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## Features of Program

### General Studies – 2026

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<b>BLOCK - I</b>	<b>Start : 29th, July</b> <b>Daily Classes</b> <b>Timing : 11 am</b> <b>Online mode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location(<b>P 1</b>)</li> <li>Salient features of world's physical geography. (<b>P 1</b>)</li> <li>Changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes. (<b>P 1</b>)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, (P 3)</li> <li>• environmental impact assessment (P 3)</li> <li>• Disaster and disaster management. (P 3)</li> </ul>
<b>BLOCK - II</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.</li> <li>• Role of women and women's organization,</li> <li>• population and associated issues,</li> <li>• poverty and developmental issues,</li> <li>• Urbanization, their problems and their remedies.</li> <li>• Effects of globalization on Indian society.</li> <li>• Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism &amp; secularism.</li> <li>• Linkages between development and spread of extremism.</li> </ul>
<b>BLOCK - III</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); (P 1)</li> <li>• factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).(P 1)</li> <li>• Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, (P 3)</li> <li>• mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.(P 3)</li> <li>• Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.(P 3)</li> </ul>
<b>BLOCK - IV</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food processing and related industries in India– scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.</li> <li>• Land reforms in India.</li> <li>• Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.</li> <li>• Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.</li> <li>• Investment models.</li> <li>• Science and technology– developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.</li> </ul>

**THRUST AREA OF PROGRAM:** *The program orients towards*

- Content Comprehension
- Writing skill enhancement
- Framing of answer with integration of diagrams
- Rational utilization of given time and space
- Comprehending the key terms of questions
- Integrating the facts and figures in logical manner
- Coherence in writing
- Flexibility in content presentation in absolute requirement of question

**PURPOSE OF Program:**

- Help aspirants understand the demand of asked questions in UPSC exam effectively.
- Provide personal feedback (by Neetu Singh Madam) to individual aspirants, to help them enhance their potentials
- Understanding of entire **GS Geography syllabus** in logical time.
- Provision of quality improvement classes for enrolled students
- It will provide aspirants sufficient time and opportunity to increase their potentials.

**LAST 5 YEARS QUESTIONS TREND IN UPSC:**

**Geography Questions in UPSC Mains 2024**

**General Studies-I**

- What is **sea surface temperature rise**? How does it affect the formation of tropical cyclones? (Answer in 150 words)
- Why do large cities tend to attract more migrants than smaller towns? Discuss in the light of conditions in developing countries. (Answer in 150 words)
- What is the phenomenon of '**cloudbursts**'? Explain. (Answer in 150 words)
- What is the concept of a '**demographic winter**'? Is the world moving towards such a situation? Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words)
- Distinguish between gender equality, gender equity and **women's empowerment**. Why is it important to take gender concerns into account in programme design and implementation? (Answer in 150 words)
- **Intercaste marriages** between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of interreligious marriages. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words)
- The **groundwater potential** of the gangetic valley is on a serious decline. How may it affect the food security of India? (Answer in 250 words)

- What are aurora australis and **aurora borealis**? How are these triggered? (Answer in 250 words)
- What is a **twister**? Why are the majority of twisters observed in areas around the Gulf of Mexico? (Answer in 250 words)
- What is **regional disparity**. How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India? (Answer in 250 words)
- Globalization has increased **urban migration** by skilled, young, unmarried women from various classes. How has this trend impacted upon their personal freedom and relationship with family? (Answer in 250 words)
- Critically analyse the proposition that there is a high correlation between **India's cultural diversities** and socio-economic marginalities. (Answer in 250 words)

### General Studies-III

- What were the factors responsible for the successful implementation of *land reforms* in some parts of the country? Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words)
- Explain the role of millets for ensuring **health and nutritional security in India**. (Answer in 150 words)
- Industrial **pollution of river water** is a significant environmental issue in India. Discuss the various mitigation measures to deal with this problem and also the government's initiatives in this regard. (Answer in 150 words)
- What is the need for expanding the regional air connectivity in India? In this context, discuss the government's **UDAN Scheme** and its achievements. (Answer in 250 words)
- What are the major challenges faced by the **Indian irrigation system** in recent times? State the measures taken by the government for efficient irrigation management. (Answer in 250 words)
- Elucidate the importance of **buffer stocks** for stabilizing agricultural prices in India. What are the challenges associated with the storage of buffer stock? Discuss. (Answer in 250 words)
- The world is facing an acute **shortage of clean and safe freshwater**. What are the alternative technologies which can solve this crisis? Briefly discuss any three such technologies citing their key merits and demerits. (Answer in 250 words)
- What are **asteroids**? How real is the threat of them causing extinction of life? What strategies have been developed to prevent such a catastrophe? (Answer in 250 words)
- What is **disaster** resilience? How is it determined? Describe various elements of a resilience framework. Also mention the global targets of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030). (Answer in 250 words)
- Flooding in urban areas is an emerging climate-induced **disaster**. Discuss the causes of this disaster. Mention the features of two such major floods in the last two decades in

India. Describe the policies and frameworks in India that aim at tackling such floods. (Answer in 250 words)

- India has a long and troubled **border with China and Pakistan** fraught with contentious issues. Examine the conflicting issues and security challenges along the border. Also give out the development being undertaken in these areas under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) and Border Infrastructure and Management (BIM) Scheme. Answer in 250 words)

## Geography Questions in UPSC Mains 2023

### General Studies-I

- Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- How are the fjords formed? Why do they constitute some of the most picturesque areas of the world? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Why is the South-West monsoon called 'Purvaiya' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region? How has this directional seasonal wind system influenced the cultural ethos of the region? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Comment on the resource potentials of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forests regions of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- From being net food importer in 1960s, India has emerged as a net food exporter to the world. Provide reasons. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism. (Answer in 250 words) 15

### **General Studies-III**

- State the objectives and measures of land reforms in India. Discuss how land ceiling policy on landholding can be considered as an effective reform under economic criteria. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Dam failures are always catastrophic, especially on the downstream side, resulting in a colossal loss of life and property. Analyze the various causes of dam failures. Give two examples of large dam failures. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- What is oil pollution? What are its impacts on the marine ecosystem? In what way is oil pollution particularly harmful for a country like India? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Most of the unemployment in India is structural in nature. Examine the methodology adopted to compute unemployment in the country and suggest improvements. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Explain the changes in cropping pattern in India in the context of changes in consumption pattern and marketing conditions. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- The adoption of electric vehicles is rapidly growing worldwide. How do electric vehicles contribute to reducing carbon emissions and what are the key benefits they offer compared to traditional combustion engine vehicles? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Comment on the National Wetland Conservation Programme initiated by the Government of India and name a few India's wetlands of international importance included in the Ramsar Sites. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change(IPCC) has predicted a global sea level rise of about one metre by AD 2100. What would be its impact in India and the other countries in the Indian Ocean region? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- What are the internal security challenges being faced by India? Give out the role of Central Intelligence and Investigative Agencies tasked to counter such threats. (Answer in 250 words) 15

### **Geography UPSC Mains Previous Year Questions 2022**

#### **General Studies-I**

- Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological department. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan trap'. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread. (Answer in 150 words) 10

- How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Given the diversities among the tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. (Answer in 250 words) 15

### **General Studies-III**

- What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India ? How can it be made effective and transparent ? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Elaborate the scope and significance of the food processing industry in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- The increase in life expectancy in the country has led to newer health challenges in the community. What are those challenges and what steps need to be taken to meet them ? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Discuss in detail the photochemical smog emphasizing its formation, effects and mitigation. Explain the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- What are the maritime security challenges in India ? Discuss the organisational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve the maritime security. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Do you think India will meet 50 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2030 ? Justify your answer. How will the shift of subsidies from fossil fuels to renewables help achieve the above objective ? Explain. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India ? (Answer in 250 words) 15

- What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India ? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Discuss global warming and mention its effects on the global climate. Explain the control measures to bring down the level of greenhouse gases which cause global warming, in the light of the Kyoto Protocol, 1997. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Explain the causes and effects of coastal erosion in India. What are the available coastal management techniques for combating the hazard ? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues and suggest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism. (Answer in 250 words) 15

## **Geography Questions in UPSC Mains 2021**

### **General Studies-I**

- Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats.
- What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples.
- Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment.
- Why is India considered as a sub-continent? Elaborate your answer.
- Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems.
- Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.
- Briefly mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions, with examples.
- How do the melting of the Arctic ice and glaciers of the Antarctic differently affect the weather patterns and human activities on the Earth? Explain.
- Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world.
- What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India?
- Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail.

### **General Studies-III**

- How did land reforms in some parts of the country help to improve the socio-economic conditions of marginal and small farmers?



- How and to what extent would micro-irrigation help in solving India's water crisis? (Answer in 150 words)
- Explain the purpose of the Green Grid Initiative launched at World Leaders Summit of the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November 2021. When was this idea first floated in the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?
- Describe the key points of the revised Global Air Quality Guidelines (AQGs) recently released by the World Health Organisation (WHO). How are these different from its last update in 2005? What changes in India's National Clean Air Programme are required to achieve these revised standards?
- Discuss about the vulnerability of India to earthquake-related hazards. Give examples including the salient features of major disasters caused by earthquakes in different parts of India during the last three decades.
- Do you agree that the Indian economy has recently experienced V- shapes recovery? Give reasons in support of your answer.
- What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, 2013 ? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India?
- What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification?
- Describe the major outcomes of the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). What are the commitments made by India in this conference?
- Describe the various causes and the effects of landslides. Mention the important components of the National Landslide Risk Management Strategy.
- Analyse the complexity and intensity of terrorism, its causes, linkages and obnoxious nexus. Also suggest measures required to be taken to eradicate the menace of terrorism.

## **Geography Questions in UPSC Mains 2020**

### **General Studies-I**

- Discuss the geophysical characteristics of Circum- Pacific Zone. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- The process of desertification does not have climate boundaries. Justify with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- How will the melting of Himalayan glaciers have a far-reaching impact on the water resources of India? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Account for the present location of iron and steel industries away from the source of raw material, by giving examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10

- Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi-cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- The interlinking of revivers can provide viable solutions to the multi-dimensional inter-related problems of droughts, floods, and interrupted navigation. Critically examine. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Account for the huge flooding of million cities in India including the smart ones like Hyderabad and Pune. Suggest lasting remedial measures. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- India has immense potential of solar energy though there are regional variations in its developments. Elaborate. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Examine the status of forest resources of India and its resultant impact on climate change. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalization? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words) 15

### **General Studies-III**

- What are the main constraints in the transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India? (Answer in 150 words)10
- What are the challenges and opportunities of the food processing sector in the country?
- How can the income of the farmers be substantially increased by encouraging food processing? (Answer in 150 words)10
- How does the draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2020 differ from the existing EIA Notification, 2006? (Answer in 150 words)10
- What are the salient features of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched by the Government of India for water conservation and water security? (Answer in 150 words)10
- What are the major factors responsible for making the rice-wheat system a success? In spite of this success, how has this system become bane in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Suggest measures to improve water storage and irrigation system to make its judicious use under depleting scenario. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- What are the key features of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) initiated by the Government of India? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Discuss the recent measures initiated in disaster management by the Government of India departing from the earlier reactive approach. (Answer in 250 words) 15

- What are the determinants of left-wing extremism in the Eastern part of India? What strategy should the Government of India, civil administration, and security forces adopt to counter the threat in the affected areas? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Analyze internal security threats and transborder crimes along Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Pakistan borders including Line of Control (LoC). Also, discuss the role played by various security forces in this regard. (Answer in 250 words) 15