



GENERAL STUDIES (MAINS) – Questions Pattern & Trends Analysis

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

PHYSIOGRAPHY

1. What do you understand by Deccan Trap? Describe its characteristics. (95/20)
2. Why do the Western Ghats receive more rainfall than the Eastern Ghats? (95/3)
3. Mention the advantages which India enjoys being at the head of the Indian Ocean. (96/15)
4. What are the geo-economic causes of underdevelopment of various regions in India? (98/15)
5. How do the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Lakshadweep differ in the geological evolution and topographical conditions? (98/15)
6. How is deforestation of Himalayas disturbing the ecological balance of north India? (99/15)
7. What is the importance of Indian Ocean for India? (99/15)
8. Write note on Linguistic regions of India. (00/10)
9. Had there been no Himalayas, what would have been the winter climate in north India? (01/10)
10. Write short note on Glacier. (01/2)
11. Write short note on Equinox. (01/2)
12. Write short note on Define Terai Region. (03/2)
13. Why are the Aravallis called a divide between Mewar and Marwar? (04/10)
14. Write short note on Karewas. (05/2)
15. Write short note on New Moore Island. (06/2)
16. Explain how the Himalayan and the Tibetan highlands play an important role in the development of the South - West monsoon. (07/10)
17. Write notes on Indira Point. (07/2)
18. Write notes on Causes of Chambal Ravines. (07/2)
19. Write about Terai Region. (08/2)

DRAINAGE SYSTEM

1. Why have the rivers of the peninsular India well-defined rigid channels in sharp contrast to the Himalayan rivers? (95/20)
2. Write short note on "Two prominent left bank tributaries of river Ganges". (01/2)
3. Describe the major characteristics of the rivers of Peninsular India. (03/10)

4. Elucidate the factors contributing to the growing need for water harvesting in India, both rural and urban. (05/10)
5. Write note on Significance of Lake Chilka. (05/2)
6. Why do the rivers of west coast not form a delta ? (06/10)
7. Write note on Hussain Sagar. (06/2)
8. Write about Buckingham Canal. (08/2)

CLIMATE

1. What is 'intensity of rainfall'? Discuss its importance to Indian farmers. (95/15)
2. Discuss the origin of Monsoon in India. (97/15)
3. Mention the agro-climatic regions of India stating the basis of classification. (00/10)
4. Write short note on Mango Showers. (00/2)
5. Explain the causes of the Indian Monsoon. (01/10)
6. Discuss the distribution of winds and rainfall over India in the summer monsoon season. (02/10)
7. Write note on winter rains in India. (06//2)
8. The winter rains in North India are largely related to Jet Streams and Western Disturbances. Bring out the relationship. (08/15)
9. Write about Nor'westers (08/2)

VISION IAS

NATURAL VEGETATION

1. Where do mangrove forests occur in India? Describe their main characteristics. (96/15)
2. Why has there been opposition from the North-Eastern States to the Supreme Court ban on all activities inside forests ? (97/10)
3. Which parts of India have been identified as draught-prone? Mention the norms for such identification. (98/15)
4. What is waste land ? Write a note on prospects of waste land development in India. (00/10)
5. What are mangroves and in what way are they useful to us ? (00/10)
6. Mention the area of Shola forests in India. (03/2)
7. Write short note on the following:
 - (a) The Sambhar lake
 - (b) The Sundarbans
 - (c) Bombay High
 - (d) Sabarkantha & Banaskantha (04/2)

SOIL

1. Write short note on India's Literate soils. (00/2)
2. Write short note on Regurs. (05/2)
3. Write note on Causes of Soil erosion and its control in India. (05/10)
4. Write notes on Inceptisol. (07/2)

AGRICULTURE

1. What is shifting cultivation? Describe its salient characteristics with reference to India? (96/15)
2. What is dry farming? Discuss its relevance in augmenting the food supply in India. (99/15)
3. Give an account of the tea plantations of Assam and West Bengal and state the economic significance of these plantations. (02/10)
4. Write short notes on Jhum cultivation - process and consequences. (02//2)
5. Write note on negative impacts of shifting cultivation. (05/2)
6. Agricultural Productivity in India remain low. Explain the reasons for this situation. (08/15)
7. Write about Organic Farming. (08/2)

VISION INDUSTRY IAS

1. Name the industry which is located at each of the following places:
(i) Bongaigaon (ii) Alwaye (iii) Kapurthala (95/3)
2. Describe the changes that have taken place in the direction of international trade of India since Independence, (98/15)
3. Write note on : Khetri Copper Project. (02/2)
4. Account for the very high concentration of salt extraction industries in the Saurashtra and South Tamilnadu Coast (03/10)
5. Examine the distribution of oil refineries in India. (04/10)
6. Write note on Mixed economy. (06/2)
7. Write notes on Special Economic Zone (SET) (07/2)
8. Bring out the pros and cons of Special Economic Zones. (08/15)

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

1. What is MRTS ? Where it is in operation? (03/2)
2. What is Golden Quadrilateral? How will it help in the economic development of the country? (04/10)
3. Technological changes have brought in a major shift in the use of roads as transport corridors in India. How far do you agree with this view ? (07/10)

ENERGY RESOURCE

1. Mention some of the new programmes that have been undertaken in recent years in respect of nuclear research in India. (92/15)
2. Name of main petroleum producing areas in India. (02/2)
3. Write short note on Bombay High. (04/2)
4. What are the resource bases available for the economic development of the newly created states of Jharkhand and Uttaranchal? (05/10)
5. Bring out the prospects of development of alternative energy sources of India. (06/10)

WATER RESOURCE

1. What is drip irrigation? Why is it considered the most efficient method of irrigation? (95/20)
2. Why has the Narmada River Valley Project attracted the attention of the common people? (97/20)
3. What do you know about Narmada Sagar Dam ? (98/2)
4. Write note on Nagarjunasagar Project. (00/2)
5. What do you know about Hirakud Project. (06/2)
6. Write note on National Water Grid. (06/2)

POPULATION / HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

1. What measures has the Government of India taken for the development of Tribal areas in India? (97/15)
2. Examine the fall out of population explosion in India at the close of twentieth century.
3. Name the mega cities of India and mention their specific problems. (99/15)
4. Explain the major racial groups of India. (00/10)
5. Write short note on Census definition of urban places. (02/2)
6. State the four distinctive stages of Indian Demographic history. (03/10)
7. Write short notes on the following:
 - (i) Who are Todas and where do they live ?
 - (ii) Name any four principal languages of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, (03/2)
8. Write notes on Jarawas. (07/2)
9. Write about Demographic Dividend. (08/2)

PLANNING / REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT / SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. Why is there a demand for making Uttarakhand a separate Hill State in India?(97/15)
2. Write short note on Multi-level planning in India. (00/2)
3. Define the concept of 'growth centers' and evaluate its relevance in regional planning in India. (02/10)
4. "Political boundaries and regional boundaries need to be co-terminus." Do you agree? (05/10)
5. Explain the nature and causes of growing slum problems in the metropolitan cities of India. (07/10)

NATURAL HAZARD & DISASTER / ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1. What is ozone hole? How is it formed and what effect does it have on the earth?(96/15)
2. Write short note on El Nino. (01/2)
3. Write short note on Kaziranga National Park. (02/2)
4. Write short note on El Nino, La Nina and monsoon rains. (04/2)
5. Write note on Causes of droughts in India. (05/2)
6. Blue Revolution has definite advantages in India but it is not free from environmental impacts. Discuss. (06/10)

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