UPSC Mains GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) — All PYQs (2013–2026)

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UPSC CSE Mains 2026 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: KVMS-G-GSA)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Importance of Ashokan inscriptions for reconstructing Mauryan history

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of Macaulay's Minute on colonial administration and education in India

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance of Gandhian movements lying in the masses they mobilized

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Fujiwhara effect & its impact on movement and intensity of tropical cyclones

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tundra regions as ecologically fragile but economically important

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of aeolian processes in desertification and land degradation

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Water resources as both an asset and a source of conflict in South Asia

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Unity in diversity as defining feature of Indian society despite communalism and regionalism

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Understanding disability & substantiating need for inclusive policy framework in India

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether digital technology promotes social empowerment with examples

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Vijayanagara architecture exemplifying amalgamation of past traditions with contemporary practices

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Linguistic reorganization of Indian States driven by popular pressure from below

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Model of planned economy adopted in India to address regional imbalances left by colonial rule

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Compare Loo, Chinook and Foehn winds (regions of prevalence, nature, climatic impacts)

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of satellite-based technologies in achieving climate-smart agriculture and food security

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Centre of global trade gradually shifting from the Atlantic region to the Indo-Pacific region

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Major drivers of human-induced land-use changes in India and their geographical consequences

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether caste is disappearing in urban India with examples

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

Challenges of demographic transition in contemporary India

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of globalization on Indian youths across social, political, economic and cultural spheres

UPSC CSE Mains 2025 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: SLPM-G-GSA)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Salient features of Harappan architecture

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main aspects of Akbar's religious syncretism

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Sculptors filling the Chandella artform with resilient vigor and breadth of life

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Climate change and sea level rise affecting the very existence of many island nations

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Non-farm primary activities & how they relate to physiographic features in India

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Ecological and economic benefits of solar energy generation in India

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tsunamis: how and where they are formed & their consequences with examples

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How smart city in India addresses issues of urban poverty and distributive justice

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Ethos of civil service in India standing for professionalism combined with nationalistic consciousness

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether globalization results in only an aggressive consumer culture

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Mahatma Jotirao Phule's writings and social reforms touching almost all subaltern classes

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's consolidation process during early phase of independence (polity, economy, education, IR)

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Enduring relevance of the French Revolution to the contemporary world

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Geographical explanation of distribution of off-shore oil reserves vs on-shore occurrences

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Effective use of AI and drones along with GIS and RS techniques in locational and areal planning

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Changes in shape and sizes of continents and ocean basins due to tectonic movements

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Distribution and density of population in Ganga River Basin (land, soil, water resources)

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Growing fast food industries despite increased health concerns — Indian experience

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Sustainable growth with environmental protection coming into conflict with poor people's needs

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]

Whether tribal development in India centres around two axes: displacement and rehabilitation

UPSC CSE Mains 2024 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: PHKM-G-GSU)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Changes in society and economy from the Rig Vedic to the later Vedic period

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Contribution of Pallavas of Kanchi to art and literature of South India

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Events that led to the Quit India Movement & its results

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Sea surface temperature rise & how it affects formation of tropical cyclones

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why large cities attract more migrants than smaller towns in developing countries

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Phenomenon of 'cloudbursts'

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Concept of 'demographic winter' & whether the world is moving towards it

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguish gender equality, gender equity & women's empowerment; gender concerns in programmes

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Intercaste marriages increasing among socio-economically equal castes vs interreligious marriages

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Most productive collaboration between government, NGOs and private sector for development

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Great Cholas remembered with pride for highest achievements in art and architecture

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → World History [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether First World War was fought essentially for preservation of balance of power

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Industrial Revolution in England in decline of handicrafts and cottage industries in India

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Serious decline of groundwater potential in Gangetic valley & impact on India's food security

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
What are aurora australis and aurora borealis & how they are triggered

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
What is a twister & why majority of twisters are observed around the Gulf of Mexico

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Regional disparity vs diversity & seriousness of regional disparity in India

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Underprivileged sections not yet getting full benefits of constitutional affirmative action

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Globalization increasing urban migration of skilled, young, unmarried women — freedom & family impact

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Correlation between India's cultural diversities and socio-economic marginalities

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UPSC CSE Mains 2023 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: SKYC-G-GSU)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore on education and nationalism

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Socio-economic effects of the introduction of railways in different countries of the world

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Consequences of climate change on food security in tropical countries

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why the world is confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
How fjords are formed & why they constitute some of the most picturesque areas of the world

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Why South-West Monsoon is called 'Purvaiya' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region & impact on cultural ethos

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in Modern India

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why suicide among young women is increasing in Indian society

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Child cuddling being replaced by mobile phones — impact on socialization of children

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main features of Vedic society and religion & features still prevailing in Indian society

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Major technological changes during the Sultanate period & influence on Indian society

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How colonial rule affected tribals in India & tribal response to colonial oppression

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Resource potentials of India's long coastline & status of natural hazard preparedness

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors for diversity of natural vegetation in India & significance of rain forest wildlife sanctuaries

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why human development failed to keep pace with economic development in India

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's emergence from net food importer in 1960s to net food exporter to the world

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether urbanization leads to more segregation and/or marginalization of poor in Indian metropolises

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why caste identity in India is both fluid and static

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism

UPSC CSE Mains 2022 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: N/A (typeset PYQ))

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Medieval Indian temple sculptures representing the social life of those days

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why British East India Company armies (mostly Indian soldiers) consistently defeated larger Indian armies

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Reasons for sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Characteristics and types of primary rocks

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone-prone areas given by IMD

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Natural resource potentials of 'Deccan Trap'

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Potential of wind energy in India & reasons for its limited spatial spread

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Growth of Tier 2 cities related to rise of a new middle class & culture of consumption

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Specific contexts in which diverse tribal communities in India should be considered a single category

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Political and administrative reorganization of states/territories as continuous process since mid-19th century

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance of lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Forces influencing ocean currents & their role in the fishing industry of the world

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Distribution of rubber-producing countries & major environmental issues faced by them

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance of straits and isthmus in international trade

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Troposphere as a significant atmospheric layer determining weather processes

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tolerance, assimilation and pluralism as key elements in Indian form of secularism

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources (India)

UPSC CSE Mains 2021 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: HXS-G-GSU)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Nature of Bhakti literature and its contribution to Indian culture

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements: Young Bengal and Brahmo Samaj

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in integration of Indian Princely States

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Differentiate causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why India's mining industry contributes much less to GDP despite being part of Gondwanaland

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Environmental implications of reclamation of water bodies into urban land use with examples

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why India is considered as a subcontinent

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Uniqueness of tribal knowledge system compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Extent to which role of the Moderates prepared a base for the wider freedom movement

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation & Civil Disobedience Movements

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and impact on local weather conditions

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How melting of Arctic ice and Antarctic glaciers differently affect weather patterns & human activities

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Main socio-economic implications of development of IT industries in major cities of India

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main objectives of Population Education and measures to achieve them in India

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
What is Cryptocurrency; how it affects global society and Indian society

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How Indian society maintains continuity in traditional social values & changes taking place

UPSC CSE Mains 2020 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: URC-G-GSU)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Rock-cut architecture as one of the most important sources of early Indian art and history

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Pala period as the most significant phase in the history of Buddhism in India

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Policies of Lord Curzon and their long-term implications on the national movement

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Geophysical characteristics of Circum-Pacific Zone

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Process of desertification does not have climatic boundaries

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Melting of Himalayan glaciers and far-reaching impact on India's water resources

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Present location of iron and steel industries away from source of raw material

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether caste has lost its relevance in understanding multi-cultural Indian society

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
COVID-19 pandemic accelerating class inequalities and poverty in India

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Regionalism in India as a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Indian philosophy and tradition in conceiving and shaping monuments and art

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Persian literary sources of medieval India reflecting the spirit of the age

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
National movement acquiring various ideological strands and expanding social base since 1920s

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Interlinking of rivers as viable solution to droughts, floods and interrupted navigation

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Huge flooding of million cities including smart ones like Hyderabad & Pune; remedial measures

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Immense potential of solar energy in India & regional variations in development

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Status of forest resources of India and resultant impact on climate change

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether diversity and pluralism in India are under threat due to globalisation

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Customs and traditions suppressing reason leading to obscurantism

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How digital initiatives in India contributed to functioning of the education system

UPSC CSE Mains 2019 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: SDF-G-GSU)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Central Asian and Greco-Bactrian elements in Gandhara art

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
1857 Uprising as culmination of recurrent local rebellions over preceding 100 years of British rule

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Linkages between 19th century 'Indian Renaissance' and emergence of national identity

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of global warming on coral life system with examples

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Causes of depletion of mangroves & importance in maintaining coastal ecology

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Regional resource-based manufacturing strategy for promoting employment in India

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors for localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
What makes Indian society unique in sustaining its culture

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Empowering women as key to control population growth

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Challenges to cultural practices in the name of secularism

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Many voices strengthening and enriching the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Role of British imperial power in complicating transfer of power during the 1940s

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How foundations of the modern world were laid by American and French Revolutions

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Water stress: meaning & how/why it differs regionally in India

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Restoring mountain ecosystem from negative impact of development initiatives and tourism

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Efficient and affordable urban mass transport as key to rapid economic development of India

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
How ocean currents and water masses differ in impacts on marine life and coastal environment

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cultural pockets of small India all over the nation with examples

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Continued challenges for women in India against time and space

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Are we losing our local identity for the global identity?

UPSC CSE Mains 2018 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: EGT-G-GSO)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Safeguarding the Indian art heritage as the need of the moment

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Importance of Chinese and Arab travellers' accounts in reconstructing Indian history

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance of Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts in present times

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Need for Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) & role in navigation

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why India is taking keen interest in resources of Arctic Region

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Define mantle plume & explain its role in plate tectonics

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Caste system assuming new identities & associational forms; why it cannot be eradicated

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why poverty still exists despite government poverty eradication programmes

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Indian concept of secularism vs Western model of secularism

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Re-orientation of the Bhakti movement with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Critically Examine | Current-Affairs Linked]
Whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial for India's economy

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why British took indentured labour from India to other colonies & preservation of cultural identity

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Water harvesting system as ideal solution for depleting groundwater & urban effectiveness

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Defining blue revolution; problems & strategies for pisciculture development in India

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance & main characteristics of Industrial Corridors in India

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Core strategies for transformation of aspirational districts: convergence, collaboration & competition

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Women's movement in India not addressing issues of women of lower social strata

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Globalization promoting cultural homogenization vs strengthening cultural specificities in India

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Communalism arising either due to power struggle or relative deprivation

UPSC CSE Mains 2017 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: STH-G-GSO)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Excellence of Gupta numismatic art vs later times

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Mid-18th century India beset with fragmented polity

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why Moderates failed to carry conviction by end of 19th century

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Problems in decolonization of Malay Peninsula

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
NASA Juno Mission & origin/evolution of Earth

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Coal mining still inevitable for development despite environmental impact

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Advantages of pulses cultivation & UN International Year of Pulses 2016

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How cryosphere affects global climate

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Regions forming cultural units rather than States in India

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Two major post-Independence legal initiatives against ST discrimination

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Spirit of tolerance and love in Indian society from ancient times to present

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Decline of traditional artisanal industry crippling colonial rural economy

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
New objectives added to vision of Indian independence since the 1920s

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Variations in oceanic salinity & multi-dimensional effects

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Location of petroleum refineries away from crude oil areas in developing countries

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Converting floods into sustainable irrigation & all-weather inland navigation

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Characteristics of monsoon climate feeding >50% of world population in Monsoon Asia

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Women's questions in 19th century social reform movement in India

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguish religiousness/religiosity vs communalism in independent India

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Growth of cities as IT hubs: new employment avenues & new problems

UPSC CSE Mains 2016 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: M-ESC-O-GSA)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Early Buddhist Stupa-art folk motifs & Buddhist ideals

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Krishnadeva Raya as scholar and patron of learning & literature

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Uprising of 1857 as watershed in British colonial policies

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of women in freedom struggle especially Gandhian phase

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Differences between Subhash Chandra Bose & Mahatma Gandhi

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Linguistic States strengthening Indian unity

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Anti-colonial struggles in West Africa led by Western-educated elite

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Globalization's influence on core of cultural diversity in India

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Eradicating poverty by liberating the poor from deprivation

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Explain | Current-Affairs Linked]
Why tribals are called Scheduled Tribes & Constitutional upliftment provisions

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Quality of urban life & Smart City Programme objectives and strategy

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Basis of regionalism & unequal distribution of development benefits

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Concept of air mass & role in macro-climatic changes

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Landslides in the Himalayas: causes & mitigation measures

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Effective management of land and water resources reducing human miseries

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Geopolitical significance of South China Sea

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Major Indian cities becoming more vulnerable to flood conditions

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Indus Water Treaty ecological, economic & political implications

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Problems and prospects of inland water transport in India

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Micro-watershed development projects in drought-prone & semi-arid India

UPSC CSE Mains 2015 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (20 Qs | Code: C-AVZ-O-FTTZ)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Continuity of ancient Indian civilization vs Egypt, Mesopotamia & Greece

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Mesolithic rock-cut art of India & aesthetic sense

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Gandhi & Ambedkar divergent approaches, common goal for downtrodden

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constituent Assembly drafting Constitution & Government of India Act 1935

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → World History [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why Industrial Revolution began in England & quality of life comparison with India

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Germany's responsibility for the two World Wars

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8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Four cultural elements of diversity in India & national identity

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Population growth vs poverty causality in India

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
More favourable sex ratio in Tribes vs Scheduled Castes in India

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Trends of labour migration within and outside India (last 4 decades)

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Dalit identity assertion movements & annihilation of caste

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Origin of ocean currents & influence on climate, fishing & navigation

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why air pollution is more severe in Delhi than Mumbai & Kolkata

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why India suffers water scarcity despite freshwater endowment

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Ecological carrying capacity limits due to tourism in J&K, HP & Uttarakhand

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Changing behaviour of Indian monsoon due to humanizing landscapes

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Smart cities cannot sustain without smart villages (rural-urban integration)

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Economic significance & environmental consequences of Arctic oil discovery

UPSC CSE Mains 2014 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (25 Qs | Code: C-DRN-N-ITUA)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indus Valley Civilization urban planning & culture inputs to present urbanization

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Gandhara sculpture debt to Romans and Greeks

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Taxila vs Nalanda as a modern university

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Third Battle of Panipat (1761) & why empire-shaking battles were fought at Panipat

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Sufis & medieval mystic saints impact on Hindu/Muslim societies

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
British economic policies in India (mid-18th century to independence)

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Naval mutiny (1946) & British colonial aspirations

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Modern Indian History (1757–1947) [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Global political, economic & social developments motivating India's anti-colonial struggle

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9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Suez Crisis (1956) & blow to Britain's world power self-image

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Lenin's New Economic Policy (1921) influence on post-independence India

11 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Patriarchy impact on middle-class working women in India

12 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Adverse sex ratio in prosperous regions of India

13 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Globalization & Social Change [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Joint family life cycle driven by economic factors vs social values

14 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Feminization of agriculture in India

15 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Indian vs Western debates on secularism

16 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
El-Nino effect & unusual climatic happenings

17 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Fold mountain systems along continental margins, earthquakes & volcanoes

18 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Formation of Indonesian and Philippines archipelagos

19 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tropical cyclones confined to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal & Gulf of Mexico

20 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Shrinking Himalayan glaciers & climate change in Indian sub-continent

21 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why British tea gardens did not succeed beyond Darjeeling along Shivaliks

22 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why Green Revolution bypassed eastern India despite fertile soil & water

23 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Changing spatial pattern of world Iron and Steel industry

24 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Ocean resources to meet global resource crisis

25 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's place in economic space of resource-rich Africa

UPSC CSE Mains 2013 — GS Paper 1 (History, Society & Geography) (30 Qs | Code: A-BRL-M-HTUA)

1 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Literature & Culture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Sangam literature & South Indian socio-economic history

2(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tandava dance in early Indian inscriptions

2(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Chola temple architecture

3 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Indian women in freedom struggle

4 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Freedom Struggle [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of foreigners in Indian freedom struggle

5 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Lord Dalhousie as founder of modern India

6 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Bhoodan and Gramdan Movements (Vinoba Bhave)

7 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'

8 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's contributions

9 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Post-Independence India [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tashkent Agreement (1966)

10 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's role in emergence of Bangladesh

11 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Latecomer Industrial Revolution in Japan

12 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → Art & Architecture [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Scramble for Africa / artificial states

13 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • History & Culture → World History [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
American Revolution as economic revolt against mercantilism

14 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Policy instruments against Great Economic Depression

15 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Social problems of rapid urbanization in India

16 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Women & Social Empowerment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Male membership in women's organizations

17 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Population, Poverty & Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Effect of globalization on aged population in India

18 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Regionalism and demand for separate States

19(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Continental drift theory & evidences

19(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Geography → Geophysical Phenomena & Climate [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cyclone Phailin & naming of tropical cyclones

20(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Indian Society → Urbanization & Family [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Urban heat islands

20(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Temperature inversion in meteorology

21 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Location of major hot deserts (20-30° N, western continents)

22(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Geography → Salient Physical Features [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Landslides in Himalayas vs Western Ghats

22(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
No delta formation by Western Ghats rivers

23(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

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Shift of sugar mills to southern India

23(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Decentralized cotton textile industry in India

24 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Indian Society → Diversity, Secularism & Communalism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Raw material availability for atomic energy

25 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Geography → Natural Resources & Industrial Location [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Shale oil and gas reserves and issues in India

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