world. (5 marks 100 words) [Syllabus section – Urbanisation, their problems and remedies].

Q20(b) What do you understand by the phenomenon of temperature inversion in meteorology? How does it affect the weather and the habitats of the place? (5 marks 100 words.) [Syllabus section – salient features of World's physical geography]

Q21. Major hot deserts in northern hemisphere are located between 20-30 degree north and on the western side of the continents. Why? (10 marks-200 words.) [Syllabus section – salient features of World's physical geography].

Q22(a) Bring out the causes for more frequent landslides in the Himalayas than in Western Ghats. (5 marks 100 words) [Syllabus section –

Important Geophysical Phenomena-Landslides].

Q22(b) There is no formation of deltas by rivers of the Western Ghat. Why? (5 marks 100 words) [Syllabus section – Salient features of World's Physical Geography].

Q23(a) Do you agree that there is a growing trend of opening new sugar mills in the Southern states of India? Discuss with justification. (5 marks 100 words) [Syllabus section – factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries].

Q23(b) Analyse the factors for highly decentralized cotton textile industry in India. (5 marks 100 words) [Syllabus section – factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries].

Q24. 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-200 words.) [Syllabus section – factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries].

Q25. It is said the India has substantial reserves of shale oil and gas, which can feed the needs of country for quarter century. However, tapping of the resources doesn't appear to be high on the agenda. Discuss critically the availability and issues involved. (10 marks-200 words) [Syllabus section – Distribution of Key Natural Resources].

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- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of Women and Women's Organiza-

tion, 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.
- 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).

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