UPSC Mains GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) — All PYQs (2013–2026)

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UPSC CSE Mains 2026 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: KVMS-G-GSC)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Digital Rupee: working and progress of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Financial inclusion as integral to social/economic inclusion & usefulness of RBI's Financial Inclusion Index

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Various Technology Missions initiated in Indian agriculture & their role in food security

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors responsible for inefficiency of agri-produce marketing & how e-commerce helps reduce it

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Two examples of how biotechnology has helped Indian farmers in processing perishable crops

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Nuclear & Clean Energy Tech [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) vs thermal nuclear reactor; 'criticality' at Kalpakkam PFBR & clean energy future

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Managing contradiction between 'rapid infrastructure development' and 'disaster-risk reduction' in eco-sensitive areas

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: aim, goals & India's commitments and initiatives

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Fake news and disinformation threatening Internal Security & Public Order; IT Rules 2021 amendments

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Ladakh strategic location: BADP, Army civic actions & demand for Sixth Schedule provisions

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Key challenges for India's energy security & measures balancing economic growth and sustainability

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Startups promoting entrepreneurship, innovation & employment — global/domestic challenges & remedies

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Transformation of Indian agriculture from food scarcity to food surplus & policies for agricultural diversification

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Types of agricultural subsidies/supports in India & issues pertaining to WTO Agreement on Agriculture

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Explain | Current-Affairs Linked]
'Mission Drishti' (satellite launched May 3, 2026): salient features, imaging techniques & why world's first of its kind

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Agentic Artificial Intelligence (AI): working, applications, advantages, risks and challenges

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Solid waste management challenges, governmental policy framework & Delhi vs Indore success/failure cases

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

Community participation as cornerstone of effective disaster management — Indian examples, challenges & strengthening

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Separatist movements in J&K, pre/post abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A & positive impacts on mainstreaming

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Counterfeit currency and money laundering as terror funding sources, international actions & FATF compliance

UPSC CSE Mains 2025 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: SLPM-G-GSC)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguish HDI and Inequality-adjusted HDI (IHDI) for India & why IHDI better reflects inclusive growth

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Challenges before Indian economy as world shifts from free trade/multilateralism to protectionism/bilateralism

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors influencing farmers' selection of high-value crops in India

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Scope and significance of supply chain management of agricultural commodities in India

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
India's contributions to ITER (fusion energy) & implications for future global energy

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Achieving energy independence through clean technology by 2047 & crucial role of biotechnology

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) & potential role in tackling climate change

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Causes of seawater intrusion in coastal aquifers in India & remedial measures

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Manifestation of terrorism in India with contemporary examples & State counter-measures

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Government target to eliminate LWE by 2026 — meaning of LWE, impact on people & measures

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Fiscal Health Index (FHI) for assessing states' fiscal performance & encouraging prudent fiscal policies

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Rationale, achievements & improvements for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors responsible for depleting groundwater in India & government mitigation steps

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Scope of food processing industries in India & government measures for generating employment

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Advancements of nanotechnology in agriculture & uplifting farmers' socio-economic status

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Challenges before India's semiconductor industry & salient features of India Semiconductor Mission

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why mining is considered an environmental hazard & remedial measures

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18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Review of India's climate commitments under Paris Agreement (2015), COP26 (2021) & updated 2022 NDC

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Internal security & peace process challenges in North-Eastern States + peace accords of past decade

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Vital role of maritime security for India's sea trade — maritime/coastal security challenges & way forward

UPSC CSE Mains 2024 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: PHKM-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Pattern and trend of public expenditure on social services post-reforms & inclusive growth

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Causes of persistent high food inflation in India & effectiveness of RBI monetary policy

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Land Reforms [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors responsible for successful implementation of land reforms in some parts of India

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of millets for ensuring health and nutritional security in India

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
World IPR scenario for life materials & reasons for low commercialization despite India's high patent filings

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Electronic toll collection technology on highways — advantages, limitations, seamless shift & hazards

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Industrial pollution of river water — mitigation measures & government initiatives

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of environmental NGOs and activists in influencing EIA outcomes with four examples

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Emergence of narco-terrorism as serious threat across India & counter-measures

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Context and salient features of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Merits, demerits, and progress of the four 'Labour Codes' in India

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Need for regional air connectivity in India & government's UDAN Scheme achievements

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Major challenges of Indian irrigation system & government measures for efficient irrigation

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Importance of buffer stocks for stabilizing agricultural prices & storage challenges

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Alternative technologies to solve acute freshwater shortage — three technologies with merits/demerits

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Asteroids: real threat of extinction of life & strategies developed to prevent catastrophe

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Disaster resilience, resilience framework elements & global targets of Sendai Framework (2015–2030)

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18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Urban flooding as climate-induced disaster — causes, two major floods in last 2 decades & Indian policies

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Conflicting issues & security challenges along China and Pakistan borders + BADP and BIM Scheme

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Security challenges of social media and encrypted messaging services — measures & remedies

UPSC CSE Mains 2023 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: SKYC-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Increased share of manufacturing/MSMEs in GDP for faster economic growth — current Govt policies

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Status of digitalization in Indian economy, problems faced & suggested improvements

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How e-Technology helps farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Land Reforms [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Objectives/measures of land reforms in India & land ceiling policy under economic criteria

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI), clinical diagnosis & privacy threats in healthcare

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Ways in which microorganisms can help in meeting the current fuel shortage

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Various causes of catastrophic dam failures & two examples of large dam failures

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Oil pollution, impacts on marine ecosystem & why it is particularly harmful for India

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Winning 'Hearts and Minds' in terrorism-affected areas — Government measures in Jammu & Kashmir

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Cross-border use of UAVs by adversaries to ferry arms/drugs & counter-measures

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Structural nature of unemployment in India — methodology to compute unemployment & improvements

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguish 'care economy' vs 'monetized economy' & bringing care economy into monetized economy via women empowerment

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Changes in cropping pattern in India in context of consumption pattern and marketing conditions

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Direct and indirect farm subsidies in India & issues raised by WTO

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Growing adoption of electric vehicles — reducing carbon emissions & benefits over ICE vehicles

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
India's third moon mission (Chandrayaan-3): main task, countries achieving it, subsystems & VSSC Virtual Launch Control Centre

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

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National Wetland Conservation Programme & Indian wetlands of international importance (Ramsar Sites)

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
IPCC prediction of ~1m global sea level rise by AD 2100 — impact on India & Indian Ocean region

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Internal security challenges faced by India & role of Central Intelligence and Investigative Agencies

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Major sources of terror funding in India, curtailment efforts & 'No Money for Terror (NMFT)' Conference (Nov 2022)

UPSC CSE Mains 2022 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: N/A (typeset PYQ))

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Why PPP is required in infrastructure & role of PPP model in redevelopment of Railway Stations

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether inclusive growth is possible under market economy & significance of financial inclusion

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) & making it effective and transparent

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Scope and significance of the food processing industry in India

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Increase in life expectancy leading to newer community health challenges & steps needed

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Natural processes plant cellulose undergoes on Earth's surface yielding CO2, water & other products

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Photochemical smog (formation, effects, mitigation) & 1999 Gothenburg Protocol

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the Indian subcontinent with two recent examples

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Types of organised crimes & linkages between terrorists and organised crime (national/transnational)

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Maritime security challenges in India & organisational, technical and procedural initiatives

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Economic growth led by labour productivity & growth pattern creating jobs without compromising productivity

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether India will meet 50% energy needs from renewables by 2030 & shifting fossil fuel subsidies

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream marketing of agricultural products in India

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Integrated Farming System & how it helps small and marginal farmers in India

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
James Webb Space Telescope (Dec 25, 2021): unique features, key goals & potential human benefits

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Basic principle of vaccine development, how vaccines work & Indian COVID-19 vaccine approaches

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Global warming, climate effects & GHG control measures in light of Kyoto Protocol, 1997

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Causes and effects of coastal erosion in India & available coastal management techniques

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Elements of cyber security & India's progress on a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Naxalism as social, economic & developmental issue — emerging issues & multilayered strategy

UPSC CSE Mains 2021 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: HXS-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Difference between computing methodology of India's GDP before 2015 and after 2015

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguish between Capital Budget and Revenue Budget & explain their components

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Land Reforms [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How land reforms improved socio-economic conditions of marginal and small farmers

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How and to what extent micro-irrigation helps in solving India's water crisis

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
How S-400 air defence system is technically superior to other available systems

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Purpose of Green Grid Initiative launched at COP26 Glasgow (Nov 2021) & when first floated in ISA

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Compare | Current-Affairs Linked]
Revised WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines (vs 2005) & changes required in India's NCAP

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Vulnerability of India to earthquake hazards & major earthquake disasters in last three decades

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Emerging technologies & globalisation contributing to money laundering; national/international measures

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of cross-border cyber attacks on India's internal security & defensive measures

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Critically Examine | Current-Affairs Linked]
Whether Indian economy has recently experienced a V-shaped recovery

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Investment in infrastructure essential for rapid and inclusive economic growth — India's experience

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Salient features of National Food Security Act, 2013 & eliminating hunger and malnutrition

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Present challenges before crop diversification & opportunity from emerging technologies

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
R&D achievements in applied biotechnology & uplifting poorer sections of society

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
2014 Physics Nobel Prize for Blue LEDs (Akasaki, Amano, Nakamura) & impact on everyday human life

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Major outcomes of UNFCCC COP26 & commitments made by India

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

Causes and effects of landslides & components of National Landslide Risk Management Strategy

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Multidimensional challenges posed by external state and non-state actors to India's internal security

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Complexity, intensity, causes, linkages & nexus of terrorism + measures to eradicate it

UPSC CSE Mains 2020 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: URC-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Intra-generational and inter-generational equity in inclusive growth and sustainable development

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Potential GDP, its determinants, and factors inhibiting India from realizing it

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Main constraints in transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Challenges and opportunities of food processing sector & increasing farmers' income

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Nanotechnology and how it is helping in health sector

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Science interwoven in our lives & striking changes in agriculture via science-based technologies

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
How draft EIA Notification 2020 differs from existing EIA Notification 2006

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Salient features of Jal Shakti Abhiyan for water conservation and water security

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Different types of cyber crimes and measures required to fight the menace

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Effective border area management: denying local support to militants & perception management

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Investment in terms of capital formation & factors in designing a public-private concession agreement

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Rationale behind GST (Compensation to States) Act 2017 & COVID-19 impact creating federal tensions

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors making rice-wheat system a success & how it has become a bane in India

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Measures to improve water storage and irrigation system for judicious use under depleting scenario

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
How technology was sought to aid management of COVID-19 pandemic

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Benefits of deriving electric energy from sunlight vs conventional generation & Govt initiatives

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Key features of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]

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Recent measures in disaster management departing from earlier reactive approach

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Determinants of left-wing extremism in Eastern India & strategy for Govt, civil admin & security forces

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Internal security threats & transborder crimes along Myanmar, Bangladesh & Pakistan borders (incl. LoC)

UPSC CSE Mains 2019 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: SDF-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Indirect taxes subsumed in GST & revenue implications since July 2017

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether steady GDP growth and low inflation have left the Indian economy in good shape

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Integrated Farming System (IFS) in sustaining agricultural production

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production in water-stressed areas

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya (water engineering) and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan (agricultural science)

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's plan to have its own space station & benefits to space programme

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of legal/illegal coastal sand mining along Indian coasts with examples

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Characterizing vulnerability to disasters & different types of vulnerability

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Banning of Jamaat-e-Islami in J&K, role of Over-Ground Workers (OGWs) & measures to neutralize them

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
CyberDome Project & usefulness in controlling internet crimes in India

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Strategy of inclusive growth intended to meet inclusiveness and sustainability together

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Public expenditure management as a challenge in post-liberalization budget making

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Reformative steps by Government to make food grain distribution system more effective

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Policy taken by Government of India to meet challenges of food processing sector

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Protecting traditional knowledge of medicine from patenting by pharmaceutical companies

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How biotechnology can help improve living standards of farmers

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Carrying capacity of an ecosystem & its vital importance in sustainable regional development

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Disaster preparedness & how hazard zonation mapping helps mitigate landslides

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19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Amendments to UAPA 1967 and NIA Act — security context & reasons for opposition by human rights groups

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Security challenges emanating across India-Myanmar border (beyond insurgents) & counter-steps

UPSC CSE Mains 2018 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: EGT-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, modern energy as sine qua non for SDGs — India's progress

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Union Budget 2018-19 changes in Long-Term Capital Gains Tax (LCGT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT)

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Minimum Support Price (MSP) & how it rescues farmers from low-income trap

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables & food; eliminating intermediaries

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose's work on 'Bose-Einstein Statistics' revolutionizing Physics

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Impediments in disposing discarded solid wastes & safe removal of toxic wastes

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Wetlands, Ramsar concept of 'wise use', and two Ramsar sites from India

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Sikkim as first 'Organic State' in India — ecological and economical benefits

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
CPEC as cardinal subset of China's OBOR & reasons India distanced itself

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Downward trend in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) & Government of India's approach

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How principles followed by NITI Aayog differ from erstwhile Planning Commission

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade on India's macroeconomic stability

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting production, productivity & farmers' income

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Emphasis on certain crops changing cropping patterns; emphasis on millets production & consumption

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Biotechnology & Health Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Reasons for high activity in biotechnology in India & benefits to biopharma sector

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Expanding India's nuclear energy programme for growing energy needs — facts and fears

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How biodiversity varies in India & role of Biological Diversity Act, 2002

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Compare | Current-Affairs Linked]
India's DRR measures before/after signing Sendai Framework (2015-2030) vs Hyogo Framework (2005)

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19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Justice B. N. Srikrishna Committee Report on personal data protection — strengths & weaknesses

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Proximity to illicit opium-growing states, linkages with drug trafficking/gunrunning/money laundering/human trafficking & counter-measures

UPSC CSE Mains 2017 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: STH-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Savings rate & other factors for India's potential growth

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Manufacturing sector failure in labour-intensive exports & measures

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
PPP joint venture development of Airports in India & challenges

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Post-independence agricultural revolutions, poverty alleviation & food security

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Poor acceptance of small food processing units & uplifting poor farmers

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Stem cell therapy & its advantages over other medical treatments

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Technological & logistical obstacles to India's manned space mission

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
River linking advantages & environmental impacts

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Potential threats of cyber attack & security framework to prevent it

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Reasons for survival of armed insurgency in North-East India

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Union Budget 2017-18 measures to 'transform, energise and clean India'

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Lagging industrial growth rate in post-reform period & Industrial Policy changes

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Salient features of inclusive growth & measures for India

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Declining rice and wheat yield & role of crop diversification

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Subsidies effect on cropping pattern; crop insurance, MSP & food processing for small farmers

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Science & Tech → Nuclear & Clean Energy Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Nuclear science & technology in India and advantage of Fast Breeder Reactor programme

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Climate Change & Treaties [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Climate change impact on India's Himalayan and coastal states

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
2004 Tsunami factors, effects & NDMA 2010 preparedness guidelines

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19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Mob violence as law and order problem: causes & consequences

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Curbing terrorism & major sources of terrorist funding

UPSC CSE Mains 2016 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: M-ESC-O-GSC)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Globalization reducing formal sector employment & increased informalization

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Gender budgeting requirements & status in India

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) for financial inclusion

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Smart Cities vs Smart Villages in light of PURA & RURBAN Mission

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Need for FDI, gap between MOUs signed & actual FDIs

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Challenges for inclusive growth & unproductive manpower in India

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Water-use efficiency & role of micro-irrigation

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → Cropping Patterns & Farm Productivity [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Allelopathy & its role in major cropping systems of irrigated agriculture

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → Land Reforms [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of land reforms in agricultural development & success factors

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Need for crop insurance & Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Renewable energy current status/targets & National Programme on LEDs

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's achievements in Space Science & Technology for socio-economic development

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Nanotechnology & Indian Government's Mission on Nanoscience and Technology

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Rehabilitation of human settlements in major developmental projects

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Frequency of urban floods, reasons & preparedness mechanisms

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
NDMA guidelines to mitigate cloudbursts in Uttarakhand

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Strategic impact of 'Hot Pursuit' and 'Surgical Strikes'

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Terrorism emerging as a competitive industry

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Border management challenges & strategies in difficult terrain

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20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Misuse of Internet & social media by non-state actors for subversion

UPSC CSE Mains 2015 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: C-AVZ-O-TTDZ)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Jobless growth in India

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Livestock rearing for rural non-farm employment & income

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Contract farming & land leasing in view of shrinking land holdings

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Digital India programme for farm productivity & income

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Replacing price subsidies with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Food processing supply chain bottlenecks & role of e-commerce

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Gold imports, BoP pressure & Gold Monetization Scheme

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Make in India dependence on Skill India & labour reforms

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Fall in solar equipment costs/tariffs & impact on thermal power

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Issues plaguing SEZs (taxation, laws & administration)

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
GPS SPS vs PPS & advantages of India's 7-satellite IRNSS

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Robots for prohibitive labour & propelling R&D in premier institutes

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Cloud hosting vs in-house server hosting for government

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) & open-source licensing pros/cons

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Namami Gange & NMCG vs previous Ganga schemes

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Earthquake frequency & India's mitigation preparedness gaps

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
AFSPA 1958 contested sections & Supreme Court view

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Digital radicalization, ISIS mission & internal security threat

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Industrial displacement & LWE corrective strategies (Malkangiri & Naxalbari)

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Digital Armed Force & National Cyber Security Policy 2013

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UPSC CSE Mains 2014 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (20 Qs | Code: C-DRN-N-ITUC)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's shift from agriculture directly to services without strong industrial base

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Demographic dividend vs dropping employability & job creation

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
State APMC Acts impeding agriculture & causing food inflation

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cooperative credit societies, agricultural finance constraints & technology

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
LARR Act 2013 implications for industrialization & agriculture

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Capitalism & inclusive growth in India

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Long-gestation PPP infrastructure projects & unsustainable future liabilities

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
National Urban Transport Policy: moving people instead of moving vehicles

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
FDI liberalization in defence sector (short & long run impact)

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Declining scientific research in Indian universities

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Overuse of antibiotics & drug-resistant diseases (AMR)

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
IPR: Copyrights, Patents and Trade Secrets

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Carbon credits & Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under UNFCCC

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Drought as a disaster, NDMA 2010 guidelines & El Nino/La Nina preparedness

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
EIA & environmental impacts of coal-fired thermal plants at pitheads

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of neighbourhood radicalism on multi-religious India & countermeasures

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Science & Tech → Space & Defence Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
International civil aviation laws, airspace sovereignty & space above airspace

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Illegal transborder migration threat to India's security

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
IMO 2012 high-risk piracy zone shift (65°E to 78°E) & Indian maritime security

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) security threat to India

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UPSC CSE Mains 2013 — GS Paper 3 (Economy, Agri, S&T, Environment & Security) (28 Qs | Code: A-BRL-M-HTUC)

1 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Companies Bill 2013 & mandatory CSR

2 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
FRBM Act 2003 salient features & effectiveness

3 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tax expenditure (housing sector example)

4 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → Food Processing & PDS [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Food Security Bill implementation & WTO concerns

5 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Agricultural subsidies & distortions

6 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Pink revolution in food industry

7 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of liberalization on Indian-owned companies vs MNCs

8 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Agriculture → Land Reforms [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Land reforms, agri productivity & poverty elimination

9(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Agriculture → MSP, Subsidies & Marketing [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
FDI in multi-trade retail & supply chain management

9(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Slow uptake of FDI in multi-brand retail (2012)

10 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Budgeting, Fiscal Policy & Taxation [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
GST rationale & delay in rollout

11 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's Green Energy Corridor

12 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
PPP model in infrastructure pros & cons

13 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Science & Tech → AI, IT & Emerging Tech [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Section 3(d) Patent Law 1970 & Novartis Glivec judgment

14 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Fixed Dose Drug Combinations (FDCs)

15 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Umpire Decision Review System (DRS) & silicone tape

16(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Digital signature & authentication

16(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
3D printing technology

17(a) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
FRP composite material in aviation & automobile

17(b) • 5 Marks • 100 Words • Economy → Inclusive Growth, Poverty & Employment [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Run-of-river hydroelectricity project

18 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Disaster Management [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Vulnerability & risk assessment in pre-disaster management

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19 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Illegal mining & MoEF GO/NO-GO zones for coal

20 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Environment & Disaster Management → Conservation, Biodiversity & Pollution [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
National Water Policy, river pollution & hazardous waste laws

21 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Money laundering & economic sovereignty

22 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Economy → Infrastructure, Energy & Investment [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Social networking sites & security implications

23 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Cyber Security & Money Laundering [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cyber warfare & India's preparedness

24 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Extremism, Insurgency & Terrorism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Article 244, Fifth Schedule & Left Wing Extremism

25 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Internal Security → Border & Maritime Security [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Border management & internal security (South Asia & Myanmar)

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