

UPSC PREPARATION

2016 UPSC mains GS paper III

Questions on growth and resource mobilization:

1. Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is necessary for bringing unbanked to the institutional finance fold. Do you agree with this for financial inclusion of the poorer section of the Indian society? Give arguments to justify your opinion.
2. Comment on the challenges for inclusive growth which include careless and useless manpower in the Indian context. Suggest measures to be taken for facing these challenges.

Questions on infrastructure and investment:

1. What are 'Smart Cities? Examine their relevance for urban development in India. Will it increase rural-urban differences? Give arguments for Smart Villages' in the light of PURA and RURBAN Mission.
2. Justify the need for FDI for the development of the Indian economy. Why there is gap between MOUs signed and actual FDIs? Suggest remedial steps to be taken for increasing actual FDIs in India.

Questions on budget:

1. Women empowerment in India needs gender budgeting. What are the requirements and status of gender budgeting in the Indian context?

Questions on liberalization:

1. How globalization has led to the reduction of employment in the formal sector of the Indian economy? Is increased informalization detrimental to the development of the country?

Questions on land reforms:

1. Discuss the role of land reforms in agricultural development. Identify the factors that were responsible for the success of land reforms in India.

Questions on cropping:

1. What is water-use efficiency? Describe the role of micro-irrigation in increasing the water-use efficiency.
2. What is allelopathy? Discuss its role in major cropping systems of irrigated agriculture.
3. Given the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to vagaries of nature, discuss the need for crop insurance and bring out the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

Questions on science and technology:

1. Discuss India's achievements in the field of Space Science and Technology. How the application of this technology has helped India in its socio-economic development?
2. Why is nanotechnology one of the key technologies of the 21st century? Describe the salient features of Indian Government's Mission on Nanoscience and Technology and the scope of its application in the development process of the country.

Questions on environment:

1. Give an account of the current status and the targets to be achieved pertaining to renewable energy sources in the country. Discuss in brief the importance of National Programme on Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).
2. Rehabilitation of human settlements is one of the important environmental impacts which always attracts controversy while planning major projects. Discuss the measures suggested for mitigation of this impact while proposing major developmental projects.

Questions on disaster:

1. The frequency of urban floods due to high intensity rainfall is increasing over the years. Discussing the reasons for urban floods. Highlight the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.
2. With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines, discuss the measures to be adopted to mitigate the impact of the recent incidents of cloudbursts in many places of Uttarakhand.

Questions on extremism/terrorism:

1. "Terrorism is emerging as a competitive industry over the last few decades." Analyse the above statement.

Questions on cyber security:

1. Use of Internet and social media by non-state actors for subversive activities is a major concern. How have these have misused in the recent past? Suggest effective guidelines to curb the above threat.

Questions on cross border terrorism:

1. The terms 'Hot Pursuit' and 'Surgical Strikes' are often used in connection with armed action against terrorist attacks. Discuss the strategic impact of such actions.
2. Border management is a complex task due to difficult terrain and hostile relations with some countries. Elucidate the challenges and strategies for effective border management.