

2019

1. Highlight the Central Asian and Greco Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art. 10(Answer in 150 words)
2. 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
3. Examine the linkages between the nineteenth century's 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity. (Answer in 150 words)10
4. Assess the impact of global warming on the coral life system with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Discuss the causes of depletion of mangroves and explain their importance in maintaining coastal ecology. (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Can the strategy of regional resource-based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India? (Answer in 150 words)10
7. Discuss the factors for localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India. (Answer in 150 words) 10
8. What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10
9. "Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10
10. What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism? (Answer in 150 words)10
11. Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate. (Answer in 250 words) 15
12. Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s. (Answer in 250 words)15
13. Explain how the foundations of the modern world were laid by the American and French Revolutions. (Answer in 250 words) 15
14. What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15
15. How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism? (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development in India? (Answer in 250 words)15
17. 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

18. Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.  
(Answer in 250 words) 15
19. What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?  
(Answer in 250 words) 15
20. Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.  
(Answer in 250 words) 15

## 2018

1. Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment (10)
2. Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India. (10)
3. Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times. (10)
4. Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation? (10 )
5. Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region? (10)
6. Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics. (10)
7. What are the consequences of the spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystems? (10)
8. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment. (10)
9. 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons. (10)
10. How is the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss. (10)
11. The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss. (15)
12. Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India. (15)
13. Why was indentured labour taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there? (15)
14. "The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas? (15)
15. Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India. (15)
16. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics. (15)
17. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success. (15)
18. 'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view. (15)
19. 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.

20. 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations. (15)

## 2017

1. 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)
2. Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity. (150 words)  
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)
3. What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula? (150 words)
4. How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth? (150 words)
5. "In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss (150 words)
6. 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)  
How does the cryosphere affect global climate? (150 words)
7. 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)
8. What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes(STs)? (150 words) (250 words)
9. 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)
10. Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (250 words)
11. 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)
12. Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects. (250 words)
13. Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. (250 words)
14. In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India? (250 words)
15. What characteristics can be assigned to the monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia? (250 words)
16. 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)
17. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (250 words)

18. "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)

## 2016

1. Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives, successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate.
2. Krishnadeva Raya, the king of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss.
3. Explain how the uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India.
4. Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase.
5. Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.
6. Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity?
7. The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western -educated Africans. Examine.
8. To what extent has globalisation influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.
9. "An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.
10. 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.
11. With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme.'
12. What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on the regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.
13. Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.
14. "The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides." Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.
15. The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce human miseries. Explain.
16. South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment.  
Major cities of India are becoming vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.
17. Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.
18. Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India.
19. In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India?