

Indian Society Old Questions in UPSC Mains GS 1

Indian Society is an important part of UPSC Mains General Studies Paper 1. Many questions that are asked in the Mains GS-I paper of the [IAS Exam](#), are directly related to the Indian society and its different facets like globalization, women empowerment, communalism, secularism, regionalism and more. Get all the previous year questions asked from the year 2013-2019, from the syllabus of Indian Society in the UPSC Mains examination.

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History Questions for UPSC Mains GS 1	Geography Questions for UPSC Mains GS 1
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Previous Year Questions on Indian Society (Year Wise)

The tables below will provide Indian Society questions for UPSC Mains GS 1 from the year 2013-2019. Candidates can refer to the detailed [GS 1 Structure, Syllabus and Strategy](#) in the linked article.

2019 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. Can the strategy of regional-resource based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India?
2. Discuss the factors for localization of agro-based food processing industries of North West India.
3. "Empowering women is the key to control population growth". Discuss.
4. What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?
5. What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India?
6. How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism?
7. How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development of India?
8. Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.
9. What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?
10. Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.

2018 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?
2. Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?
3. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, the caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.

4. 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons.
5. How is the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.
6. Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.
7. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identify industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.
8. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.
9. 'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.
10. 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.
11. 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.

2017 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulses because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by the United Nations.
2. 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 viewpoint.
3. What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes(STs)?
4. 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.
5. 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?
6. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.
7. "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.

2016 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity?
2. To what extent has globalisation influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.
3. "An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.
4. 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.
5. With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme.'
6. What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on a regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.

2015 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.
2. Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the main cause of population increase in India.
3. 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?
4. Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.
5. Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India?
6. Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.

2014 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?
2. Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.
3. The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss.
4. How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?
5. How does India see its place in the economic space of rising natural resources rich Africa?

2013 - Indian Society UPSC Questions For Mains General Studies 1

1. Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India.
2. Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from gender bias. Comment.
3. Critically examine the effects of globalization on the aged population in India.
4. Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in the generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss.
5. Do you agree that there is a growing trend of opening new sugar mills in the Southern states of India? Discuss with justification.
6. Analyse the factors for the highly decentralized cotton textile industry in India.