

GENERAL STUDIES I (2013 - 2022)

SLOT 1 - INDIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, HISTORY.

Salient aspects of Art, Architecture, literature from Ancient to Modern Times

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Chola architecture represents a high watermark in the evolution of temple architecture. Discuss.	Architecture	5
2	2013	Discuss the Tandava dance as recorded in the early Indian inscriptions.	Dance	5
3	2013	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.	Literature	10
4	2014	Sufis and medieval mystic saints failed to modify either the religious ideas and practices or the outward structure of Hindu / Muslim societies to any appreciable extent. Comment.	Religious practice	10
5	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.	University	10
6	2014	Gandhara sculpture owed as much to the Romans as to the Greeks. Explain.	Sculpture	10
7	2014	To what extent has the urban planning and culture of the Indus Valley Civilization provided inputs to the present day urbanization? Discuss.	Civilisation	10
8	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.	Architecture	12.5
9	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 a breakdown to the present day. Comment.	Civilisation	12.5
10	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.	Individual	12.5
11	2016	Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate	Buddhism	12.5
12	2017	How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times?	Numismatic	10
13	2018	The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss.	Individual	15
14	2018	Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.	Traveller's Account	10
15	2018	Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Discuss.	Misc	10
16	2019	Highlight the Central Asian and Greco -Bactrian elements in Gandhara art.	Influence of art	10
19	2020	Persian literary sources of medieval India reflect the spirit of the age. Comment.	Literature	15
18	2020	Indian philosophy and tradition played a significant role in conceiving and shaping the monuments and their art in India. Discuss.	Philosophy	15
17	2020	Pala period is the most significant phase in the history of Buddhism in India. Enumerate.	Buddhism	10
18	2020	The rock-cut architecture represents one of the most important sources of our knowledge of early Indian art and history. Discuss.	Architecture	10
19	2021	Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti literature and its contribution to Indian culture.	Literature	10
20	2022	How will you explain that medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days?	Sculpture	10
21	2022	Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture.	Contribution	15
22	2022	Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture.	Architecture	15

Mid-18th century – Present (significant events, personalities, issues)

Freedom Struggle (various stages, important contributors from different parts of the country)

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	In many ways, Lord Dalhousie was the founder of modern India. Elaborate.	Personality	10
2	2013	Several foreigners made India their homeland and participated in various movements. Analyze their role in the Indian struggle for freedom.	Movements	10
3	2013	Defying the barriers of age, gender and religion, the Indian women became the torch bearer during the struggle for freedom in India. Discuss.	Women	10
4	2014	In what ways did the naval mutiny prove to be the last nail in the coffin of British colonial aspirations in India?	Event	10
5	2014	Examine critically the various facets of economic policies of the British in India from mid-eighteenth century till independence.	Policies	10
6	2014	The third battle of Panipat was fought in 1761. Why were so many empire-shaking battles fought at Panipat?	Event	10
7	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 for the experience gained with the Government of India Act, 1935. Discuss.	Policies	12.5
8	2015	How different would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi? Discuss.	Personality	12.5
9	2016	Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.	Comparison Personality	12.5
10	2016	Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase.	Women	12.5
11	2016	Explain how the Uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India.	Event	12.5
12	2017	Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian independence since twenties of the last century.	Event	15
13	2017	The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What were the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?	Women	15
14	2017	Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.	Issues	15
15	2017	Why did the 'Moderates' fail to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century?	Contribution	10
16	2017	Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.	Policies	10
17	2018	Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.	Personality	10
18	2019	Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s.	Policies	10
19	2019	Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate.	Contribution	15
20	2019	Examine the linkages between 19th centuries 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity.	Event	10
21	2019	The 1857 Uprising was the culmination the recurrent big and small local rebellions that had occurred in the preceding hundred years of British rule. Elucidate.	Contribution	10
22	2020	Since the decade of the 1920s, the national movement acquired various ideological strands and thereby expanded its social base. Discuss.	Event	15
23	2020	Evaluate the policies of Lord Curzon and their long term implications on the national movement.	Policies	10
24	2021	Trace the rise and growth of socio--religious reform movements with special reference to young Bengal and Brahmo Samaj.	Event	10
25	2021	To what extent did the role of the Moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment	Contribution	15
26	2021	Bring out the constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement.	Personality	15
27	2022	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 then Indian rulers ? Give reasons.	Issues	10
28	2022	Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons.	Event	10

Post-Independence (consolidation and reorganisation within country)

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Critically discuss the objectives of Bhoodan and Gramdan movements initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave.	Movements	10
2	2013	Write a critical note on the evolution and significance of the slogan “Jai Jawana Jai Kisan”.	Movements	10
3	2013	Discuss the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to pre-and post-independent India.	Contribution	10
4	2013	Analyze the circumstances that led to Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the agreement.	Agreements	10
5	2013	Critically examine the compulsions which prompted India to play a decisive role in the emergence of Bangladesh.	Event	
6	2021	Access the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of India.	Consolidation	
7	2022	The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process.	Reorganisation	

18th century events (e.g. Industrial revolution, WWs, redrawn boundaries, colonisation, decolonisation); Political philosophies (e.g. communism, capitalism, socialism) and their effect on society

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	What policy instruments were deployed to contain the great economic depression?	Event	
2	2013	American Revolution was an economic revolt against mercantilism. Substantiate.	American Revolution	
3	2013	Africa was chopped into states artificially created by accident of European competition. Analyse.	Colonisation	
4	2013	“Latecomer” Industrial revolution in Japan involved certain factors that were markedly different from what west had experience.	Industrial Revolution.	
5	2014	The New Economic Policy – 1921 of Lenin had influenced the policies adopted by India soon after independence. Evaluate.	Effect Policy	
6	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?	Event	
7	2014	What were the major political, economic and social developments in the world which motivated the anti-colonial struggle in India?	Decolonisation	
8	2015	To what extent can Germany be held responsible for causing the two World Wars? Discuss critically	WW	
9	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?	Industrial Revolution.	
10	2016	The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans. Examine.	Decolonisation	
11	2017	What problems were germane to the decolonization process of Malay Peninsula.	Decolonisation	
12	2018	Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to other colonies? Have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?	Colonisation	
13	2019	Explain how the foundations of the modern world were laid by the American and French revolution.	AR and FR	
14	2021	“There arose a serious challenge to the democratic state system between the two world wars”. Evaluate the statement.	WW	

SLOT - 2 SOCIETY

Salient features of Indian Society; Diversity of India

Social Empowerment, Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism.

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	
1	2013	Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in the generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss.	Regionalism	
2	2014	How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?	Secularism	
3	2015	Debate the issue of whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.	Caste	
4	2015	Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.	Diversity	
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.	Caste	
6	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.	Regionalism	
7	2016	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.	Empowerment	
8	2016	Has the formation of linguistic States strengthened the cause of Indian Unity?	Unity	
9	2017	What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence, addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)?	Empowerment	
10	2017	In the context of diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your viewpoint.	Diversity	10
11	2017	Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.	Communalism	15
12	2017	The spirit 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.	Unity	15
13	2018	'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation. Argue by giving suitable illustrations.	Communalism	15
14	2018	How the Indian concept of secularism is different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.	Secularism	10
15	2018	"Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.	Caste	10
16	2019	What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism.	Secularism	10
17	2019	Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.	Unity	15
18	2019	What makes Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.	Tradition	10
19	2020	Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?	Tradition	15
20	2020	Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.	Regionalism	10
21	2020	Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer.	Diversity	15
22	2020	Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi-cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.	Caste	10
23	2021	Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems.	Tribal	10
24	2021	How does Indian Society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it.	Tradition	15
25	2022	Given the diversities among tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category?	Tribal	10
26	2022	Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.	Caste	15
27	2022	Are tolerance, assimilation, and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.	Secularism	15

Population and associated issues. Poverty and Development issues.

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2014	The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss.	Family	10
2	2015	Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.	Development issues	12.5
3	2015	Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the main cause of population increase in India.	Population	12.5
4	2016	“An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from deprivation.” Substantiate this statement with suitable examples	Poverty	12.5
5	2018	Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.	Development issues	15
6	2018	Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.	Development issues	15
7	2018	‘Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing.’ Explain by giving reasons.	Poverty	10
11	2020	How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the educational system in the country? Elaborate your answer.	Development issues	15
12	2020	COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment.	Poverty	10
13	2021	Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail.	Population	15
14	2021	What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global security? Has it been affecting Indian society also?	Development issues	15

Urbanization problems and remedies.

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Discussion the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India.	Social Problems	10
2	2015	Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss this statement in the backdrop of rural urban integration.	Integration	12.5
3	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?	Pollution	12.5
4	2016	Major cities of India are becoming more vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.	Flood	12.5
5	2016	With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the ‘Smart City Programme’.	Programme	12.5
6	2017	The growth of cities as I.T. hubs has opened up new avenues employment but has also created new problems. Substantiate this statement with examples. Urbanization	Social Problems	15
7	2018	“The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system.” How can it be made effective in urban areas?	Resource	15
8	2019	How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development of India?	Transport	15
9	2020	Account for the huge flooding of million cities in India including the smart ones like Hyderabad and Pune. Suggest lasting remedial measures.	Flood	15
8	2021	What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of development of IT industries in major cities of India	Social Problems	15
9	2022	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?	Social Problems	10

Effects of Globalization on Indian society.

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Critically examine the effects of globalization on the aged population in India.	Aged	10
2	2016	To what extent globalization has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.	Culture	12.5
3	2015	Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India.	Women	12.5
4	2018	‘Globalization is generally said to promote cultural homogenization but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian Society. Elucidate.	Culture	15
5	2019	Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.	Identity	15
6	2022	Explore and evaluate the impact of ‘Work From Home’ on family relationships.	Relationship	10
7	2022	Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India.	Technology	15

Role of women and women's organisation

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from gender bias. Comment.	Bias	10
2	2014	Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.	Sex ratio	10
3	2014	Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.	Feminization	10
4	2014	How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?	Work	10
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?	Sex ratio	12.5
6	2018	'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata. Substantiate your view.	Movements	15
7	2019	What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?	Challenges	15
8	2019	"Empowering women is the key to control population growth". Discuss	Empowerment	10
9	2021	Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.	Work	10

SLOT-3 GEOGRAPHY

Salient Features of World Physical Geography

Important Geophysical phenomena (earthquakes, tsunami, volcanoes, cyclones)

Geographical features and location

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Bring out the causes for more frequent landslides in the Himalayas than in Western Ghats	Landslide	5
2	2013	Major hot deserts in northern hemisphere are located between 20-30 degree north and on the western side of the continents. Why?	Phenomena	10
3	2013	There is no formation of deltas by rivers of the Western Ghat. Why?	Phenomena	5
4	2013	The recent cyclone on the east coast of India was called "Phailin". How are the tropical cyclones named across the world?	Cyclone	5
5	2013	What do you understand by the theory of continental drift? Discuss the prominent evidences in its support.	Concept	5
6	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.	Phenomena	10
7	2014	Tropical cyclones are largely confined to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mexico. Why?	Cyclone	10
8	2014	Explain the formation of thousands of islands in Indonesian and Philippines archipelagos.	Phenomena	10
9	2016	"The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides." Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.	Landslide	12.5
10	2017	How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth?	Concept	10
11	2018	Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.	Concept	10
12	2018	Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?	Technology	10
13	2020	The process of desertification does not have climatic boundaries. Justify with examples.	Concept	10
14	2020	Discuss the geophysical characteristics of Circum-Pacific Zone.	Features	10
15	2021	Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment.	Volcano	10
16	2021	Why is India considered as a subcontinent? Elaborate your answer	Concept	10
17	2021	Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats.	Landslide	10
18	2021	Briefly mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions with examples.	Features	15
19	2022	Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks.	Concept	10
20	2022	Discuss the meaning of color-coded weather warnings for cyclone-prone areas given by the India Meteorological Department.	Cyclone	10
21	2022	The troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How ?	Concept	15

Changes in critical geographical features and in flora and fauna and the effect of such changes.

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	What do you understand by the phenomenon of temperature inversion in meteorology? How does it affect the weather and the habitants of the place?	Global Warming	5
2	2013	Bring out the causes for the formation of heat islands in the urban habitat of the world.	Global Warming	5
4	2014	Bring out the relationship between the shrinking Himalayan glaciers and the symptoms of climate change in the Indian sub-continent.	Global Warming	10
5	2014	Most of the unusual climatic happenings are explained as an outcome of the El-Nino effect. Do you agree?	Concept	10
7	2015	How far do you agree that the behavior of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscapes? Discuss.	Monsoon	12.5
9	2016	Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.	Concept	12.5
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?	Monsoon	15
11	2017	In what way can flood be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India?	Flood	15
12	2017	Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects.	Concept	15
13	2017	How does the cryosphere affect global climate?	Concept	10
14	2017	Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulse because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by the United Nations.	Effect	10
15	2017	In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development.” Discuss.	Coal Mining	10
16	2018	What are the consequences of spreading of ‘Dead Zones’ on marine ecosystem?	Concept	10
17	2019	What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India?	Water Resource	15
18	2019	How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism?	Tourism	15
19	2019	Discuss the causes of depletion of mangroves and explain their importance in maintaining coastal ecology.	Mangroves	10
20	2019	How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and the coastal environment? Give suitable examples?	Marine life	15
21	2019	Assess the impact of global warming on coral life system with examples.	Marine life	10
22	2020	How will the meeting of Himalayan glaciers have a far-reaching impact on the water resources of India?	Water Resource	10
24	2021	What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of water bodies into urban land use? explain with examples?	Water Resource	10
25	2021	How do the melting of Arctic ice and glaciers of the Antarctic differently affect the weather patterns and human activities on earth? Explain.	Global Warming	15

Distribution of key Natural Resources (world, S. Asia, Indian subcontinent)

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	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.	Oil	10
2	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.	Fuel	10
3	2014	How does India see its place in the economic space of rising natural resource rich Africa?	Region	10
4	2014	Critically evaluate the various resources of the oceans which can be harnessed to meet the resource crisis in the world.	Resources	10
5	2015	The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand reaching the limits of their ecological carrying capacity due to tourism. Critically evaluate.	Tourism	12.5
6	2015	India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity.	Water	12.5
7	2015	What are the economic significances of discovery of oil in Arctic Sea and its possible environmental consequences?	Oil	12.5
8	2016	In what way micro-watershed Development projects help in water conservation in drought prone and semi-arid regions of India.	Water	12.5
9	2016	Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India.	Water	12.5
10	2016	Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.	Water	12.5
11	2016	South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment.	Region	12.5
12	2016	The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain	Water	12.5
13	2018	Why is India taking keen interest in resources of Arctic Region?	Region	10
14	2019	Can the strategy of regional-resource based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India?	Manufacturing	10
15	2020	Examine the status of forest resources of India and its resultant impact on climate change.	Forest	15
16	2020	India has immense potential of solar energy though there are regional variations in its development. Elaborate.	Solar	15
17	2020	The interlinking of rivers can provide viable solutions to the multi-dimensional inter-related problems of droughts, floods and interrupted navigation. Critically examine.	Water	15
18	2021	Discuss the multidimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world.	Oil	15
19	2022	Discuss the natural resource potentials of Deccan Trap'.	Region	10
20	2022	Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread.	Wind	10
21	2022	Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues	Rubber	15

Factors responsible for location of Industries (primary, secondary, tertiary; India, world)

Qn No.	YEAR	QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS
1	2013	Analyze the factors for highly decentralized cotton textile industry in India	Cotton	5
2	2013	Do you agree that there is a growing trend of opening new sugar mills in the Southern states of India? Discuss with justification	Sugar	5
3	2014	Why did the Green Revolution in India virtually by-pass the eastern region despite fertile soil and good availability of water?	GR	10
4	2014	Account for the change in the spatial pattern of the Iron and Steel industry in the world.	Iron and steel	10
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.	Tea	10
6	2015	Explain the factors responsible for the origin of ocean currents. How do they influence regional climates, fishing and navigation?	Fishing	12.5
7	2017	Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications.	Oil	15
8	2018	What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identify industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.	Region	15
9	2018	Define blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.	BR	15
10	2019	Discuss the factors for localization of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India.	Agro	10
11	2020	Account for the present location of iron and steel industries away from the source of raw material, by giving examples.	Iron and steel	10
12	2021	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.	Region	10
13	2022	What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing Industry of the world.	Fishing	15
14	2022	Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade.	Region	15