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"The significant problems we face can not be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." - Albert Einstein

ANALYSIS / APPROACH / SOURCE / STRATEGY: GENERAL STUDIES MAINS 2012 PAPER

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- The analysis is based on premise that UPSC wants to identify aspirants with certain skills and aptitude required to function as a good administrator. UPSC do not explicitly describe these skills so we infer them from Syllabus, Question Paper and feedback of experts and students.
- This analysis is an attempt to quantify the subjective understanding and make explicit the implicit.
- We have inferred some conclusions from these stats but you are free to infer differently. Moreover independent/impartial thinking is one of the qualities expected in administrators.

	analysis uses few categories and terms. These are explained below: ction: Minor headings inside Major Heading of Syllabus provided by UPSC
	GAS=Generally accepted section
Code	Full Name
HMIIC	History of Modern India and Indian Culture
Geography	Geography of India
Polity	Constitution of India and Indian Polity
CNITSR	Current National Issues and Topics of Social Relevance
India & World	India and the World
IEIWW	India's Economic Interaction with the World
S&T	Developments in the Field of Science & Technology, IT and space
IAI	International Affairs and Institutions
Statistics	Statistical analysis, graphs and diagrams

Time Period									
Sources are g	rouped into six time								
	periods								
Time Period	Significance								
A: May 2012- Aug 2012	After Prelims 2012								
B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	Year 2012: This Year								
C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	After Mains 2011								
D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	Year 2011: Last two year								
E: before Jan 2011	Last 3-4 years.								
F: Time Independent									
Note: As the ti	me passes the nature								
changes form CA to CAA to F. For									
example in 200	9 NAPCC was current								
affairs now it is Fundamental.									

	Source
Source	es are mentioned in priority order.
	The Hindu has been given first priority as it
	is read by most aspirants. We don't assume
	that all the advisors/experts of UPSC are
The Hindu	reading The Hindu but the analysis of many
	yeas show that certainly they are reading
	similar things which are prominently
	covered by The Hindu.
PIB	Question can not be answered/motivated by
	Hindu but by PIB.
	can not be answered/motivated by The
Indian Express	Hindu, PIB and Indian Express
	but by TOI easily.
	can not be answered/motivated by The
Times of India	Hindu, PIB and Indian Express
	but by TOI easily.
Economic Times	One of the largest selling business daily.
Hindustan Times	One of the largest selling daily.

Nature of Question

- F: Fundamental, Conventional and conceptual question which is easily available in commonly recommended books. If a current affairs source is mentioned then it indicate that you had one more reason to prepare this topic.
- FA: Fundamental Applied question is an analytical question which require information + application of mind. Answer to these question are from commonly recommended books but not so obvious to find.
- **CA:** Current affair question which can be answered almost completely using given source alone.
- CAA(Current affair Applied): Current affair question which needs information from more than one source to answer AND/OR application of mind(common sense and overall understanding) of aspirant. This is why source for these question may not be answering question completely.
- FCA(Fundamental + Current affair): This is a F or FA question supplemented with current affairs or a current affairs question that needs background information for complete answer. Source to these question might not answer question in entirety.
- U(unconventional question): unconventional question means the question that is distantly related to syllabus provided by UPSC. It is neither present in even reference sources(in addition to recommended books) nor prominently

Motivator

Motivator means that

- 1. examiner has most probably framed this question because of this event/news/article. (AND/OR)
- 2. Student could have easily answered if he would have read this news/article.
 - Motivator combined with nature of question gives the intensity/affinity of motivation. Motivator for a CA type question is almost definite motivator. Motivator for CAA type is most probable motivator. Motivator for FCA type is probable motivator but some other equally probable motivator may exist. Even some student may answer these type of question with minimal support from CA, using his previous understanding and application
 - Alertness(perception level) of student can also be derived by combination of motivator and nature. If a nature is CA then it is expected that average student must have answered this question and if you have not answered this then you are not sufficiently alert. You need to improve your **concentration**.
 - If nature of question is FCA and you felt uncomfortable to formulate a good answer or you were not able to answer some part of question then it means you should improve your observation/reflection capacity apart from concentration.
 - If nature is **U** then motivator has a weak relationship with question and most of the student may have missed the topic/question.

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Questions	Q. No.	PAP ER	UPSC- section	UPSC- Sub section	GAS	Nat ure	Time Period	Diffic ulty	Mar ks	Source and Motivator	Source and Motivator Link (Ψ before a link means primary source)	From Vision IAS
What do you understand by the term "Innovation"? Discuss the need for launching a national innovation policy in India.	1(a)	1	CNISTR	HR	Economy	CAA	D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	M/D	25	Government Website/ Report	W.http://www.iii.gov.in/images/stories/innovation/Innovation Strategy.pdf http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=77180 http://www.innovationcouncil.gov.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=84:fourth-meeting-of-thenational-innovation-council&catid=11:minutes-of-meeting<emid=24 (see pt 17)	Science and Tech Notes- Science Reporter- Part 1- Page 1; Test-10- 1 (a) (mentions partly)
Keeping in view the informal sector's share in the total workforce of the country, critically examine the relevant in inclusive measures initiated by the Government of India and their effectiveness.	1(b)	1	CNISTR	ECONOM Y	Economy	FCA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	M	25	PIB	W. http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=81218 10- May 2012 opinion ,for a universal age old plan, some points of critical analysis : http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article3401455.ece?homepage=true 19-March, 2012 Economic Survey 2011-12 Page 315	Current Affair July 2012 page 50(RSBY+criticism); April Summary page 18(size+);Government - Scheme - Programme - current affairs (Supplementary material) page 21,23,26
Examine the causes and the extent of 'desertification' in India and suggest remedial measures.	1(c)	1	GEOGR APHY	PHYSICAL	GEOGRAPHY	F	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	M	25	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/interview/article354006 7.ece (27-August, 2012) http://www.pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=66967	Current affairs - Hindu Summary- June 2012- Article 'Desertification is nearly as critical as climate change'
In the context of the growing demands for the ban of Endosulfan in the country, critically examine the issues involved. What, in your view, should be done in the matter?	1(d)		CNISTR	ENVIRON MENT	Ecology & Environment	CAA	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	E/M	25	The Hindu	July 27, 2012 Allow use of endosulfan except in Kerala and Karnataka http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3688642.e Ce Endosulfan: Centre told to clear stand by Monday - Indian ExpressEndosulfan victims want to meet Shettar The Times of IndiaUse of Endosulfan as per Prescribed Norms not Harmful: http://www.pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=73983 http://www.epw.in/system/files/pdf/2011_46/08/Endosulfan_Centre_in_Denial.pdf	Current Affairs - Aug 2011- Page 4
"The Indian independence movement was a mass-based movement that encompassed various sections of society. It also underwent the process of constant ideological evolution." Critically examine.	1(e)	1	HMIIC	нмі	Modern india	F	F: Time Indepen dent	М	25	Reco. Books	Ψ. India's struggle for independence by Bipan Chandra ch. 39	

The issue of tourism in core areas of tiger reserve forests in the country is a subject matter of debate. Critically examine various aspects of this issue, keeping in view relevant recent judicial pronouncements.	1(f)	1	CNISTR	ENVIRON MENT	Ecology & Environment	CAA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	М	25	The Hindu	July 24 2012 Supreme Court bans tourism in core areas of tiger reserves: www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy- and/article3678263.ece No tourism in core tiger reserve areas: SC - Indian ExpressEPW September 22, 2012: "A Tiger in the Drawing Room Can Luxury Tourism Benefit Wildlife?"	Current Affairs Notes July 2012 Page 65
There is an urgent need for the Planning Commission to revise the chapter on health in the 12th Plan document." Comment.	2(a)	1	CNISTR	HEALTH	Economy	CAA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	M	15	The Hindu	Aug 11, 2012 Concern over draft health chapter in Planning Commission http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/article3752490.ece Frontline: Aug. 25-Sep. 07, 2012 "Managed Care" Yojana: feb.2012: page 15: http://www.yojana.gov.in/cms/pdf/Yojana/English/2012/Yojana%20February%202012.pdfhttp://planningcommission.nic.in/plans/planrel/12appdrft/appraoch_12plan.pdf	Summary Notes July 2012- Page 12; Frontline- Quick Revision- Page 1
The Union Cabinet recently cleared the proposal to rename and amend the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. What are the salient feature s of the proposed amendments?	2(b)	1	POLITY	LEGAL	Polity	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E/W	15	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3831811.ece http://www.indianexpress.com/news/govt-nod-to-total-ban-on-child-labour/994513EPW Legislating on Child Labour 29/9/12: http://www.epw.in/editorials/legislating-child-labour.html Getting ready for the new law against child labour: http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/article3878212.ece	Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Page 38
"Domestic resource mobilization, though central to the process of Indian economic growth, is characterized by several constraints." Explain.	2(c)	1	CNISTR	ECONOM	Economy	FCA	E: before Jan 2011	Σ	15	Other sources	http://www.g24.org/PolicyBriefs/pbno25.pdf http://www.ecdpm.org/Web_ECDPM/Web/Content/Navigation.nsf/index2?readform&http://www.ecdpm.org/Web_ECDPM/Web/Content/Content.nsf/0/86E96AF28C31694EC12579F800503E99?Opendocument http://www.oecd.org/site/oecdgfd/44465017.pdf Motivator: Fifth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (7-8 December 2011)	Current Affairs Notes July 2012 Page 28; Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Page 25 (I); Test 4 Q7(b) (I)
The 'flute-playing Krishna' theme is very popular in Indian art. Discuss.	2(d)	1	HMIIC	CULTURE	Art and Culture	F	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	M	15	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/life-and-style/metroplus/article2977729.ece http://www.thehindu.com/arts/art/article3866061.ece http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krishna	
What are the salient features of the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2011 introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2011?	2(e)	1	POLITY	LEGAL	Polity	CA	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	E	15	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article2778368.e ce pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=79338	

What do you understand by the term "Multi- Drug Resistant Tuberculosis" (MDR-TB)? What measures would you advocate for its containment and what are the implications of its spread in the community?	2(f)	1	CNISTR	HEALTH	S&T	CAA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E	15	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/health/policy-and-issues/article3251900.ece http://www.indianexpress.com/news/to-keep-eye-on-drugresistant-tb-pvt-docs-told-to-report-every-case/9268171 Science Reporter, Aug 2012	Current AFfairs Note June 2012 Pg 41; Test 10 4 (c); Science Reporte Notes page 41
Given the accelerated pace of development and demand for energy, would you consider renewable energy as a viable option for India's Future?	2(g)	1	GEOGR APHY	ECONOMI C	Geography	FA	E: before Jan 2011	E/M	15	PIB	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-editorialfeatures/article3264359.ece http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=627041 http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/qa-girish-pradhan-union-ministrynewrenewable-energy/457802/	Test 5- 2 (a)
Many food items contain "trans fats". What do you understand by this term? Which Indian food items contain trans fats? What are the implications of trans fats on human health?	2(h)	1	CNISTR	HEALTH	S&T	FCA	D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	М	15	PIB	Ψ. http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=65599 http://www.thehindu.com/health/fitness/article82242.ece	
What is the 'Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalat'?	3(a)	1	POLITY	OTHER	Polity	L.	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	Σ	5	Yojana	Yojana June 2012; http://yojana.gov.in/cms/(S(b01id2ywcdkh0k45k0k3ifu0)) /pdf/Yojana/English/2012/Yojana%20June%202012.pdf http://ncw.nic.in/frmRes_PMLA.aspx	
List the main objectives of the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP), 2011.	3(b)	1	CNISTR	ECONOM	Economy	CA	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	E	5	The Hindu	Ψ.http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/article257 0702.ecehttp://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=76 843http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/features/invest ment- world/article2621873.ece?homepage=true&ref=wl_hom ehttp://www.commerce.nic.in/whatsnew/National_Manfa cruring_Policy2011.pdf	Current Affairs-June 2011, page 17; Test-4- Q1 (d)
Comment on the significance of Rasarnava in studying the history of Indian Chemistry.	3(c)	1	нмис	CULTURE	Art and Culture	U	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	D	5	ТОІ	http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-07- 08/mangalore/32587851_1_metals-nano-technology- extraction	
What are the Rights within the ambit of Article 21 of the Indian Constitution?	3(d)	1	POLITY	CONSTITU TION	Polity	F	F: Time Indepen dent	E	5	Reco. Books	M. Laxmikant June 26, 2012 The Hindu: Opinion / Op-Ed: Health care for all;June 25, 2011. Is mercy killing within ambit of Article 21?	
Comment on the significance of the Preamble contained in the Right to Information Act.	3(e)	1	POLITY	LEGAL	Polity	U	E: before Jan 2011	M/D	5	Government Website/ Report	Oct 2009, http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=53163 http://www.rtigateway.org.in/Documents/Rules/himachal/ RTIActEnglish.pdf http://cic.gov.in/CIC-Events/IC-MA-LectureAtUNESCO- 04122008.pdf	

To implement one key recommendations of the Mohini Giri Committee, the Government has recently announced the constitution of a National Council. Highlight the composition and the mandate of this National Council.	3(f)	1	CNISTR	SOCIAL	Social Issues	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E	5	The Hindu	Feb 2, 2012 Manmohan's nod for council for senior citizens http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article2851358.e	
Comment on the recent launching of the National Mission on Libraries (NML).	3(g)	1	CNISTR	HR	Social Issues	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	M/D	5	The Hindu	Mar 22, 2012 "Youth must have access to quality books" http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/youth-must-have-access-to-quality-books/article3073519.ece Jan 30, 2012, Library census, reading habit survey from Feb http://www.indianexpress.com/news/library-census-reading-habit-survey-from-feb/905400/0http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=81435	
What are the groups into which musical instruments in India have traditionally been classified?	3(h)	1	нмис	CULTURE	Art and Culture	F	F: Time Indepen dent	E	5	Reco. Books	Spectrum http://www.ccrtindia.gov.in/musicalinstruments.htm	Test-3, 8 (d)
Comment on the significance of fire in Zoroastrianism.	3(i)	1	нмис	CULTURE	Art and Culture	m	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	3	5	ТОІ	Oct 3, 2011 Purifire http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life- style/Purifire/articleshow/10217558.cms? Dec 25, 2011 The temple that keeps the fire burning http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp- downtown/article2745890.ece?textsize=small&test=2	
Why is Laurie Baker called 'the conscience keeper of Indian architecture?	3(j)	1	HMIIC	CULTURE	Art and Culture	U	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	D	5	НТ	W. http://www.hindustantimes.com/News- Feed/ColumnsOthers/In-Hume-s-footsteps/Article1- 834498.aspx http://socialentrepreneurshipximb.wordpress.com/2009/ 12/06/review-of-the-book-%E2%80%9Cthe-gandhi-of- architecture%E2%80%9D-by-laurie-baker-lg- 8/http://lauriebaker.net/	
Why are stationed in a small district town in the plains of Northern Indian. The summer has been severe. Suddenly, a colleague, who had been out since morning, returns to the office complaining of headache, restlessness and confusion. Shortly, he becomes unconscious. His body temperature is 400C. What first aid steps would you take to revive him?	3(k)	1	CNISTR	HEALTH	S&T	F	E: before Jan 2011	E	5	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/health/diet-and- nutrition/article450757.ece?css=print	

The significance of Patharughat in the Indian freedom struggle.	4(a)	1	НМІІС	НМІ	Modern India	F	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	D	2	TOI	Jan 29, 2012 http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/Patharu ghat-to-pay-tribute-to-martyrs-of-freedom- struggle/articleshow/11669038.cms? http://www.indianexpress.com/news/book-throws-light-on-1894-assam-massacreignoredby-history/698857 http://www.indianexpress.com/news/an-ignored-chapter/573497/0	
Bagurumba folk dance	4(b)	1	НМІІС	CULTURE	Art and Culture	FCA	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	M/D	2	The Hindu	Nov 29, 2011 http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/article2640998.ece	
Determining the 'value' assigned to the vote of a Member of a State Legislative Assembly and of a Member of Parliament in the Indian Presidential elections.	4(c)	1	POLITY	CONSTITU TION	Polity	F	F: Time Indepen dent	Easy	2	Reco. Books	M. Laxmikant Motivator: Presidential Election	Test-1 6 (b)
Significance of the SPOT-6 rocked launch for ISRO.	4(d)	1	CNISTR	MISC	S&T	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E/M	2	The Hindu	Aug 3, 2012 www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/article3721690.ece http://www.indianexpress.com/news/isros-100th- mission-pslvc21-launched-successfully/1000101/0	Current Affairs Notes Sep 2012 Page 8
Issues highlighted through the work of Palagummi Sainath.	4(e)	1	CNISTR	MISC	Persons in News	CAA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E/M	2	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/columns/sainath/article 3595351.ece	
P. V. Sindhu	5(a)	1	CNISTR	MISC	Persons in News	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E	1	The Hindu	W. http://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/article3613616.ece http://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/article2113870.ecehttp://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/more-sports/badminton/l-can-be-next-Saina-Nehwal-PV-Sindhu/articleshow/12855146.cms	
Aditya Kumar Mandi	5(b)	1	CNISTR	MISC	Persons in News	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	М	1	Indian Express	http://www.indianexpress.com/news/sahitya-akademi-awardee-is-a-cisf-constable/916009 http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-03- 11/india/31144867_1_cisf-civil-aviation-security-central-industrial-security-force	
Cyrus Mistry	5(c)	1	CNISTR	MISC	Persons in News	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E	1	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/business/companies/cyrus-p-mistry-is-ratan-tatas-heir-apparent/article2653420.ece	
Ashoke Sen	5(d)	1	CNISTR	MISC	Persons in News	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E	1	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-in-school/article3714630.ece	Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Page 56
Mario de Miranda	5(e)	1	CNISTR	MISC	Persons in News	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E	1	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/article2833587.ece	Current Affairs Notes Dec 2011 Page 24

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Do you think that China's emergence as one of the largest trading partners of India has adversely affected the settlement of the outstanding border problem?	1(a)	2	INDIA & WORL D	FA	India & the world	FCA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	D	25	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article28976 29.ecehttp://www.thehindu.com/news/international/articl e2570427.ece (see comments also) http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-china-to-address-irritants-in-ties/article1694036.ece http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/interview/article385531 3.ece http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article2672222.e	Current AFfairs Notes May 2012 Page 29
Discuss the globalization of R&D and its impact on India's development. Provide an illustration from at least one sector such as Information Technology or Health.	1(b)	2	IEIWW	ΤI	India's economic interaction with the world	CAA	D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	M/D	25	Indian Express	₩.http://www.indianexpress.com/news/india-r-d-outlook-look-promising-zinnov/933444/0 http://www.hindu.com/2005/10/13/stories/200510130434 1000.htm http://www.indianexpress.com/news/india-engg-r-d-market-likely-to-reach45-billion-nasscom/1009079/0 http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/India-has-potential-to-become-RD-hub/articleshow/14322057.cmsBBC: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-18330837 http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/special_section.cf m?specialID=40 http://www.dsir.gov.in/reports/ittp_fgn_rnd/Chapter-IFRD.pdf http://psa.gov.in/need_coherent.pdf http://psa.gov.in/need_coherent.pdf http://www.ibef.org/artdispview.aspx?cat_id=480&art_id=32580∈=62	
Discuss the contentious issues that have caused the prolonged constitutional logjam in Nepal.	1(c)	2	IAI	WA	India & the world	CAA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E/M	25	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/interview/article3486846.ecehttp://www.thehindu.com/news/international/nepals-cafails-to-write-constitution/article3463109.ece	Current Affairs May page 34; Current Affairs July page Page 72; Current Affairs Summary July 2012 Page 3; Test-6 - 2 (a)
The human population is slated to grow to 9 billion by 2050. In this context, many scientists predict that plant genomics would play a critical role in keeping out hunger and preserving the environment. Explain.	1(d)	2	S&T	ВЮТЕСН	S&T	FCA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	М	25	Government Website/ Report	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/interview/article380046 3.ece (issue mentioned) Ψ: 9 Aug 2012:Cultivation of Genetically Modified Food Crops — Prospects and Effects http://164.100.47.134/lsscommittee/Agriculture/GM_Report.pdf http://www.genetics.org/content/188/1/11.full http://www.myoutsourcedbrain.com/2009/10/how-plant-science-can-help-to-fight.html (75%); http://www.genetics.org/content/188/1/11.full	Answer format test 5- Q 1b (I)

"The situation today is far different to that prevalent fifty years back when the Indus Water Treaty was signed." Highlight the complexity of the current challenges on both sides of the border in this regard. Do you think that a review of the Treaty is in India's best interests?	1(e)	2	INDIA & WORL D	FA	India & the world	CAA	D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	M/D	25	The Hindu	Jan 28, 2012, http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/dealing-with-pakistans-fears-on-water/article2837619.ece http://news.outlookindia.com/items.aspx?artid=735240 (issue is mentioned)	The Hindu Summary Jan 2012 page 39
Write a short analytical note on Indian Diaspora. How is the "New Diaspora" different from the "Old Diaspora"?	2(a)	2	INDIA & WORL D	DIASPOR A	India & the world	FA	E: before Jan 2011	D	15	PIB	http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=41305 http://books.google.co.in/books?id=ofo3H1cWp6IC&pg= PA125&lpg=PA125&dq=%22new+Indian+diaspora%22 &source=bl&ots=Qp3yOurnYW&sig=5oDQJP_IA28Xute dx491ZVdSo90&hl=en&sa=X&ei=461zUlinI42Nrge3sYD wDQ&ved=0CFsQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=%22new%2 QIndian%20diaspora%22&f=false http://images.gmanews.tv/pdf/aseanconf/JAIN,%20Prak ash.pdf http://moia.gov.in/accessories.aspx?aid=10 http://moia.gov.in/accessories.aspx?aid=11	
Why have the resource rich African and South Asian countries remained poor for decades? Explain.	2(b)	2	IAI	WA	International Affairs and Institutions	FA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	M	15	Economic Times	http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-04/news/31287532_1_extreme-poverty-poverty-estimates-saharan	
Does Putin's return as President of Russia mark a shift to a confrontationist stance in international diplomacy towards the West?	2(c)	2	IAI	WA	International Affairs and Institutions	CAA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	D	15	The Hindu	Ψ.http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/europe/russia/110924/us-vladimir-putin-return-reset (issue is mentioned) http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/russian-foreign-policy-after-putins-return	Many articles and news items
Analyse critically the interlinkages between the Convention on Biological Diversity and FAO Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.	2(d)	2	IAI	=	India's economic interaction with the world	U	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	D	15	Government Website/ Report	₩: 9 Aug 2012:Cultivation of Genetically Modified Food Crops — Prospects and Effects http://164.100.47.134/lsscommittee/Agriculture/GM_Report.pdf FOURTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY Bali, Indonesia, 14 – 18 March 2011 Part I. Relationship with the Convention on Biological Diversity http://www.planttreaty.org/sites/default/files/R8_2011_en.pdf	
Critically review the international concern in achieving the targets set for the Millennium Development Goals.	2(e)	2	IAI	II	International Affairs and Institutions	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E/M	15	TOI	Ψ. MDG Gap task force report 2012: http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-09- 22/mumbai/34021487 1_bilateral-aid-donor-ldcs http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op- ed/article695217.ece http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op- ed/article777277.ece	Current affairs Aug 2012. Page 44; Current affairs - Hindu Summary- August 2012- Page 9; Current affairs March 2012. Page 30

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Discuss the likely impact of the protectionist measures proposed by the US on India's software industry.	2(f)	2	IEIWW	TI	India's economic interaction with the world	CAA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	М	15	The Hindu	Ψ.http://www.indianexpress.com/news/us-call-centre-bill-has-govt-worried/890856/0 http://www.indianexpress.com/news/us-ignored-indias-antiprotectionist-objections-govt/9286142. http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/indian-it-firms-look-to-europe-to-diversify-business/article663277.ece http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=87242	Current Affairs Notes July 2012 Pg 90
In the context of Assisted Reproductive Technologies, India has emerged as a hub of commercial surrogacy. What key biological, legal and ethical issues merit consideration while framing the regulation to govern surrogacy in India?	3(a)	2	S&T	MISC	National Social issues	CAA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	3	10	The Hindu	W. http://pib.nic.in/newsite/efeatures.aspx?relid=72127 http://www.thehindu.com/news/article3640405.ece?hom epage=true 17/7/2012: Everyone forgets the surrogate: http://www.indianexpress.com/news/everyone-forgets-the-surrogate/975372/0 22/5/12: In its infancy: http://www.indianexpress.com/news/in-its-infancy/9520811. Need to Regulate Indian Surrogacy Industry: sept. 2011: Frontline: Wombs for rent: http://www.frontlineonnet.com/fl2818/stories/201109092 81809000.htm EPW: Why All Non-Altruistic Surrogacy Should Be Banned: http://www.epw.in/commentary/why-all-non-altruistic-surrogacy-should-be-banned.html New York Times: http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/10/world/asia/10surrogate.html? r=1&pagewanted=all& moc.semityn.www	Current Affairs Summary July 2012 Page 58
Why is international trade perceived to have failed to act as an "engine of growth" in many developing countries including India?	3(b)	2	IEIWW	TI	India's economic interaction with the world	FCA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	M	10	Reco. Books	TMH:International Economics page 203 Yojana Feb 2012: http://www.yojana.gov.in/cms/pdf/Yojana/English/2012/Yojana%20February%202012.pdf	
Despite strict prohibitory regulations, "doping" has become increasingly common amongst athletes. Name five commonly used performance-enhancing drugs. What are the risks associated with their use?	3(c)	2	S&T	MISC	S&T	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	М	10	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/article221920 2.ece (50%) http://www.thehindu.com/sport/athletics/article3653713. ece http://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/article3710793.ece	Current Affairs Notes Dec 2011, Page 28 (partial) S&T image notes page 8 (mention) CURRENT AFFAIRS 2011: JULY page 33
Compare the significance of IBSA and BRICS in the context of India's multilateral diplomacy.	3(d)	2	IAI	=	International Affairs and Institutions	CAA	D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	E/M	10	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/brics-set-to-outshine-ibsa/article1978593.ece?css=print (answers well)	Current Affairs Notes March 2012 Pg 15

The safe landing of the "Curiosity" Rover under NASA's space programme has sparked many possibilities. What are those and how could humankind benefit from them.	3(e)	2	S&T	SPACE	S&T	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E	10	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/rover-first-step-to-human-space-programme-to-mars/article3712917.ece http://www.indianexpress.com/news/our-curiosity/985109	Test-8- 7 (a); Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Pg 81
How have the US sanctions against Iran affected India's bilateral relations with Iran?	3(f)	2	INDIA & WORL D	SAD	India & the world	CAA	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	М	10	Indian Express	http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/article299 1586.ece Loksabha UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 5437 (ANSWERED ON 09.05.2012) http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3477292.ece http://www.indianexpress.com/news/obamas-iran-remarks-wont-affect-our-policies-india/718661/1	Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Pg 63
What is Permaculture? Give at least three common examples where permaculture concepts are being put to use.	3(g)	2	S&T	MISC	Ecology & Environment	U	C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	D	10	TOI	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Eats-shoots-and-leaves/articleshow/10977051.cms	
The Sequoia supercomputer was launched this year. What are its specific features and what is its purpose?	4(a)	2	S&T	IT	S&T	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	E	5	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-metroplus/article3560449.ece http://www.indianexpress.com/news/us-regains-top-spot-for-fastest-supercomputer/963906	Test-5- 8(k); Current Affairs Notes July 2012 Pg 93
What is meant by the G8+5 group?	4(b)	2	IAI	II	International Affairs and Institutions	F	E: before Jan 2011	M	5	The Hindu	http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/28/stories/200907285511 0800.htm	
The Human Papilloma Virus vaccine has been making the headlines in the recent months. Who make the ideal candidates for receiving this vaccine and what are its benefits?	4(c)	2	S&T	MISC	S&T	CA	A: May 2012- Aug 2012	M/D	5	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3570279.ecehttp://www.indianexpress.com/news/authenticity-of-cervical-cancer-vaccine-trial-in-india-questioned/964881/0	current affairs - Hindu Summary- April 2012 page 2 (partial)
What are India's stakes in the South China Sea?	4(d)	2	INDIA & WORL D	SAD	India & the world	CA	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	М	5	The Hindu	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/article3443199.ece	Test-6- 7(c);Current affairs - Hindu Summary- October 2011- Article -'A vision for the Indian ocean' and 'India, Vietnam sign pact'
Explain the concepts "Environmental Sustainability" and "Sustainable Development of People".	4(e)	2	IAI	П	Ecology & Environment	F	F: Time Indepen dent	E/M	5	Indian Express	http://www.indianexpress.com/news/ne-environmentally-mostsustainable/961961	
Explain briefly the "Clean Development Mechanism" as provided under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).	4(f)	2	IAI	11	Ecology & Environment	F	B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	E	5	Indian Express	http://www.indianexpress.com/news/industries-in-gujarat-lead-in-carbon-credits/939679 http://www.pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=41466 http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=64589	
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Conclusion

- It looks that UPSC wants that aspirants should read from variety of sources with keen observation.
- Aspirants should be able to assemble **bits and pieces** of information into a good answer.
- They should not be biased by opinion of a single news paper/individual instead develop critical thinking based on informed opinion. Instead of memorizing the pre cooked answer key concept/logic/data need to be memorized and answer should be framed dynamically based on demand of question.
- As the portion of long questions has been increased it looks that UPSC is again interested in **analysis** instead of range of facts.
- As the number of questions are reduced and formal/sectional grouping(history, polity) is almost absent as well as choices reduced, UPSC is moving toward uniform and compulsory testing pattern. (though, nothing is permanent, the pattern can change the next year)
- Bits and piece assembling based writing is not quite natural so student need to practice similar writing.
- Student should also practice writing against commonly held opinions. On almost all topics you must have positive and negative points. (role of Plant genomics in preserving the environment. Opposite is more popular.;)
- Newspaper should be used as pointer/introducer of topics. Relevant material (i.e., the background) basic information) about this topic should be assembled from primary source such as govt website. authentic publication (Yojana, Frontline, PIB, INDIA yearbook, EPW etc.).
- It appears that UPSC is widening its source base. Inside the source base first low hanging fruits (core areas. Like - forms of classical music) are picked and then higher hanging (peripheral issues. Likecategories of musical instruments came this year; This question was covered in our test paper because we followed the similar psychology) are picked. So student are advised to prepare in entirety and broaden their peripheral area each year.
- Though it appears that almost all questions are current based and/or current inspired but it should not inferred that there is no need to read traditional books. Without the basic/background knowledge you won't be able to completely comprehend the news as well as write a satisfactory answer. So we advise that preparation should be integrative instead of differentiative. Moreover it's the habit of UPSC to defy any trend.
- The analysis shows very low percentage of popular magazines (Yojana, Science Reporter, Frontline, EPW etc.). This is because of source priority. These magazines are more analytical and provide consolidated/integrated knowledge in comparison to newspaper. So whenever you have time you may read these magazines.
- Though we have mentioned 3-4 news papers as source and motivator but we don't recommend that you should follow all these. Students are recommended to read one news paper completely and editorials of another news paper. You should not restlessly target to cover unconventional questions because there percentage is very less and these are not differentiators (instead we consider them as distracters).



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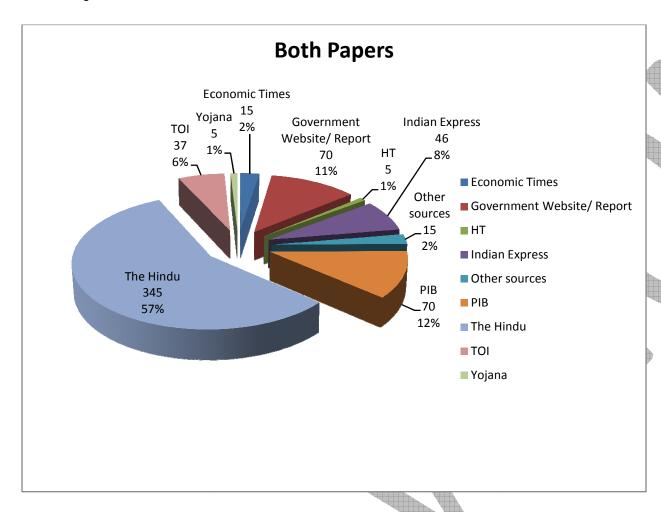
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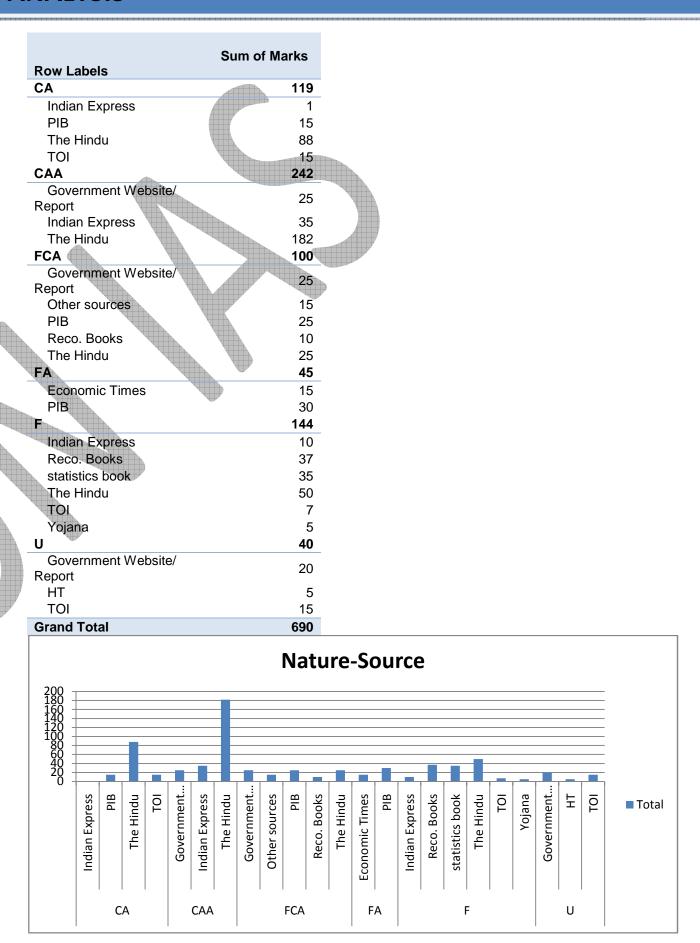
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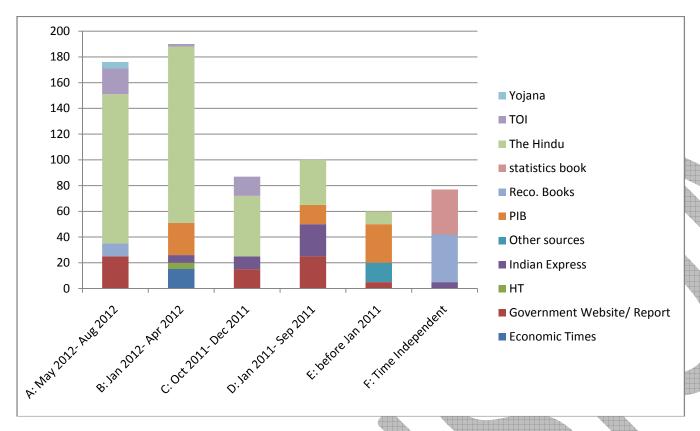
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Indian Express	46
Other sources	15
PIB	70
The Hindu	345
TOI	37
Yojana	5
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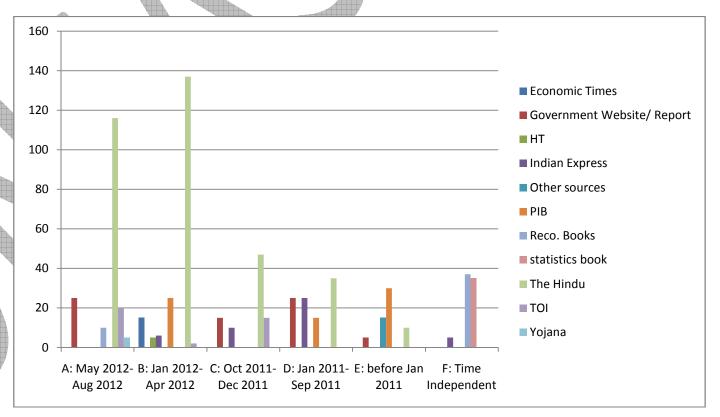
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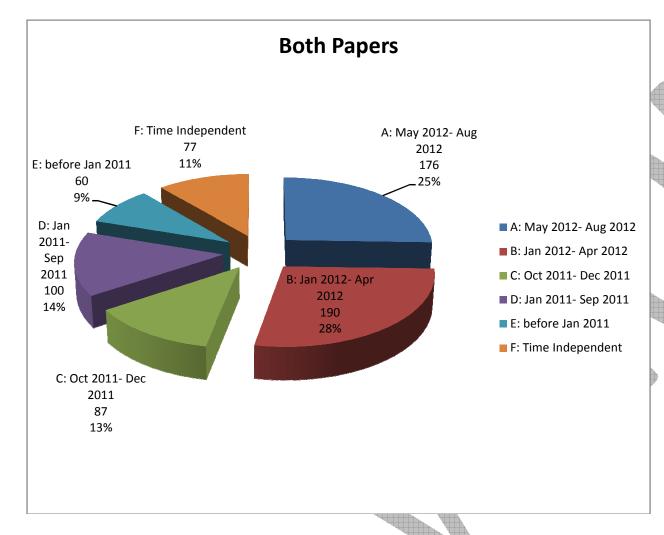
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B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	15		5	6		25			137	2		190
C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011		15		10					47	15		87
D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011		25		25		15			35			100
E: before Jan 2011		5			15	30	-		10			60
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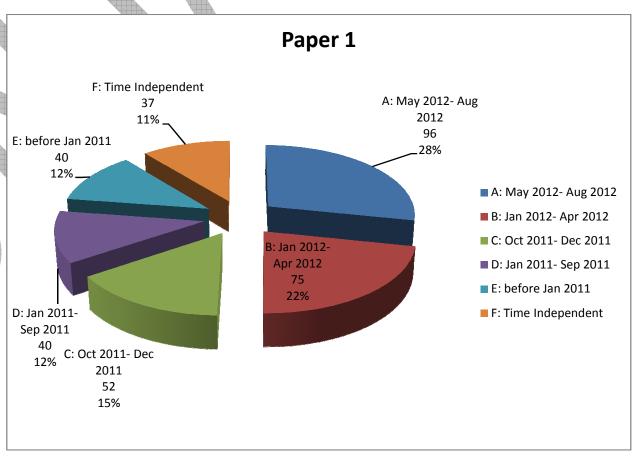


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A: May 2012- Aug 2012	176
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Grand Total	690



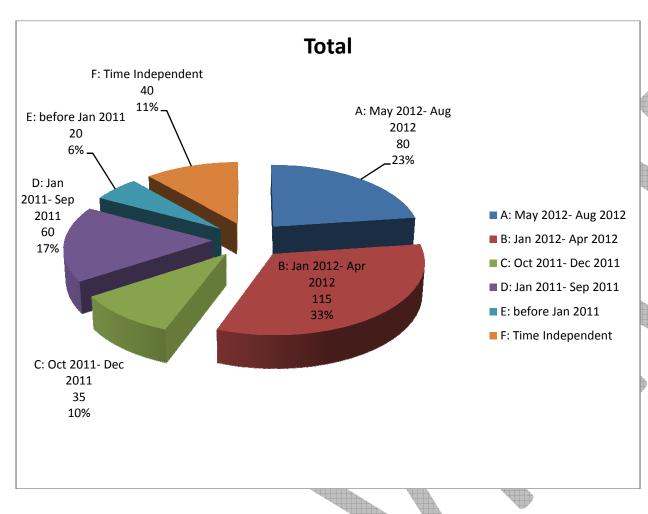




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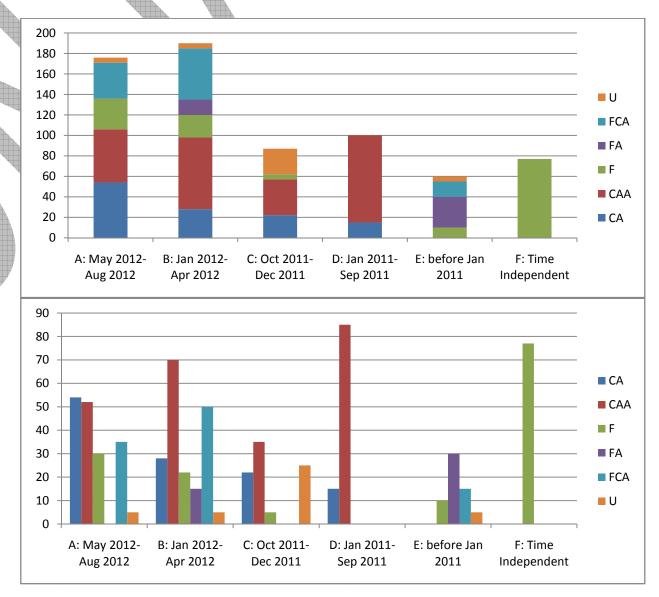
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Row Labels	Sum of Marks
A: May 2012- Aug 2012	80
B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	115
C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	35
D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	60
E: before Jan 2011	20
F: Time Independent	40
Grand Total	350



PAPER (AII)

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A: May 2012- Aug 2012	54	52	30	A	35	5	176
B: Jan 2012- Apr 2012	28	70	22	15	50	5	190
C: Oct 2011- Dec 2011	22	35	5			25	87
D: Jan 2011- Sep 2011	15	85	4				100
E: before Jan 2011			10	30	15	5	60
F: Time Independent		4	77				77
Grand Total	119	242	144	45	100	40	690



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1(a)	25
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Science and Tech Notes- Science Reporter- Part 1- Page 1; Test-10- 1 (a) (mentions partly)	0.5
1(b) FCA	25
Current Affair July 2012 page 50(RSBY+criticism); April Summary page 18(size+); Government - Scheme - Programme - current affairs (Supplementary material) page 21,23,26	
1(c)	25
F	
Current affairs - Hindu Summary- June 2012- Article 'Desertification is nearly as critical as climate change'	
1(d)	25
CAA	
Current Affairs - Aug 2011- Page 4	05
1(f) CAA	25
Current Affairs Notes July 2012 Page 65	
2(a)	15
CAA	
Summary Notes July 2012- Page 12; Frontline- Quick Revision- Page 1	
2(b)	15
CA	
Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Page 38	45
2(c) FCA	15
Current Affairs Notes July 2012 Page 28; Current Affairs Notes Aug 2012 Page 25 (I); Test 4 Q7(b) (I)	
2(f)	15
CAA	
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2(g)	15
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3(b) CA	5
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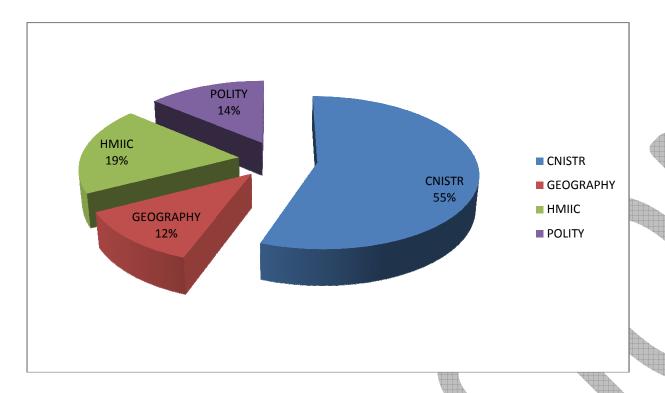


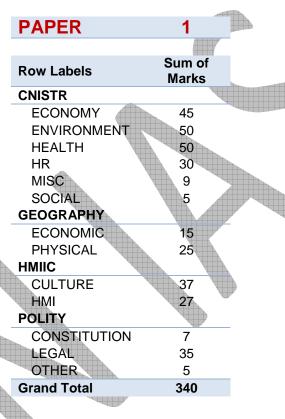
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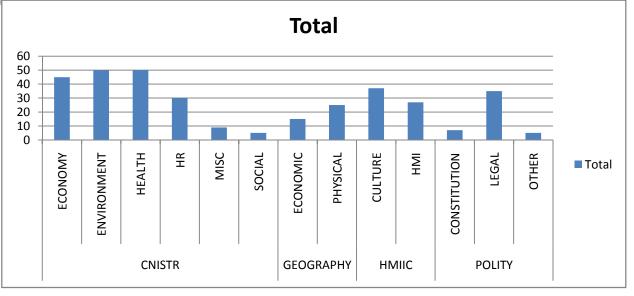
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POLITY	47
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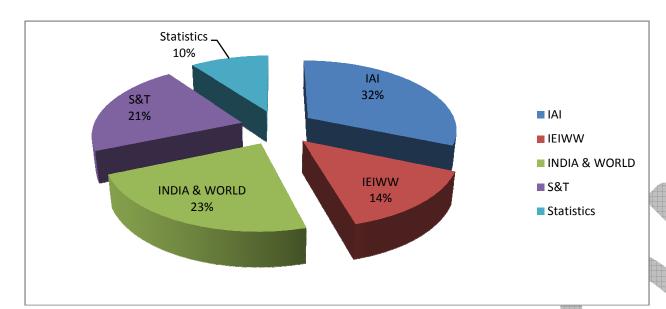




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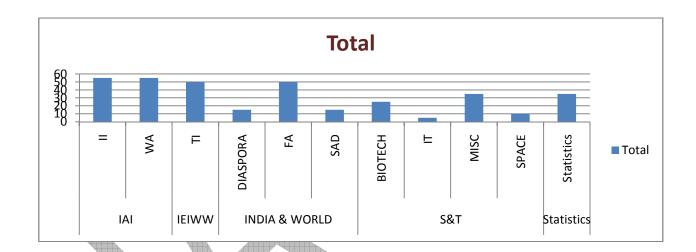
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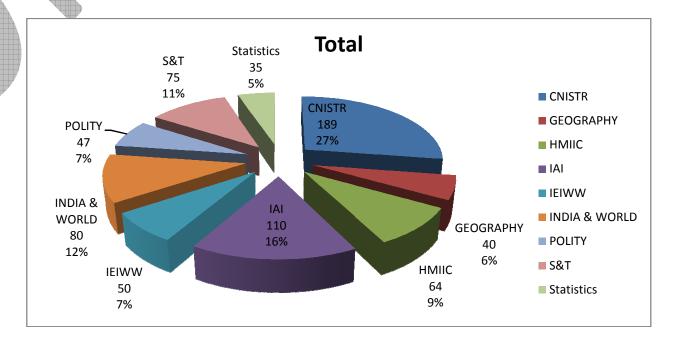
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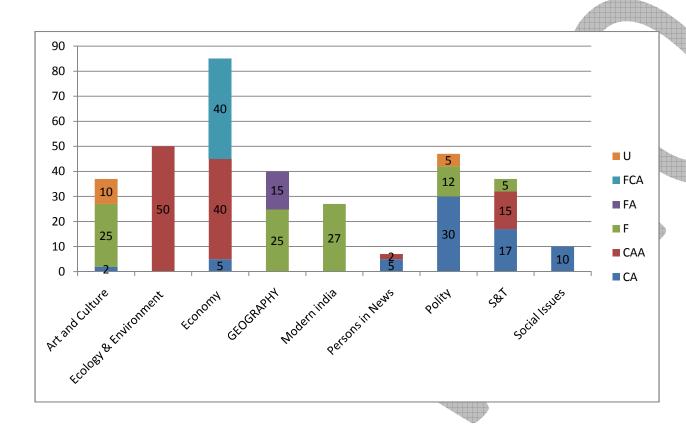
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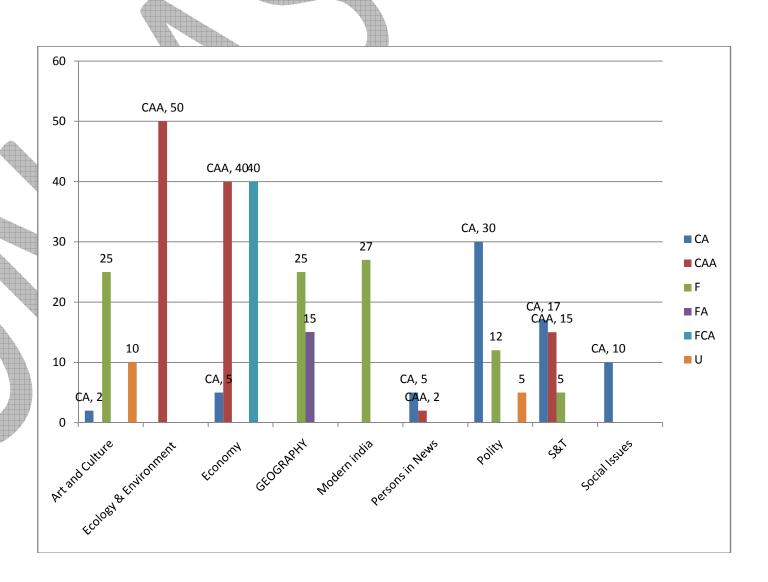


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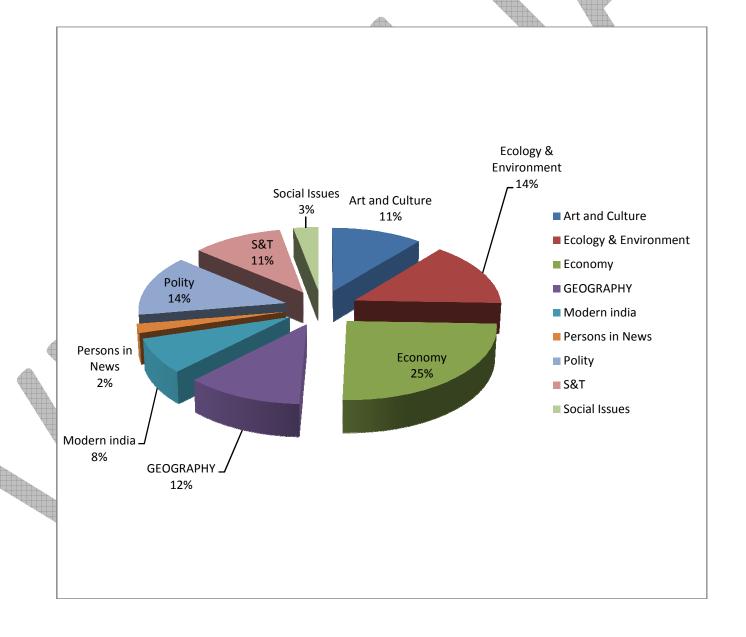
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GEOGRAPHY			25	15			40
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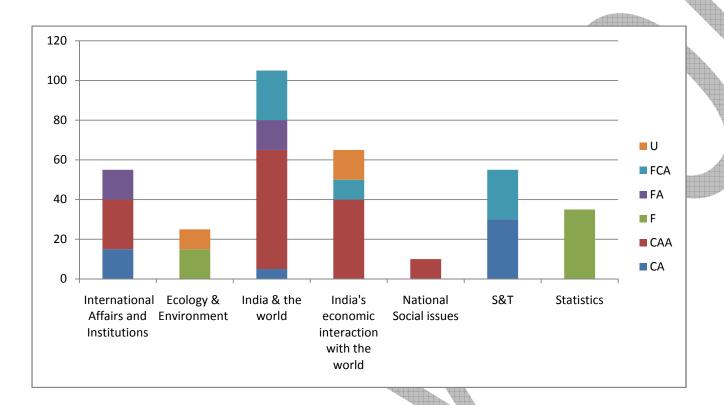
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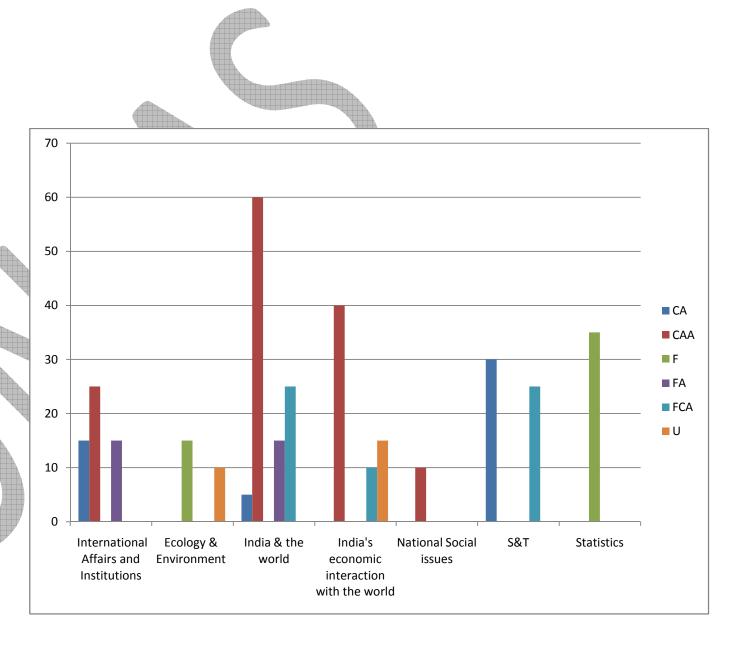
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India & the world	5	60		15	25		105
India's economic interaction with the world		40			10	15	65
National Social issues		10					10
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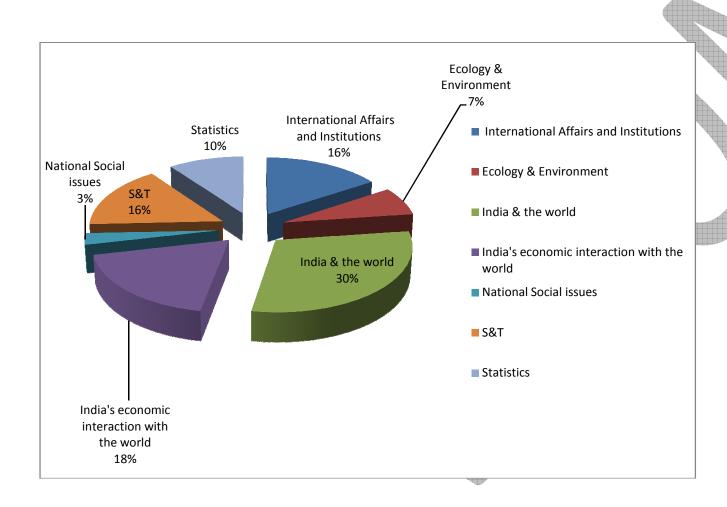




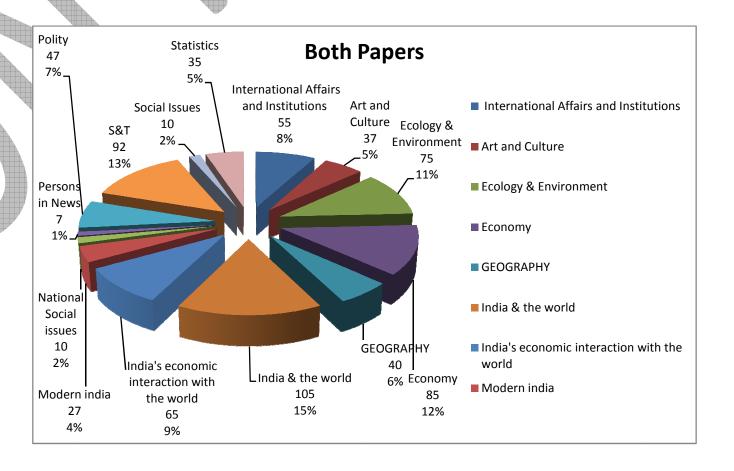
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National Social issues	10
S&T	55
Statistics	35
Grand Total	350



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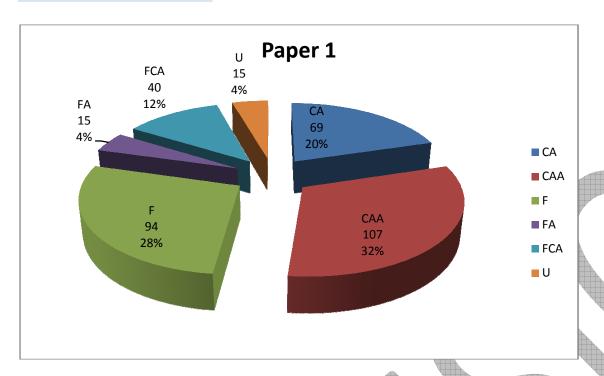


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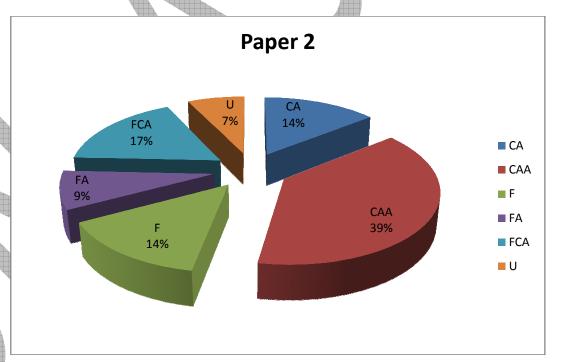
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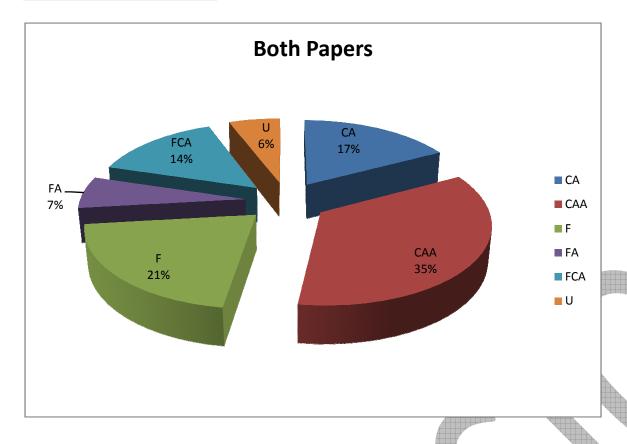
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One year Integrated Programme # Two Years Integrated programme

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Row Labels	Sum of Marks
CA	119
CAA	242
F	144
FA	45
FCA	100
U	40
Grand Total	690

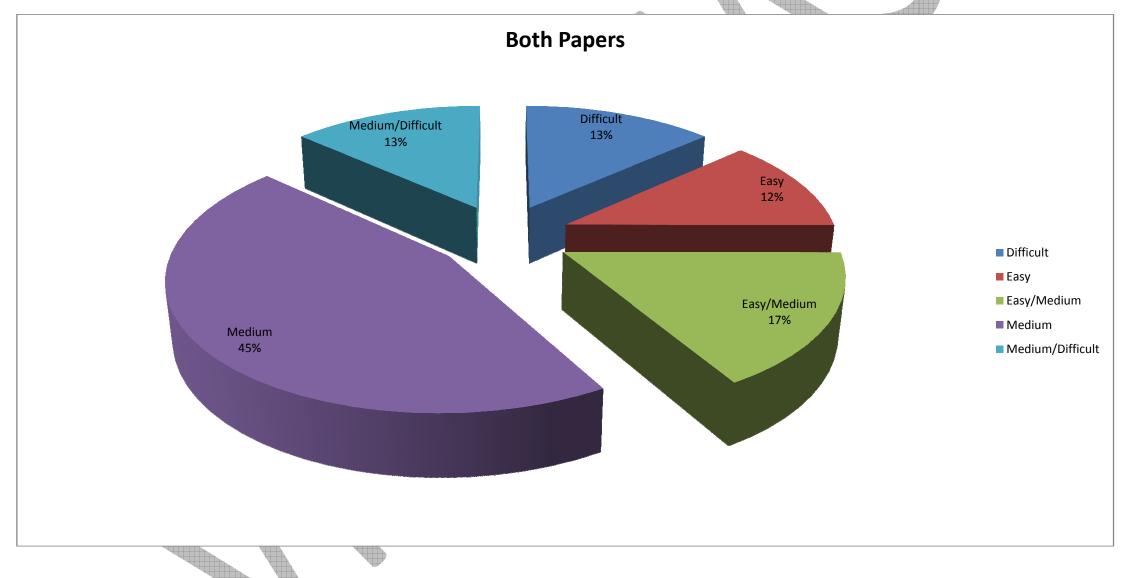


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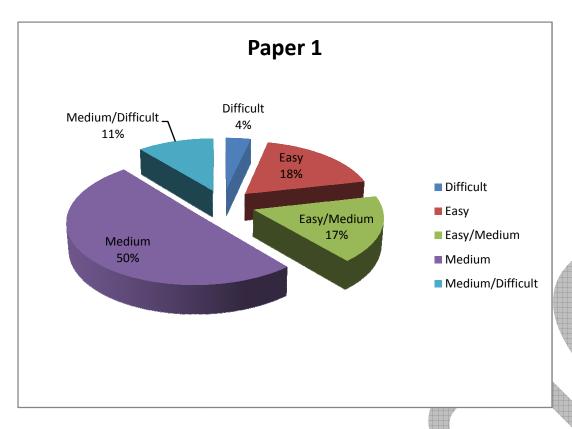
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ECONOMY	
ENVIRONMENT	
HEALTH	
LID	Other issues relating to the development and
HR	management of human resource.
MISC	Miscellaneous issues
SOCIAL	
GEOGRAPHY	
ECONOMIC	
PHYSICAL	
HMIIC	
CULTURE	
HMI	History of Modern India
IAI	
<u> </u>	International institutions.
WA	world affairs
IEIWW	
TI	trade issues
INDIA & WORLD	
DIASPORA	
	Foreign Affairs with special emphasis on India's
FA	relations with neighbouring countries and in the
	region.
SAD	Security and defence related matters.
POLITY	
CONSTITUTION	
LEGAL	
OTHER	other issues emerging from the politico-
COT	administrative system prevalent in the country.
S&T	
BIOTECH	
IT	Miccellaneous Topics
MISC	Miscellaneous Topics
SPACE	

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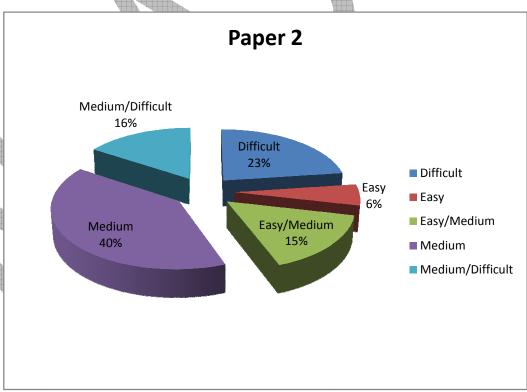
Row Labels	Sum of Marks
Difficult	92
Easy	81
Easy/Medium	114
Medium	311
Medium/Difficult	92
Grand Total	690



PAPER	1
Row Labels	Sum of Marks
Difficult	12
Easy	61
Easy/Medium	59
Medium	171
Medium/Difficult	37
Grand Total	340







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