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APSC Mains PYQs

Subject-wise & Topic-wise

Every Mains question of the last five examinations, arranged paper by paper, subject by subject, topic by topic, with cross-paper linkages.

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Preface

The APSC Combined Competitive Examination rewards aspirants who understand not only the syllabus but also the way the Commission frames its questions. Previous years' questions are the most reliable window into that thinking. They show which areas the examiner keeps returning to, how a topic is approached, and how one theme can surface in more than one paper.

This compilation brings together all 535 questions from the APSC CCE Mains examinations of 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, covering GS Papers 1 to 5 and the Essay Paper. Instead of the usual year-wise listing, every question has been placed under its **subject and topic**, and both are arranged from the most-asked to the least-asked, so that priorities are clear at a glance. GS Paper 4 has been divided into **theory questions and 21 case studies**, because the two call for different preparation.

The most distinctive feature of this booklet is its **cross-paper linkage**. APSC often asks a question in one paper that belongs just as much to another. A question on microfinance and rural women, for example, was asked in GS Paper 1, yet it is equally relevant to Banking & Financial Inclusion in GS Paper 3 and to the rural economy of Assam in GS Paper 5. Every such linkage, 478 in all, has been mapped, and the question appears under each topic it touches. So when you prepare a chapter, you see every question asked on it across all the papers.

Each entry has been verified against our question-wise database, and the subject and topic mapping has been reviewed more than once. We hope this booklet helps you prepare with direction, revise with confidence and write the answers the examiner is looking for.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on WhatsApp at **+91 60004 52802**.

With best wishes for your preparation,

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How to use this booklet

- **Order.** Within each paper the most-asked subjects come first, and within each subject the most-asked topics come first. Questions under a topic run from the newest (2025) to the oldest (2020).
- **Paper colours.** Each paper has its own colour tag: GS 1 GS 2 GS 3 GS 4 GS 5 Essay.
- **Also relates to** (under a question) lists the other papers, subjects and topics the same question tests.
- **Also asked elsewhere** (the shaded block, L1, L2…) lists questions asked in another paper or topic that also test this topic. Their **Asked in** line shows where each was actually asked.
- **Year** is the APSC CCE examination cycle (2025 = APSC CCE 2025 Mains). **Marks** are as printed in the question paper. In the PDF, every subject, topic and link is clickable.

A REAL EXAMPLE FROM THE BOOKLET

Tourism — 1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Suggest innovative steps to make Assam an attractive tourist destination. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Suggest measures to make tourism a key driver of economic growth in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2020

Using it for preparation

- Start with the **At a glance** and **Most-asked topics** pages to see where APSC keeps coming back.
- Before you read a chapter, read its PYQs here, including the questions asked elsewhere. You will then read with the examiner's questions in mind.
- Pick two or three questions per topic and write full answers. Reading PYQs is not the same as practising them.

> The full question-wise Excel analysis behind this booklet is part of the **APSC CCE Foundation Course**. For free videos and updates, follow SuchitraACS on **YouTube** and **Telegram**.

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At a glance

How the 535 questions are spread across papers and subjects, year by year. Within each paper, the most-asked subject comes first. Darker cells = more questions; "+ Linked" = questions from other papers or topics that also test the subject.

PAPER › SUBJECT	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL	+ LINKED
GS 1 GS Paper 1 · History, Culture, Society & Geography							
Society	4	9	5	5	8	**31**	+56
Geography	6	3	8	7	1	**25**	+3
Modern History of India	4	5	2	2	4	**17**	+7
Art and Culture of India	4	1	4	1	5	**15**	+4
Post Independence of India	2	2	1	5	2	**12**	+2
GS 2 GS Paper 2 · Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR							
Polity	10	7	5	6	8	**36**	+35
Governance	4	5	6	5	4	**24**	+25
International Relations	2	5	7	5	4	**23**	+17
Social Justice	4	3	2	4	4	**17**	+34
GS 3 GS Paper 3 · Economy, Agriculture, Environment, S&T, Security & DM							
Economy	8	10	10	5	6	**39**	+49
Agriculture	2	2	1	5	6	**16**	+11
Environment	4	2	5	1	–	**12**	+44
Science and Technology	1	3	1	3	4	**12**	+8
Disaster Management	3	3	3	1	1	**11**	+14
Internal Security	2	–	–	5	3	**10**	+12
GS 4 GS Paper 4 · Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude							
Ethics: Theory Questions	15	16	12	14	17	**74**	+22
Ethics: Case Studies	4	3	7	5	2	**21**	+8
GS 5 GS Paper 5 · Assam: History, Culture, Geography, Polity, Economy & more							
Economy of Assam	6	8	4	5	6	**29**	+31
Art & Culture of Assam	5	2	5	2	2	**16**	+21
History of Assam	4	2	1	3	3	**13**	+14
Polity of Assam	2	1	1	5	4	**13**	+5
Environment of Assam	–	4	1	2	4	**11**	+10
Geography of Assam	1	1	3	3	1	**9**	+10
Disaster Management of Assam	–	2	3	–	–	**5**	+10
Social Justice of Assam	2	–	2	–	–	**4**	+14
Internal Security of Assam	–	–	–	–	–	**0**	+8
Essay Essay Paper							
Society	1	1	3	4	2	**11**	–
Philosophical	4	3	–	1	1	**9**	+4
Social Justice	1	–	3	1	1	**6**	–
Environment	–	2	–	–	1	**3**	–
Science and Technology	–	1	1	1	–	**3**	–
Economy	1	1	–	–	–	**2**	–
Art & Culture of Assam	–	–	1	–	1	**2**	–
Polity	–	–	–	–	1	**1**	–
Governance	–	–	–	1	–	**1**	–
Economy of Assam	1	–	–	–	–	**1**	–
Disaster Management of Assam	–	–	–	–	1	**1**	–
Total	**107**	**107**	**107**	**107**	**107**	**535**	

ANALYSIS

Most-asked topics

Topics asked five times or more as a home topic across the five examinations. (+n) = questions asked elsewhere that also test the topic; they are not counted in the rank.

#	TOPIC	PAPER › SUBJECT	ASKED	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	**Aptitude & Foundational Values**	GS 4 Ethics (Theory)	**10 (+2)**	2	3	–	3	2
2	**Women & Women's Organisations**	GS 1 Society	**8 (+14)**	1	4	1	1	1
2	**Civil Services**	GS 2 Governance	**8 (+4)**	1	1	3	1	2
2	**Probity in Governance**	GS 4 Ethics (Theory)	**8**	2	1	–	2	3
5	**India & Neighbourhood**	GS 2 International Relations	**7 (+2)**	–	3	2	2	–
5	**Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)**	GS 4 Ethics (Theory)	**7 (+1)**	1	2	1	1	2
5	**Ethics & Human Interface**	GS 4 Ethics (Theory)	**7**	3	1	1	2	–
8	**Freedom Struggle**	GS 1 Modern History of India	**6 (+2)**	1	2	–	1	2
8	**Elections & Representation of People Act**	GS 2 Polity	**6 (+1)**	1	1	1	1	2
8	**Poverty & Hunger**	GS 2 Social Justice	**6 (+1)**	3	1	1	–	1
8	**Emotional Intelligence**	GS 4 Ethics (Theory)	**6 (+1)**	1	1	2	1	1
8	**Corruption**	GS 4 Ethics (Theory)	**6 (+1)**	1	2	2	–	1
13	**India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues**	GS 2 International Relations	**5 (+5)**	1	–	1	–	3
13	**Infrastructure**	GS 3 Economy	**5 (+4)**	–	2	2	1	–
13	**Government Policies & Interventions**	GS 2 Governance	**5 (+3)**	–	2	1	1	1
13	**Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy**	GS 3 Economy	**5 (+3)**	2	1	–	1	1
13	**Industrial Location & Economic Activities**	GS 1 Geography	**5 (+1)**	1	1	1	2	–
13	**Corruption**	GS 4 Ethics (Case Studies)	**5 (+1)**	1	2	1	–	1
13	**Biodiversity & Conservation**	GS 5 Environment of Assam	**5 (+1)**	–	2	1	1	1
13	**Socio-Religious Reform Movements**	GS 1 Modern History of India	**5**	–	2	1	–	2
13	**Constitutional Amendment & Basic Structure**	GS 2 Polity	**5**	1	2	–	1	1

Year columns show how many times the topic was asked that year. Rank ties share a number. Click a topic to jump to its questions.

What the numbers say

- 7 of these 21 topics come from GS Paper 4 (Ethics), the paper where APSC repeats its themes most.
- The most cross-linked topic is **Women & Women's Organisations (GS 1, Society)**: 8 questions asked directly, plus 14 asked elsewhere that also test it.
- Outside Ethics, the heaviest subjects are **Economy (39)**, **Polity (36)** and **Society (31)**.

SECTION 1 OF 6

GS Paper 1

Indian History, Heritage, Culture and Society and Geography of the World and Society

What this paper has asked, 2020–2025

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Total	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**100**	

Key takeaways

- Most-asked subject: **Society**, with 31 of the 100 questions.
- Most-asked topics: **Women & Women's Organisations (8)**; **Freedom Struggle (6)**; **Industrial Location & Economic Activities (5)**; **Socio-Religious Reform Movements (5)**.
- 59 of this paper's 100 questions also test topics in other papers, and 51 questions from other papers link into this paper's topics.

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Society

31 questions asked · 15 topics · 56 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Women & Women's Organisations

8 questions · 14 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Critically assess the risk posed by the 'last mile problem' in Indian cities for working women. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Urbanization	10	2025
2	Critically discuss the role of microfinance in economically empowering rural women in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Banking & Financial Inclusion **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Rural Economy & Livelihoods	15	2024
3	Is there a difference between urban poor women and their rural counterparts? Elucidate your views with examples. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	10	2023
4	Discuss the role of the Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti in women empowerment in the State, highlighting the contributions made by Chandraprabha Saikiani. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement	10	2022
5	Do you see Indian women as an untapped human resource? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Employment & Labour **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Skill Development & Human Resources	10	2022
6	"In order to make women's organization free from gender bias, inclusion of male members needs to be encouraged."	10	2022
7	"As G-20 chair, India has identified women-led development as one of the high priority subjects." Discuss the merits of women-led development in the context of India.	15	2022
8	Write a note on the feminization of labour in India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Employment & Labour	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss how women were able to articulate and carve out a space for themselves within the Bhakti tradition. **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Bhakti & Sufi Movements	10	2025
L2	"Women were not merely participants but architects of India's freedom movement." Elucidate. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Freedom Struggle	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	"Assam tops all States in terms of violence against women, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2021 report." Examine the statement against the perception that women in Assam have more freedom than their counterparts in other parts of India. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Women & Child Development	15	2025
L4	What do you mean by the term 'women empowerment'? In India, women are revered in the form of goddesses—Durga as the embodiment of power (Shakti), Lakshmi as the goddess of wealth and prosperity, and Saraswati as the goddess of knowledge and learning. Yet, despite this deep cultural and religious reverence, issues such as female foeticide, gender discrimination and crime against women continue to remain alarmingly high, as reflected in government data. How do you explain this contradiction between the veneration of women in faith and their treatment in society? Discuss the underlying social, cultural, economic and institutional factors responsible for this dualism in belief and practice. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2025
L5	Trace the nature and course of Chipko Movement. What are the other dimensions the movement had besides environment? **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Social & Environmental Movements	10	2024
L6	"The participation of Assamese women in the freedom struggle brought about a new social and political consciousness among them." Analyze the statement. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Freedom Struggle	10	2024
L7	What are the key provisions and constitutional changes made by the Women's Reservation Bill, 2023? **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Parliament & State Legislatures	10	2024
L8	Recent trends in crimes by women **Asked in:** Essay Society › Women & Women's Organisations	125	2024
L9	What do you mean by feminization of poverty? What steps have been taken in recent times to address the issue? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2023
L10	Discuss how 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme aligns with the broader mission of poverty alleviation and socio-economic empowerment of women. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2023
L11	"Disasters affect girls and women in different ways than they affect boys and men." Do you agree? Why are responses often gender-blind? How do you ensure gender equality in disaster risk reduction in particular? **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L12	What is gender-responsive Disaster Risk Reduction? What are the barriers that prevent gender mainstreaming in Disaster Risk Reduction? Give some examples of overcoming these barriers. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2022
L13	Discuss the steps taken by the Government of Assam in the realm of gender equality in recent years. **Asked in:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Women & Child Development	10	2020
L14	Role of women in the socio-economic development of India's North-East **Asked in:** Essay Society › Women & Women's Organisations	125	2020

Poverty, Inequality & Development

4 questions · 6 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How do class, caste and gender differences determine aspirations and access to education and employment in India? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Employment & Labour **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Caste System	15	2025
2	What is human development? What are the indicators to measure human development? To what extent do you think these indicators can contribute to an inclusive measure of human development? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	10	2024
3	"Although India has achieved substantial economic growth in recent times, its biggest challenge today is to bridge the widening of gap between the rich and the poor." Analyze this statement and suggest measures to address this issue. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	15	2023
4	What do you mean by feminization of poverty? What steps have been taken in recent times to address the issue? **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	15	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Nobel laureate Amartya Sen defines poverty as a 'failure of certain basic capabilities'. Compare and contrast the definition of income poverty and multidimensional poverty with Sen's definition. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2025
L2	Are slums a social issue? Discuss the challenges of slum dwellers in India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Urbanization	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	Is there a difference between urban poor women and their rural counterparts? Elucidate your views with examples. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2023
L4	"The basic purpose of development is to enlarge people's choices." Elucidate in the light of the government policies and intervention for development in India. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	10	2022
L5	"A new century is not going to be new at all if we offer only charity, that palliative to satisfy the conscience and keep the same old system of haves and have-nots quietly contained." Discuss with suitable illustration. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	15	2022
L6	Increased national wealth need not mean increase in the per capita income of all the citizens. Equitable distribution of wealth is still a distant dream in India. There are pockets of minority wealthy families to whom concentration of wealth occur. Majority of people are still without basic necessities of life. Critically analyse the above statement in the context of contemporary Indian economy and society. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2020

Globalization & Indian Society

4 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the minimum standards of intellectual property rights imposed by the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). What are the challenges towards protection of indigenous and traditional knowledge? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Intellectual Property Rights **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › International Institutions	15	2024
2	Discuss how India would achieve self-reliance as well as national development in the context of the globalized world. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	10	2023
3	Describe how India is contributing to the globalized world with its values and ethos. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	15	2022
4	Examine the impact of globalization on Indian tribal societies. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Think globally, act locally **Asked in:** Essay Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	125	2022

Tribal Society & Identity

3 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Continuation of customary laws is not just a matter of identity politics but also important to issues of legal pluralism. Comment. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Scheduled & Tribal Areas	10	2025
2	The cultural heritage and traditions of tribal communities in North-East India are facing a serious crisis today. Suggest some measures for their preservation and promotion. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion	15	2024
3	What do you mean by tribal belts and blocks in Assam? What accounts for tribal land alienation in the State? Suggest measures to check this trend. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Tribal Welfare & Land Rights	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Explain the idea of ethno-development in the context of North-East India with suitable examples. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Ethnicity, Identity & Conflict	10	2025
L2	What ethical lesson can be drawn from the life of Rani Gaidinliu for public servants working in tribal regions? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)	10	2025
L3	The Future of Indigenous Languages of North-East India **Asked in:** Essay Art & Culture of Assam › Language	125	2025
L4	Evaluate the major policies of the government of independent India relating to the integration of the tribals in the process of consolidation of India as a nation. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Tribal Integration & Policies	15	2023
L5	Examine the impact of globalization on Indian tribal societies. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Globalization & Indian Society	10	2020

Urbanization

3 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Are slums a social issue? Discuss the challenges of slum dwellers in India. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	10	2024
2	What are the challenges of urbanization in North-East India? Do you think the idea of satellite township can address these challenges? Justify your answer. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Urbanization	15	2023
3	Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss.	15	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	To what extent has the urban planning in the Indus Valley Civilization influenced the urban planning in contemporary India? **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Architecture & Sculpture	10	2025
L2	Critically assess the risk posed by the 'last mile problem' in Indian cities for working women. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2025
L3	"Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages." Examine this statement in the context of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Urbanization	15	2023
L4	What is urban sprawl and what factors promote urban sprawl? What are environmental and socio-economic impacts of urban sprawl? Discuss citing an example of a city near you. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Urbanization	10	2022

Social Empowerment

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Standpoint approach taken together with intersectionality approach will contribute to inclusive development in Indian society. Comment.	15	2025
2	Unequal representation of marginalized groups in Indian media is a result of caste-class continuum. Elucidate. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Caste System **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Media & Press Freedom	15	2025
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the role of B. R. Ambedkar in providing a democratic framework for the empowerment of the marginal social groups in India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Constitution Making & Democratic Foundations	10	2024

Ethnicity, Identity & Conflict

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain the idea of ethno-development in the context of North-East India with suitable examples. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	10	2025
2	Can a Truth and Reconciliation Commission like that of South Africa help in peacebuilding in the context of ethnic conflict in North-East India? Discuss. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Insurgency & Extremism	15	2025

Family & Marriage

1 question · 8 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Comment on the new trendy 'Big Fat Indian Wedding'.	10	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	With the advent of the Internet, the Web, mobile devices, smart televisions and Artificial Intelligence into our daily lives, can it be held that the age-old and time-honoured relationships between children and parents do not exist anymore? Is parenting, therefore, a useless exercise with the forces of technology taking the upper hand? Is there any need to bar under-16 children from having any account in social media platforms as is done in Australia? But will not that action deprive our children from the useful aspects of social media? Elaborate. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	20	2025
L2	Comment on the necessity of Old Age Home in a modern society. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)	10	2023
L3	The Indian Joint Family: An institution of interdependence and cooperation **Asked in:** Essay Society › Family & Marriage	125	2023
L4	Live-in relationship : Rights and responsibilities **Asked in:** Essay Society › Family & Marriage	125	2023
L5	Rise in divorce cases in Assam **Asked in:** Essay Society › Family & Marriage	125	2023
L6	What, in your opinion, has been the impact of rise of nuclear families on family as an institution for inculcating values? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)	10	2022
L7	Impact of Work from Home (WFH)' on family life **Asked in:** Essay Society › Family & Marriage	125	2022
L8	"Family as an institution in inculcating values seems to set deteriorated in the recent past." Do you agree? Justify your stand. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)	10	2020

Media, Technology & Society

1 question · 7 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	To what extent does intensive smartphone dependency alter the perceptions and expression of indigenous identities and traditional values of the youth of Assam? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity	15	2025

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L2	(a) What do you understand by 'social media'? (b) What are its distinctive features? (c) Give a brief account of its role in framing of public policy in the State. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Public Policy	15	2025
L3	Noise vs. Knowledge: Truth in the Age of Social Media **Asked in:** Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2025
L4	Need for Unplugging Digital Connect in Order to Reconnect **Asked in:** Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2025
L5	The terms 'fake news' and 'influencer' have become a part of present-day vocabulary.(a) What do you mean by 'fake news'and 'influencer'? Is the widespread use of'fake news'an indication of society's overall moral decay?(b) To what extent, if at all, are 'influencers' dilferent from thinkers and philosophers from the past? Elaborate suitably. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	10	2024
L6	A world without Internet **Asked in:** Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2024
L7	"Social media has not only endangered our social fabric, it has also led to an erosion of values." Examine the statement. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	10	2023

Migration

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the factors responsible for the out-migration of rural youths from Assam? Do you think this is a positive and an inevitable process? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Population & Migration	15	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Do you think there is really a lack of work culture in Assam? If so, why? What measures would you suggest to improve work culture in the State? If you go outside the State in various parts of India, you find many youths from Assam, working in restaurants and other places even though cost of living is higher than in his/her native place. What are the reasons behind this? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2025
L2	Discuss the major factors responsible for migration of population into Assam and state its probable socio-economic consequences. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Population & Migration	15	2023

Caste System

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Despite various social reform movements and existing legislations, casteism in India refuses to go away. Discuss the major factors responsible for this.	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How do class, caste and gender differences determine aspirations and access to education and employment in India? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2025
L2	Unequal representation of marginalized groups in Indian media is a result of caste-class continuum. Elucidate. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Social Empowerment	15	2025

Population & Demographic Issues

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the significance of India's demographic dividend in her economic development. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	10	2020

Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society

4 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Diversity forms the cornerstone of multiculturalism **Asked in:** Essay Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society	125	2024
L2	Stereotyping the North-East—Ignorance and Perception **Asked in:** Essay Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society	125	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	While India's regional and cultural diversity is much celebrated, this has also posed a major challenge in nation building in the post-Independence period. Discuss. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Nation-Building & Regionalism	15	2022
L4	"Assam is a living ethnological museum with its diversity of ethnic communities and their cultural patterns." Illustrate the statement. **Asked in:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity	10	2020

Regionalism

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Highlight the factors that led to the rise of regionalism in Indian polity. Critically examine its role in strengthening Indian federalism. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Nation-Building & Regionalism	15	2020

Secularism

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"India follows a model of 'principled equidistance', where the State may keep a principled distance from religion, whereas France adheres to the doctrine of 'laïcité' based on strict separation of religion and the State." Compare these two models of secularism. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Comparison with Other Constitutions	15	2025

Geography

25 questions asked · 12 topics · 3 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Industrial Location & Economic Activities

5 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Examine how globalization has changed the conventional ideas and principles of industrial location and development.	15	2024
2	Discuss the importance of tourism as an evolving industry and explain its potential and challenges in North-East India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Tourism **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2024
3	Discuss the major factors contributing towards the selection of location for a manufacturing industry and explain with examples the role of market in this regard.	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
4	Is factor endowment always a necessity for the development of an industry? Discuss with reference to Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	10	2022
5	Examine the challenges faced by the bell-metal industry in Assam. What measures do you suggest to make it a vibrant economic sector? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › MSMEs, Startups & Entrepreneurship **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Handicrafts & GI Tags	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	A private company proposes to establish a manufacturing unit in Assam. Two possible locations are available—one near a protected forest with transport facilities and another in a remote district with limited infrastructure. As a policy-maker, which location would you approve? Give reasons for your decision. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	10	2025

Geophysical Phenomena

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Name the major earthquake-prone areas of the world and give details of the Circum-Pacific Belt.	10	2023
2	"North-East India is well-equipped to deal with the consequences of a mega earthquake." Analyze the statement with special reference to Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Earthquakes **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Earthquakes	15	2023
3	What role would you suggest for Panchayati Raj Institutions in earthquake preparedness? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Management Framework & Institutions **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Local Self-Government **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Earthquakes	10	2022

Water Resources & River Systems

2 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the feasibility and sustainability of river restoration in less developed countries of the world. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	15	2024
2	Do you agree with the view that the interlinking of rivers can address the water issues in India? Give reasons for your answer.	15	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Water resource management in Assam requires a paradigm shift from a narrow, flood-centric approach to a comprehensive, multi-sectoral water security strategy." Examine the key challenges and opportunities in managing Assam's water resources outside the monsoonal surge, focussing on dry season agricultural supply, drinking water quality, inland navigation, and aquatic ecosystems. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources	15	2025
L2	Describe the course of the Brahmaputra river from its source to mouth. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources	10	2023

Climatology

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the processes through which the earth-atmosphere system maintains heat balance.	15	2022
2	What are extreme precipitation events and what are their effects? Why are such events occurring more frequently in recent times? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Climate Change & Extreme Events	15	2020

Climate Change

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Some islands of the world are under high risk of submergence due to the rise of sea level. Discuss how such an impending situation can be addressed. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	10	2024
2	With the dangers of global climate change becoming a reality, it is now time to replace the discourse of economic growth with that of conservation of nature. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	10	2023

Biosphere, Ecosystems & Biodiversity

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Define biosphere and discuss the extent and importance of the biosphere in the earth's environment. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Ecology & Ecosystems	10	2023
2	Assess the role of the Government of India in biodiversity protection. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2020

Natural Vegetation & Forests

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the economic and environmental significance of forest resources in North-East India focusing on their sustainable use. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Forests & Forest Conservation **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Forests & Forest Conservation	15	2024
2	Give an idea of the distribution and ecological characteristics of the tropical rain forest and explain the causes of its rapid degradation. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Forests & Forest Conservation	10	2023

Population Geography

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Physical geography has a close relationship with Asia's population distribution. Discuss some examples where such a relation does not hold good.	10	2023
2	Highlight the underlying geographical factors that influence the distribution of India's population.	10	2020

Natural Resources Distribution

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How are global energy markets and maritime trade networks vulnerable to geopolitical disruptions? Substantiate your answer with the events of 2026. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Energy **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › External Sector & Trade **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	15	2025
2	Natural resource rich belts in India are not always the one with the highest levels of economic development. Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	15	2020

Soils

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What do you mean by soil ecosystem? What are its components? Describe the functions of soil ecosystem. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Ecology & Ecosystems	15	2023

Agricultural Geography

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the role of rice cultivation in the economy and culture of North-East India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Cropping Patterns & Major Crops **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion	10	2024

Physical Features of the World

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Give a geographical outline of Antarctica as a continent and analyze its environmental significance in the contemporary context. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	10	2024

Modern History of India

17 questions asked · 8 topics · 7 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Freedom Struggle

6 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The Civil Disobedience Movement marked the moral high point of Gandhian politics. Elucidate.	10	2025
2	“Women were not merely participants but architects of India’s freedom movement.” Elucidate. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	15	2025
3	"The participation of Assamese women in the freedom struggle brought about a new social and political consciousness among them." Analyze the statement. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2024
4	Analyze the role of foreigners who made India their homeland in the Indian Freedom Movement.	10	2022
5	How was the Assamese character reflected in the National Freedom Movement from 1921 to 1942? Discuss **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement	15	2022
6	Highlight the ideas of nationalism of Gandhi and Tagore in the context of Indian freedom struggle.	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the role of Maniram Dewan as an administrator, entrepreneur and patriot in the 19th century Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement	15	2022
L2	Discuss the landmarks of the freedom struggle in Assam from 1921 to 1947. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement	15	2020

Socio-Religious Reform Movements

5 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Assess the contribution of Anandaram Dhekial Phukan towards the Assamese Renaissance and modern intellectual thought. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Socio-Religious Reform Movements **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Literature	10	2025
2	In the course of the 19th century, the agenda of social reform was gradually replaced by revivalism. Elucidate.	15	2025
3	What are the two broad categories of socio-religious reform movements in colonial India? How far the western impact contributed to the growth and development of the socio-religious reform movements?	15	2023
4	What are the main features of Indian Renaissance?	10	2022
5	Discuss briefly the influence of the Brahmo Movement on the Assamese society in the 19th century. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Socio-Religious Reform Movements	15	2022

Partition of India

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Critically evaluate the depiction of partition horror of India in 1947 in any contemporary Indian Novel. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Literature	10	2023
2	Give a critical account of the economic impact of partition of India on Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Post-Independence Assam	15	2020

British Expansion & Colonial Policies

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain the significance of the Charter Act of 1833 in the history of colonial India.	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the significant differences between colonial civil service and the civil service of independent India. Analyze the role of civil service as agents of change in contemporary India. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	10	2023
L2	Discuss the events leading to the signing of the Yandabo Treaty on 24th February, 1826. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Colonial Rule in Assam	15	2023

Rise of Indian Nationalism

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain briefly the social, economic and cultural background of the emergence of Indian nationalism in the 19th century.	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Analyze the factors responsible for awakening of national consciousness in Assam in the last part of the 19th century. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement	15	2025

Colonial Economy & Land Revenue

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What were the main features of the British Land Revenue Policy? Analyze its impact on the peasantry in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Colonial Rule in Assam	10	2024

Sources & Historiography

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Point out the problems in using official sources while writing the history of peasants. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Peasant & Tribal Movements	10	2022

Peasant & Tribal Movements

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Examine the causes and consequences of the 'Phulaguri Dhawa (1861)' as a peasant resistance movement. To what extent it was successful? **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Peasant Uprisings	10	2024
L2	Point out the problems in using official sources while writing the history of peasants. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Sources & Historiography	10	2022

Art and Culture of India

15 questions asked · 8 topics · 4 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Architecture & Sculpture

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	To what extent has the urban planning in the Indus Valley Civilization influenced the urban planning in contemporary India? **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Urbanization	10	2025
2	The Sarnath School represents the zenith of early Indian sculptural development. Discuss with reference to the main features of this school of art.	10	2025
3	Illustrate with suitable examples how syncretism became a part of Indian architecture during the medieval period.	15	2020

Bhakti & Sufi Movements

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss how women were able to articulate and carve out a space for themselves within the Bhakti tradition. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2025
2	Elements of dissent and protest were inherent in the preaching of the various Bhakti saints in medieval India. Discuss with examples.	10	2023
3	"The Neo-Vaishnavite Movement played the most significant role in laying the foundation of a broader society in the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam." Elucidate this statement. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Neo-Vaishnavism, Satra & Namghar	15	2020

Religion & Philosophy

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Evaluate the religious and historical importance of the Puranas in India.	15	2023
2	How do the Principles of Buddhism inspire ecological mindfulness to address the loss of biodiversity? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Environmental Ethics	10	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Explain the philosophical idea of 'Rajadharma' as a basis of probity. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	10	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	"According to Buddhism, for a man to be perfect there are two qualities that should develop equally — Compassion (Karuna) on one side and Wisdom (Panna) on the other side." Analyze. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Moral Thinkers & Philosophers	20	2023
L3	Explain the concept of 'Vasundhara Kutumbakam'. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Moral Thinkers & Philosophers	10	2022

Literature

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss, with any two examples, the ways in which the River Brahmaputra is represented in the cultural imagination of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Literature	10	2025
2	Mulk Raj Anand's novels represent the social realities of 20th century India. Discuss with reference to any one of his texts.	15	2025
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Critically evaluate the depiction of partition horror of India in 1947 in any contemporary Indian Novel. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Partition of India	10	2023

Painting

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Write an essay on the tradition of manuscript painting in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Painting & Manuscripts	10	2024
2	Highlight the major themes of the prehistoric paintings of India	10	2020

Music

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Indian classical music has played a significant role in preserving cultural heritage and strengthening national integrity. Critically analyze with suitable examples.	15	2023

Dance

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Write a note on the origins, evolution and salient features of the Sattriya Dance of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Dance	10	2020

Cinema & Theatre

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Evaluate the contribution of Dr. Bhabendra Nath Saikia towards film-making in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cinema & Theatre	10	2023

Post Independence of India

12 questions asked · 9 topics · 2 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Nation-Building & Regionalism

3 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Nation-building in North-East India has been shaped as much by accommodation as by integration." Comment. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Post-Independence Assam	15	2025
2	While India's regional and cultural diversity is much celebrated, this has also posed a major challenge in nation building in the post-Independence period. Discuss. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society	15	2022
3	Highlight the factors that led to the rise of regionalism in Indian polity. Critically examine its role in strengthening Indian federalism. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Regionalism	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Analyze the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in strengthening the Indian Nation-State. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Integration of Princely States	15	2022

Integration of Princely States

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Analyze the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in strengthening the Indian Nation-State. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Nation-Building & Regionalism	15	2022
2	Discuss the challenges in the process of integration of the Princely States with India after Independence and evaluate the role of Sardar Patel in it.	15	2020

Reorganisation of States

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Analyze the significance and implications of the States Reorganization Act of 1956 with reference to North-East India. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Post-Independence Assam **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations	15	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Colonial-era demarcations have impacted present-day Assam's relationship with its neighbouring States." Critically analyze this statement. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations	10	2025

Tribal Integration & Policies

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Evaluate the major policies of the government of independent India relating to the integration of the tribals in the process of consolidation of India as a nation. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	15	2023

Constitution Making & Democratic Foundations

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the role of B. R. Ambedkar in providing a democratic framework for the empowerment of the marginal social groups in India. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Social Empowerment **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Historical Underpinnings & Features of Constitution	10	2024

Planning & Economic Development

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the role of the Planning Commission in post-Independence nation-building. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Planning & NITI Aayog	10	2025

Education Policy

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Highlight the recommendations of the Kothari Education Commission (1964-66) that have also been addressed by the National Education Policy, 2020. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	15	2024

Social & Environmental Movements

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Trace the nature and course of Chipko Movement. What are the other dimensions the movement had besides environment? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Forests & Forest Conservation **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2024

Demographic Change & Migration

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Critically assess the socio-political circumstances leading to the demographic change in Assam during post-Independence period. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Post-Independence Assam **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Population & Migration	15	2024

SECTION 2 OF 6

GS Paper 2

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations

What this paper has asked, 2020–2025

SUBJECT (MOST-ASKED FIRST)	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL	+ LINKED
Polity	10	7	5	6	8	**36**	+35
Governance	4	5	6	5	4	**24**	+25
International Relations	2	5	7	5	4	**23**	+17
Social Justice	4	3	2	4	4	**17**	+34
Total	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**100**	

Key takeaways

- Most-asked subject: **Polity**, with 36 of the 100 questions.
- Most-asked topics: **Civil Services (8)**; **India & Neighbourhood (7)**; **Elections & Representation of People Act (6)**; **Poverty & Hunger (6)**.
- 38 of this paper's 100 questions also test topics in other papers, and 76 questions from other papers link into this paper's topics.

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Polity

36 questions asked · 15 topics · 35 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Elections & Representation of People Act

6 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The impending delimitation exercise faces a structural deadlock due to stark demographic divergence between the Northern and Southern States in India. Suggest institutional mechanisms to ensure that the States with successful population control are not marginalized. Do the initiatives to link delimitation with women reservation meet with success? If not, why? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Parliament & State Legislatures	10	2025
2	While the Representation of the People Act, 1951, is the foundational bedrock of India's electoral system, in the light of contemporary challenges like transparency gaps in financing of political parties and election campaigns as well as controversies surrounding SIR of electoral rolls, critically evaluate if the Act needs a structural overhaul.	15	2025
3	"Delimitation, as outlined under Section 8A of the Representation of the People Act (1950), aims to adjust constituency boundaries based on population shifts to ensure fair representation." In the light of this, discuss how the delimitation process affects the political representation of indigenous communities in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Elections & Delimitation	10	2024
4	Can State funding of elections bring in transparency in the poll process? How do the other democracies handle this issue? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Comparison with Other Constitutions	10	2023
5	How does the Election Commission of India carry out the delimitation of constituencies for State Legislative Assemblies as per the Representation of the People Act, 1951?	10	2022
6	What are the core provisions of the Representation of the People Act? Discuss the amendments of the Act as on date.	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Beneficiary politics is a hindrance to socio-economic growth **Asked in:** Essay Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	125	2024

Constitutional Amendment & Basic Structure

5 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The doctrine of basic structure places substantive limits on formal majorities, especially when vulnerable groups or dissenting voices are affected. Taking the perspective of a constitutional decision-maker, construct a reasoned response to the following dilemma: "A proposed constitutional amendment promises rapid economic growth and national security, but weakens institutional safeguards that protect minorities and political opposition." Express (a) how you would assess the proposal in the light of basic structure principles, (b) what alternate policy or legal pathways you would explore to reconcile development and rights, and (c) how you would communicate your decision in a way that sustains public trust in constitutional democracy. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	15	2025
2	"The doctrine of basic structure safeguards the spirit of the Constitution against majoritarian impulses in India." Examine the role of the judiciary in evolving the doctrine of basic structure of the Indian Constitution. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Judiciary	15	2024
3	What do you mean by the 'basic structure' of the Constitution of India? Discuss the different views around it in the light of the recommendations of the 'National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution'.	10	2022
4	Discuss the procedures of amendment to the Constitution in India and South Africa, highlighting the key provisions. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Comparison with Other Constitutions	10	2022
5	Explain the procedure to amend the Constitution of India highlighting the significance of the basic structure doctrine.	10	2020

Federalism & Centre-State Relations

4 questions · 7 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Colonial-era demarcations have impacted present-day Assam's relationship with its neighbouring States." Critically analyze this statement. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Colonial Rule in Assam **Also relates to:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Reorganisation of States **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Border Management	10	2025
2	Critically assess the use of Article 249 of the Constitution of India that empowers the Parliament to make laws on matters listed in the State List in national interest.	15	2022
3	Do you think 'cooperative federalism' exists in India? Substantiate your answer.	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
4	Discuss the administrative relations between the Union and the States.	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The impending delimitation exercise faces a structural deadlock due to stark demographic divergence between the Northern and Southern States in India. Suggest institutional mechanisms to ensure that the States with successful population control are not marginalized. Do the initiatives to link delimitation with women reservation meet with success? If not, why? **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Elections & Representation of People Act	10	2025
L2	The 16th Finance Commission maintained the vertical devolution at 41%. Did it fail to address the long-standing complaint of the States that their revenue-raising capacity under the GST regime has shrunk drastically compared to the expanding welfare policies they embark upon? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Bodies	10	2025
L3	Discuss the changes introduced by the 16th Finance Commission to the horizontal devolution formula, compared with the 15th Finance Commission. Analyze their likely impact on the North-Eastern States of India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy	10	2025
L4	Analyze the significance and implications of the States Reorganization Act of 1956 with reference to North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Reorganisation of States	15	2024
L5	Critically analyze the effectiveness of the Finance Commission in promoting fiscal equity and strengthening financial relations among the Centre, States and Local Bodies. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Bodies	15	2024
L6	"NITI Aayog is a harbinger of cooperative and competitive federalism." Elucidate. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Planning & NITI Aayog	15	2022
L7	Highlight the factors that led to the rise of regionalism in Indian polity. Critically examine its role in strengthening Indian federalism. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Nation-Building & Regionalism	15	2020

Fundamental Rights

4 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The framers of the Constitution sought to combine political democracy with social and economic justice, but India still continues to face deep inequalities. Within this context, explain how the design of the Constitution attempts to move society from 'formal equality' to 'substantive equality'. Do you think that constitutional design alone is sufficient to reduce structural injustice, or whether it sometimes enables the status quo? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Historical Underpinnings & Features of Constitution **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Directive Principles of State Policy **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	10	2025
2	"Right to dissent is the lifeline of democracy." Explain.	15	2023
3	What is the right to privacy? How is the right to privacy protected through courts in India and Germany? Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Comparison with Other Constitutions	15	2022
4	Discuss why Article 32 of the Constitution of India is regarded as the 'Heart and Soul of the Constitution'.	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"India follows a model of 'principled equidistance', where the State may keep a principled distance from religion, whereas France adheres to the doctrine of 'laïcité' based on strict separation of religion and the State." Compare these two models of secularism. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Comparison with Other Constitutions	15	2025

Constitutional Bodies

4 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The 16th Finance Commission maintained the vertical devolution at 41%. Did it fail to address the long-standing complaint of the States that their revenue-raising capacity under the GST regime has shrunk drastically compared to the expanding welfare policies they embark upon? Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy	10	2025
2	Critically analyze the effectiveness of the Finance Commission in promoting fiscal equity and strengthening financial relations among the Centre, States and Local Bodies. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
3	"Constitutional bodies in India need to fulfill the role of watchdog of democracy while critically evaluating the functioning of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India."	10	2023
4	Discuss the role of the Attorney General of India as the Chief Legal Adviser to the Government of India, highlighting some recent cases of the Supreme Court of India.	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the changes introduced by the 16th Finance Commission to the horizontal devolution formula, compared with the 15th Finance Commission. Analyze their likely impact on the North-Eastern States of India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy	10	2025

Parliament & State Legislatures

3 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the key provisions and constitutional changes made by the Women's Reservation Bill, 2023? **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2024
2	"As presiding officer, the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is the guardian of the prestige and dignity of the House."	10	2022
3	Discuss the powers of the Speaker under the Rules for the Conduct of Business in the Parliament.	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The impending delimitation exercise faces a structural deadlock due to stark demographic divergence between the Northern and Southern States in India. Suggest institutional mechanisms to ensure that the States with successful population control are not marginalized. Do the initiatives to link delimitation with women reservation meet with success? If not, why? **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Elections & Representation of People Act	10	2025
L2	What, according to you, are the subjects covered under Money Bill? Explain in detail the procedure of passing a Money Bill in a Legislative Assembly. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › State Legislature	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	"The Indian Parliament system, though patterned on the British model, consists of its own unique features, drawn mainly from the non-British sources." Elucidate in the context of difference between the parliamentary system of India with that of the British. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Comparison with Other Constitutions	15	2020

Local Self-Government

2 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Political decentralization without adequate administrative and fiscal devolution is a major obstacle to local self-governance." Critically analyze this statement in the context of India's local self-governance.	10	2025
2	"The future of India lies in the villages." Explain the statement in the light of the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in empowering rural communities.	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Discuss the 'Paik' or 'Khel' system of Ahom administration. Can this system be considered as the foundation ground of the modern Panchayat? **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Ahom Kingdom & Administration	10	2025
L2	Waste Management: India's Everyday Governance Challenge **Asked in:** Essay Environment › Waste Management	125	2025
L3	Discuss the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in effective disaster management. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Management Framework & Institutions	10	2024
L4	Apart from election to the rural-urban local bodies, the Assam State Election Commission also conducts elections to various other autonomous organizations and Sixth Schedule organizations. Name all of them. Discuss the qualifications and tenure of service of the State Election Commissioner of Assam. Can he/she be removed from his/her office before completion of his/her term? **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › State Constitutional & Statutory Bodies	15	2024
L5	What role would you suggest for Panchayati Raj Institutions in earthquake preparedness? **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Geophysical Phenomena	10	2022

Judiciary

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"In moment when democratic institutions weaken, a vigilant judiciary becomes not just a guardian of the Constitution but a custodian of the people's trust." In the light of the statement, critically evaluate the strategic role of the Supreme Court of India.	10	2024
2	Discuss, in detail, how judicial decisions shape Indian politics with special reference to the latest judgements of the Supreme Court of India.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Alternative dispute redressal forums and specialized tribunals were set up to reduce pressure on regular courts and provide quicker expert justice. As a civil servant handling a large dispute, such as displacement caused by a project, denial of welfare benefits, or environmental harm, explain how you would decide which forum or mechanism is most suitable. Also discuss the ethical balance between speed and thoroughness, technical expertise and public participation, and institutional authority and empathy for affected communities. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Statutory, Regulatory & Quasi-Judicial Bodies	15	2025
L2	"The doctrine of basic structure safeguards the spirit of the Constitution against majoritarian impulses in India." Examine the role of the judiciary in evolving the doctrine of basic structure of the Indian Constitution. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Amendment & Basic Structure	15	2024
L3	What do you mean by Writ of Mandamus? Discuss the circumstance(s) under which Writ of Mandamus is issued. Distinguish between Writ of Prohibition and Writ of Certiorari. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › High Court & Judiciary	15	2024

Comparison with Other Constitutions

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"India follows a model of 'principled equidistance', where the State may keep a principled distance from religion, whereas France adheres to the doctrine of 'laïcité' based on strict separation of religion and the State." Compare these two models of secularism. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Secularism **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Fundamental Rights	15	2025
2	"The Indian Parliament system, though patterned on the British model, consists of its own unique features, drawn mainly from the non-British sources." Elucidate in the context of difference between the parliamentary system of India with that of the British. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Parliament & State Legislatures	15	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Can State funding of elections bring in transparency in the poll process? How do the other democracies handle this issue? **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Elections & Representation of People Act	10	2023
L2	Discuss the procedures of amendment to the Constitution in India and South Africa, highlighting the key provisions. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Amendment & Basic Structure	10	2022
L3	What is the right to privacy? How is the right to privacy protected through courts in India and Germany? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Fundamental Rights	15	2022

Scheduled & Tribal Areas

1 question · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution? Reflect on the role of the Governor in the areas under the Sixth Schedule. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Union & State Executive **Also relates to:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils	15	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Continuation of customary laws is not just a matter of identity politics but also important to issues of legal pluralism. Comment. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	10	2025
L2	Discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Commissioner in a district under the Sixth Schedule Autonomous District Council areas of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › District Administration	10	2025
L3	Discuss the genesis and working practices of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils	15	2020

Union & State Executive

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"In the Indian parliamentary system, the office of the President is like a 'pivot' that joins the two wheels, namely the legislature and the executive."	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What is the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution? Reflect on the role of the Governor in the areas under the Sixth Schedule. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Scheduled & Tribal Areas	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	Explain the meaning of discretionary power in the context of the Indian Constitution. Elaborate with examples the Governor's discretionary powers. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Governor & State Executive	10	2024

Media & Press Freedom

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"To paraphrase Mark Twain, if you don't watch news, you will be uninformed; if you do, you will be misinformed." In the context of this statement, assess the role of Indian media as the fourth pillar of democracy.	15	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Unequal representation of marginalized groups in Indian media is a result of caste-class continuum. Elucidate. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Social Empowerment	15	2025
L2	Free Press and Its Responsibilities **Asked in:** Essay Polity › Media & Press Freedom	125	2025

National Symbols

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Describe the salient features of the Flag Code of India, 2002.	15	2023

Historical Underpinnings & Features of Constitution

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The framers of the Constitution sought to combine political democracy with social and economic justice, but India still continues to face deep inequalities. Within this context, explain how the design of the Constitution attempts to move society from 'formal equality' to 'substantive equality'. Do you think that constitutional design alone is sufficient to reduce structural injustice, or whether it sometimes enables the status quo? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Fundamental Rights	10	2025
L2	What is meant by 'constitutional morality', and who is credited with popularising this concept in the Indian context? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Moral Thinkers & Philosophers	10	2025
L3	Discuss the role of B. R. Ambedkar in providing a democratic framework for the empowerment of the marginal social groups in India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Constitution Making & Democratic Foundations	10	2024

Directive Principles of State Policy

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The framers of the Constitution sought to combine political democracy with social and economic justice, but India still continues to face deep inequalities. Within this context, explain how the design of the Constitution attempts to move society from 'formal equality' to 'substantive equality'. Do you think that constitutional design alone is sufficient to reduce structural injustice, or whether it sometimes enables the status quo? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Fundamental Rights	10	2025

Governance

24 questions asked · 8 topics · 25 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Civil Services

8 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	'Mission Karmayogi' seeks to transform India's Civil Services from a rule-based bureaucracy to a role-based, citizen-centric institution. Evaluate the potential and limitations of Mission Karmayogi in improving administration. How do you propose to resolve the Digital Divide? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › E-Governance	10	2025
2	"The rise of Artificial Intelligence, digital governance and data-driven policy making has fundamentally altered the competencies required of civil servants." Critically examine the statement and also discuss its likely impact on emotional intelligence required of a responsive civil servant. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › E-Governance **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Emotional Intelligence	15	2025
3	"The civil servants are dictated by the rules and procedures." Examine the statement in the light of the rights of civil servants in India.	10	2024
4	Discuss the significant differences between colonial civil service and the civil service of independent India. Analyze the role of civil service as agents of change in contemporary India. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › British Expansion & Colonial Policies	10	2023
5	"Bureaucracy is not an obstacle to democracy, but an inevitable complement to it." Evaluate this statement in the light of criticisms suggesting that bureaucracy fails to facilitate change.	10	2023
6	What is 'Mission Karmayogi'? Analyze its effectiveness in bringing civil service reforms through a capacity-building approach.	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
7	Discuss the measures for making the Civil Service in India more efficient and responsive to the needs of the public in the light of the rapidly changing social, political and economic milieu of the country.	15	2022
8	Discuss the role of civil service in realizing the true objectives of a democracy. Substantiate your arguments in the light of the functioning of the Indian Civil Service.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	As an officer, you report corruption in Orunodoi scheme beneficiary list to higher authorities. Already you have been transferred thrice in a year for your non-compromising attitude so far as corruption is concerned. You have been advised by your colleagues to stay quiet. (a) Identify the ethical dilemmas. (b) How does 'doctrine of pleasure' create fear? (c) What are the safeguards, including that under Articles 310 and 311 of the Indian Constitution? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Corruption	10	2025
L2	Describe the recommendations of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission for code of conduct. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	10	2022
L3	Government departments are increasingly resorting to contractual employment or outsourcing activities. Do you think this is the right way to improve work culture in government departments and ensure quality of service delivery? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	10	2022
L4	How can an impartial and non-partisan public service help in proper administration of a democratic government? Give your own reasons to substantiate your answer. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Aptitude & Foundational Values	10	2020

Government Policies & Interventions

5 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Comment on the occurrence of urban flooding in Guwahati city. What would you attribute this disaster to? Elaborate on the extent to which this hydrometeorological disaster can be attributed to climate change or unplanned urban development. What are the global best practices to address this issue? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Urbanization	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	What are the main objectives of the Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC)? What are the key sectors that face climate vulnerabilities in Assam? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Climate Change & Climate Action	15	2024
3	"The recently passed 'Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023' seeks to balance the case of forest conservation with the requirement of strategic infrastructure development." Discuss the possible impact of such interventions in the States of North-East India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Forests & Forest Conservation **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Forests & Forest Conservation	15	2023
4	"The basic purpose of development is to enlarge people's choices." Elucidate in the light of the government policies and intervention for development in India. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	10	2022
5	"Instead of providing shelter from market failures and other vicissitudes of life, the welfare states today seek to make their citizens more competitive, responsive and proactive." Comment. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Social Security	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Climate change is not only an environmental challenge but also a question of social justice, as its impacts are disproportionately experienced by vulnerable communities." Analyze this statement in the light of climate-responsive public policies and welfare interventions to reduce the disproportionate burden of climate change on vulnerable communities. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	15	2025
L2	Discuss the outcome of centrally sponsored schemes like PMGSY, Smart Cities Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission in Assam's development landscape. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Development Programmes & Schemes	15	2024
L3	Beneficiary politics is a hindrance to socio-economic growth **Asked in:** Essay Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	125	2024

E-Governance

3 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the focus areas of 'Digital India'? Discuss the important provisions of the Common Services Centres (CSC) 2.0.	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	"The increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) is expected to fundamentally transform the ways in which governance is done in India." Discuss the challenges to be faced in this regard. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence	15	2023
3	"E-governance transforms not only the ways in which public services are delivered but also the fundamental relationship between the government and the citizen." Explain.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	'Mission Karmayogi' seeks to transform India's Civil Services from a rule-based bureaucracy to a role-based, citizen-centric institution. Evaluate the potential and limitations of Mission Karmayogi in improving administration. How do you propose to resolve the Digital Divide? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	10	2025
L2	"The rise of Artificial Intelligence, digital governance and data-driven policy making has fundamentally altered the competencies required of civil servants." Critically examine the statement and also discuss its likely impact on emotional intelligence required of a responsive civil servant. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	15	2025
L3	Describe how the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) has been successful in the effective implementation of land reform measures in India. Highlight the roles of 'Mission Basundhara' and 'SVAMITVA' in conferring land titles to the landless families of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Land Reforms	15	2025
L4	What are the key objectives and salient features of the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS)? State the benefits offered under the Kisan Suvidha App to the farmers of India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › E-Technology in Agriculture	15	2024
L5	Highlight the key usages of Aadhaar in the daily lives of Indian citizens. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Digital Economy	15	2022

Good Governance

3 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Good governance is considered a key to achieving sustainable development and human well-being." Evaluate this assertion with reference to the initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Sustainable Development & SDGs	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Critically assess the role of 'Mann Ki Baat' programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in educating, guiding and motivating fellow Indians to work for social change and national development.	15	2022
3	"Correlation of good governance with democracy has meant the dispersion of power amongst the governed instead of centralization in the elites." Comment.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"That government is the best which governs least." What do you understand by this statement of Henry David Thoreau? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Moral Thinkers & Philosophers	10	2025

Statutory, Regulatory & Quasi-Judicial Bodies

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Alternative dispute redressal forums and specialized tribunals were set up to reduce pressure on regular courts and provide quicker expert justice. As a civil servant handling a large dispute, such as displacement caused by a project, denial of welfare benefits, or environmental harm, explain how you would decide which forum or mechanism is most suitable. Also discuss the ethical balance between speed and thoroughness, technical expertise and public participation, and institutional authority and empathy for affected communities. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Judiciary **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	15	2025
2	Evaluate to what extent the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has succeeded in ensuring environmental justice in India. How does its functioning reflect the tensions among ecological sustainability, economic development and democratic accountability? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Impact Assessment & Governance	15	2024
3	Discuss how the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) safeguards the interests of the investors. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Financial Markets	10	2022

NGOs & Civil Society

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Describe the salient features of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment (FCRA) Act, 2020 and its implications on the development of industries in India.	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Discuss the role of civil society as the guardian of human rights and obligations. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Human Rights	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	You are posted as an Additional District Commissioner of a district. The district is identified as Aspirational District by the NITI Aayog. You have been entrusted to function as Nodal Officer for all the initiatives of the NITI Aayog being taken up in the district for holistic development. Special thrust is being given to increase literacy rate in the district. The NITI Aayog has engaged one philanthropic organization to mediate and facilitate progress in the educational sector of the district. Being the Nodal Officer, how will you proceed for holistic development in educational sector with the help of existing government setup and the appointed organization? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2024

Transparency & Accountability

8 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What are the core components of a Citizen's Charter? How far does Citizen's Charter help in simplifying and enhancing the quality of public service delivery in government? Elaborate. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	10	2025
L2	The Jan Sunwai or public hearing that emerged in response to demand for minimum wages in public works programmes by Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) in rural Rajasthan was the forerunner for emergence of social audit in India. (a) Examine how social audit has expanded in India since that moment. (b) What are the key principles of social audit? (c) What is the significance of social audit? Refer to two good practices. (d) What are the challenges to social audit and measures you suggest to improve social audit? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	20	2025
L3	What are the objectives of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 as laid down in its Preamble? Which categories of information are exempted from disclosure under the Act? **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › RTI & Citizen Charter	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L4	What is the meaning of social audit? Can social audit ensure completetransparency in the utilization of public funds? To what extent is social auditdistinct and different from audit carried out by designated governmentdepartments? Elaborate. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	10	2024
L5	"Certainty of punishment is more effective than quantum of punishment." (a) Discuss the above statement in the context of preventing corruption. (b) Suggest some innovative reforms that can be brought in to make governance more transparent and people-centric. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corruption	10	2023
L6	Discuss the ethical issues of the circumstances when big industrial houses try to influence the government policies. In this regard, suggest measures to enhance transparency and accountability in delivery of services. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Accountability & Ethical Governance	10	2023
L7	Nagen, who is a BPL category person, needs information about the budget of different development schemes in his village. He approached to the SPIO of the District Commissioner Office and submitted an RTI application. He forgot to enclose the required fee and being partially illiterate, his application was full of grammatical mistakes. In total, it was not in any format but the content can be understood. The SPIO has seen the application but did not point anything to Nagen. On completion of 30 days, the information was denied stating that his application was not in format and required fee. (a) How far is the reason of rejection of the application justified? (b) What is the remedy available to Nagen to get these information? (c) Whether the SPIO failed to discharge his duties as enshrined in the RTI Act? If so, explain in detail. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Probity in Governance	20	2023
L8	What are the principal measures taken by the government in recent years to bring transparency? Have these brought down corruption? Elucidate with examples. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corruption	10	2022

Self Help Groups (SHGs)

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss how 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme aligns with the broader mission of poverty alleviation and socio-economic empowerment of women. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	What is the 'Vistarita Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Yojana' aimed at? Discuss the benefits available to Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Assam under this scheme. **Asked in:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Women & Child Development	10	2023
L3	"The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) launched by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has been successful in creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor." Comment. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	15	2020

International Relations

23 questions asked · 8 topics · 17 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

India & Neighbourhood

7 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is 'String of Pearls' strategy of China? How does this strategy challenge India's maritime security? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Role of External State & Non-State Actors	10	2024
2	Discuss the implications of political turmoil in Bangladesh on India's foreign policy.	15	2024
3	What is Bhutan's plan for regional economic hub at Gelephu? In what manner is Assam going to be benefitted by this hub? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Act East & North-East Connectivity	10	2023
4	Do you think fencing of India-Myanmar border is an effective step to check terrorist activities and drugs trafficking? Justify your answer in the light of the Centre's decision to fence the porous India-Myanmar border. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Border Management **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Drug Trafficking & Narcotics	10	2023
5	"In keeping with its 'Neighbourhood First Policy', India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan." Elucidate and comment.	10	2022
6	"As close neighbours, India and Nepal share unique ties of friendship and cooperation characterized by an open border and deep-rooted people-to-people contacts of kinship and culture."	10	2022
7	"At the centre of India's development agenda in Myanmar lies connectivity." Do you agree with the statement? Elucidate with suitable reasons in support of your answer. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Act East & North-East Connectivity **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Act East & North-East Connectivity	15	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Why did Myanmar become a sanctuary for insurgent groups of North-East India? How does China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) affect Indian security? **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Role of External State & Non-State Actors	10	2024
L2	Delineate the possible advantages from getting access to Chittagong Port of Bangladesh from the perspective of the economic development of North-East. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	15	2022

India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues

5 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Despite being one of the world's fastest growing economies, India continues to identify itself as a representative of the Global South. Critically examine whether this dual identity creates diplomatic advantages or policy contradictions.	10	2025
2	India's position on Russia-Ukraine conflict has been described as 'principled pragmatism'. Has this approach enhanced India's global credibility? Justify your answer. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Major Powers	10	2025
3	Read the following statement carefully: "India's aspiration to become a developed nation by 2047 depends as much on its external engagement as on its domestic transformation." In the light of this statement, propose a comprehensive foreign policy framework that balances India's national interests with its global responsibilities as well as domestic transformation policy measures to enable it to reach its goal. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	15	2025
4	"India's participation in global agreements on human rights reflects its commitment to promoting a just and equitable world order." Discuss this statement with reference to India's involvement in international agreements and bodies. Evaluate India's approach to human rights issues at the global level. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Human Rights	10	2023
5	"A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."Explain	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How are global energy markets and maritime trade networks vulnerable to geopolitical disruptions? Substantiate your answer with the events of 2026. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Resources Distribution	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	How do you see the ongoing conflict in the Strait of Hormuz and its bad effects in terms of the ethics in international relationship? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in International Relations	10	2025
L3	"India has emerged as a Vishwa Mitra (global friend), a Vishwa Guru (global teacher) and a Vishwa Vaidya (global physician)." Examine the statement in the light of the development made by India in recent years. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	15	2023
L4	Describe how India is contributing to the globalized world with its values and ethos. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Globalization & Indian Society	15	2022
L5	The Vienna Declaration is a landmark in the history of human rights. Elucidate. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Human Rights	10	2020

Regional & Global Groupings

4 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the importance of BRICS as an economic bloc.	10	2024
2	How does BIMSTEC contribute towards accelerating regional cooperation in South-East Asia? Explain the significance of BIMSTEC in promoting economic development in North-East India. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Act East & North-East Connectivity **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Act East & North-East Connectivity	15	2024
3	What is Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)? Elucidate the opportunities of India under Quad arrangement.	15	2023
4	Critically analyze India's initiative for Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure to face natural calamities by the least developed and developing countries and its impact. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Management Framework & Institutions	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the outcome of the G-20 sessions in Assam as an opportunity to showcase the tourism and cultural heritage of Assam and also to highlight the trade and investment potential before the international community. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2022

India & Major Powers

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is the foundation of India–European Union bilateral relations? What is the impact of EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on Indian exports? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › External Sector & Trade	10	2025
2	Analyze the main factors shaping relations between India and the European Union.	15	2024
3	"India and the USA are natural allies." Discuss the strategic reasons of India's closeness to the United States of America.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	India's position on Russia–Ukraine conflict has been described as 'principled pragmatism'. Has this approach enhanced India's global credibility? Justify your answer. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	10	2025
L2	"In an era of shifting geo-political alliances, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, the influence of developed and developing countries' policies on India's strategic interest demands nuanced examination." Analyze the multi-faceted impact of evolving foreign policies and the political dynamics of major powers on India's national security and regional stability. Provide recent examples and propose innovative diplomatic strategies to safeguard India's interest amidst global uncertainties. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › Effect of Other Countries' Policies on India	15	2023

Effect of Other Countries' Policies on India

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Examine the impact of developed countries' immigration policies on India's skilled workforce and diaspora communities. Analyze how visa regulations and skilled immigration programmes in countries like the United States and Canada affect India's brain drain and diaspora engagement. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Indian Diaspora	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	"In an era of shifting geo-political alliances, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, the influence of developed and developing countries' policies on India's strategic interest demands nuanced examination." Analyze the multi-faceted impact of evolving foreign policies and the political dynamics of major powers on India's national security and regional stability. Provide recent examples and propose innovative diplomatic strategies to safeguard India's interest amidst global uncertainties. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Major Powers	15	2023

International Institutions

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"By an objective criterion, such as population, territorial size, GDP, economic potential, civilizational legacy, cultural diversity, political system and past and ongoing contributions to the activities of the UN—especially UN peacekeeping operations—India is eminently qualified for permanent membership."	10	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Discuss the minimum standards of intellectual property rights imposed by the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). What are the challenges towards protection of indigenous and traditional knowledge? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Globalization & Indian Society	15	2024

Indian Diaspora

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"The Indian diaspora acts as a catalyst for economic growth and cultural exchange, but its potential remains largely untapped." Explore the emerging trends and innovative approaches in leveraging the Indian diaspora for enhancing India's economic competitiveness and global influence.	10	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Examine the impact of developed countries' immigration policies on India's skilled workforce and diaspora communities. Analyze how visa regulations and skilled immigration programmes in countries like the United States and Canada affect India's brain drain and diaspora engagement. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › Effect of Other Countries' Policies on India	15	2023

Act East & North-East Connectivity

5 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How does BIMSTEC contribute towards accelerating regional cooperation in South-East Asia? Explain the significance of BIMSTEC in promoting economic development in North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › Regional & Global Groupings	15	2024
L2	Evaluate the status and impact of transportation and connectivity projects like Bharatmala, Sagarmala and Act East Policy on Assam's economy. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Infrastructure & Connectivity	10	2024
L3	"At the centre of India's development agenda in Myanmar lies connectivity." Do you agree with the statement? Elucidate with suitable reasons in support of your answer. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	15	2022
L4	Delineate the possible advantages from getting access to Chittagong Port of Bangladesh from the perspective of the economic development of North-East. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	15	2022
L5	How will the Sittwe Port at Myanmar built with grant assistance from India as part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) contribute to the multilateral economic ties between India, its North-East in particular, and its South-East Asian neighbours? **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Act East & North-East Connectivity	15	2022

Social Justice

17 questions asked · 8 topics · 34 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Poverty & Hunger

6 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Nobel laureate Amartya Sen defines poverty as a 'failure of certain basic capabilities'. Compare and contrast the definition of income poverty and multidimensional poverty with Sen's definition. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	10	2025
2	Discuss how 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme aligns with the broader mission of poverty alleviation and socio-economic empowerment of women. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Women & Child Development **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Self Help Groups (SHGs) **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
3	"A new century is not going to be new at all if we offer only charity, that palliative to satisfy the conscience and keep the same old system of haves and have-nots quietly contained." Discuss with suitable illustration. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2022
4	Write a note on preparedness in India with special reference to Assam to realize the UNDP Sustainable Development Goal 2. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Poverty & Hunger **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Sustainable Development & SDGs **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › PDS, Buffer Stocks & Food Security	10	2020
5	"The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) launched by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has been successful in creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor." Comment. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Self Help Groups (SHGs)	15	2020
6	Critically analyze the problems and prospects of microfinance programme as a tool for empowerment and eradication of poverty with special reference to Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Banking & Financial Inclusion **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Rural Economy & Livelihoods	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What do you mean by feminization of poverty? What steps have been taken in recent times to address the issue? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2023

Welfare of Vulnerable Sections

3 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Climate change is not only an environmental challenge but also a question of social justice, as its impacts are disproportionately experienced by vulnerable communities." Analyze this statement in the light of climate-responsive public policies and welfare interventions to reduce the disproportionate burden of climate change on vulnerable communities. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2025
2	"Despite tea being a major plantation industry in India, tea estates are in a deplorable condition." Evaluate the effectiveness of Government policies and interventions for the improvement of the Assam tea estate workers. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Tea Tribes & Tea Garden Workers **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tea Industry	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
3	Discuss the challenges confronted by the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in India while according essential services. How does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 facilitate the 'rights' of the PwDs? Elucidate.	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The framers of the Constitution sought to combine political democracy with social and economic justice, but India still continues to face deep inequalities. Within this context, explain how the design of the Constitution attempts to move society from 'formal equality' to 'substantive equality'. Do you think that constitutional design alone is sufficient to reduce structural injustice, or whether it sometimes enables the status quo? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Fundamental Rights	10	2025
L2	Begging is very common at traffic intersections by some of the members of the transgender (TG) community, particularly in busy cities. You have been serving as District Commissioner in the district. The police and the civil society report you to curb the practice and avoid traffic hazards, as well as, ensuring the safety of the communities. On enquiry into the matter, it is revealed, by and large, that the TG communit5r is unemployed and a neglected lot in the society. They have limited access to education. Social stigma about the TG is deeply rooted. On the other hand, it is also revealed that commuters are often harassed by aggressive and forceful begging. Now, you are required to intervene in the matter to restore normalcy at the traffic intersection point and ensure road safety while also being mindful of the need to uphold the dignity, rights and social justice of a marginalized community. In this context, answer the following :(a) What are the key dilemmas involved in balancing public order with the rights and dignity of the TG? How does prevailing social attitude shape these dilemmas? (b) What policy interventions could you consider to address both: the immediate concerns and the sustainable welfare of the transgender community? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2024
L3	Comment on the necessity of Old Age Home in a modern society. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)	10	2023

Education

2 questions · 13 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) emphasize the role of skill and knowledge in human resource development. Critically examine the challenges and opportunities in aligning India's education and skill development systems with these goals. Has NEP 2020 been aligned with these goals? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Skill Development & Human Resources **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Sustainable Development & SDGs	15	2025
2	What are the main objectives of Gunotsav scheme? How has it contributed to strengthening primary education in Assam? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Education	10	2024

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	How do class, caste and gender differences determine aspirations and access to education and employment in India? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2025
L2	In the wake of Cockroach Janata Party's protest at Jantar Mantar in July 2026, the Lok Sabha passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026. What are the amendments? Why did the provisions of the original Act of 2024 fail to prevent unfair means? Will things improve now? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corruption	10	2025
L3	According to a NITI Aayog report, the number of government schools in India declined from 11.07 lakh in 2014-15 to 10.13 lakh in 2024-25, indicating the closure or merger of nearly 94,000 schools, at an average rate of approximately 25 schools per day. Assuming that you have the administrative autonomy to initiate reforms, what policy recommendations and innovative measures would you propose to restore public confidence in government schools and improve the quality, accessibility, and enrolment in public education? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2025
L4	Highlight the recommendations of the Kothari Education Commission (1964-66) that have also been addressed by the National Education Policy, 2020. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Education Policy	15	2024
L5	Can it be comprehensively held that coaching institutes contribute to theholistic making of a civil servant? Are these initiatives an indirect reflection of lack of creativity and self-confidence in the aspirants? Elaborate. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Aptitude & Foundational Values	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L6	You are posted as an Additional District Commissioner of a district. The district is identified as Aspirational District by the NITI Aayog. You have been entrusted to function as Nodal Officer for all the initiatives of the NITI Aayog being taken up in the district for holistic development. Special thrust is being given to increase literacy rate in the district. The NITI Aayog has engaged one philanthropic organization to mediate and facilitate progress in the educational sector of the district. Being the Nodal Officer, how will you proceed for holistic development in educational sector with the help of existing government setup and the appointed organization? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2024
L7	Is online learning better than traditional methods of learning? **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Education	125	2024
L8	Critically analyze the provisions of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 in tackling unfair means in public examination. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corruption	10	2023
L9	Open-book examination **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Education	125	2023
L10	Can you suggest some measures to address the problem of educated unemployment in the light of the National Education Policy, 2020? **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Employment & Labour	15	2022
L11	"Our education system has helped us in acquiring skills but has failed us in inculcating values and ethics." Do you agree? Illustrate with examples. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)	10	2022
L12	How is the budgetary allocation of the Government of India in the education sector changing? Explain how this change may affect especially the primary education. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy	10	2020
L13	The National Education Policy, 2020 : Its merits and demerits **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Education	125	2020

Health

2 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Critically analyze how Atal Amrit Abhiyan has made healthcare affordable for poorer sections of the society. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Health	10	2024
2	"The social value of COVID-19 vaccine exceeds its market value." Critically analyze the statement.	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Depression and Work Life **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Health	125	2025
L2	You are posted as a Medical Officer in a rural dispensary. The area is basicallyinhabited by poor people who are either marginal farmers or tea gardenworkers. You have found that the infant mortality rate is high in the area incomparison to average in the State. You have also identified that nonvaccination and incomplete vaccination are the reasons of high infant mortality.The inhabitants are not cooperating in vaccination programme. How will you use your emotional intelligence to convince the villagers to go forvaccination of their children? What will be your comprehensive approach to achieve the goal? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Emotional Intelligence	10	2024
L3	If you were a District Commissioner of a district, what steps would you take to arrest the menace of drug addiction and alcoholism in the district? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Social Issues & Public Service	10	2023
L4	Addiction is a compulsive disorder rather than a criminal act **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Health	125	2023
L5	Obesity: A new-age 'disorder **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Health	125	2023

Women & Child Development

2 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Assam tops all States in terms of violence against women, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2021 report." Examine the statement against the perception that women in Assam have more freedom than their counterparts in other parts of India. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Women & Child Development **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	15	2025
2	How has the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme led to the well-being and empowerment of the girl child in India?	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	You are posted as an Additional SP in a district and you have been tasked to sensitize the officials in the police stations about the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and also to ensure its enforcement. Through your initiative and investigations, three numbers of brickkilns were closed recently because of violation of the Act. You have a son who is only 8 months old. Your in-laws have sent a small girl about 10 years to help your wife in taking care of your son. The girl is actually a neighbour of your in-laws and has been helping your wife when she was in her home after childbirth. The girl is a school dropout and belongs to a very poor family having 5 children. It was her parents who insisted that she comes with you as they would be less burdened and that she would have better food and nutrition. Your wages for the girl would also help the poor family to maintain their other children. Your wife has developed a liking for the girl and has also become dependent on her. Questions:(a) What is the dilemma faced by you? What are the expectations and interest of different stakeholders that are contributing to your dilemma?(b) What, in your opinion, is the most appropriate course for you so that nobody's interest is very adversely hurt? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	10	2024
L2	Discuss how 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme aligns with the broader mission of poverty alleviation and socio-economic empowerment of women. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2023
L3	Describe briefly the salient features of the scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Maina (MMNM)' launched by the Government of Assam to eliminate child marriages. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L4	Moloypur, a remote district inhabited by a tribal population, is marked by extreme backwardness and economically underdeveloped. Agriculture is the mainstay of the local population, though it is primarily subsistence level due to the very small landholdings. There is an insignificant industrial or mining activity. Even the targeted welfare programmes have inadequately benefitted the tribal population. In this scenario, the youths have begun to migrate to other States to supplement their family income. The plight of minor girls is that their parents are persuaded by labour contractors to send them to work in the construction sites in a nearby State. The unhygienic living and working conditions in these sites have caused serious health issues for the minor girls. NGOs in the districts of domicile and construction firms appear to be compromised and have not effectively espoused the twin issues of child labour and development of the area. You are appointed as the District Commissioner of Moloypur. Identify the ethical issues involved. Which specific steps will you initiate to ameliorate the conditions of minor girls of your district and to improve the overall economic scenario of the district? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2023

Human Rights

1 question · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The Vienna Declaration is a landmark in the history of human rights. Elucidate. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 is still operational in some parts of the North-Eastern Region of India. The Act is termed as 'Draconian Act' by critics including human rights activists. Share your views on the same. **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws	10	2024
L2	"India's participation in global agreements on human rights reflects its commitment to promoting a just and equitable world order." Discuss this statement with reference to India's involvement in international agreements and bodies. Evaluate India's approach to human rights issues at the global level. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	10	2023
L3	Discuss the role of civil society as the guardian of human rights and obligations. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › NGOs & Civil Society	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L4	Critically discuss the constitution and functioning of the Assam State Human Rights Commission. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › State Constitutional & Statutory Bodies	15	2020

Social Security

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Social assistance measures are critical for social protection and are more common in developing economies than social insurance." Evaluate the statement.	10	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Instead of providing shelter from market failures and other vicissitudes of life, the welfare states today seek to make their citizens more competitive, responsive and proactive." Comment. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2022

Skill Development & Human Resources

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) emphasize the role of skill and knowledge in human resource development. Critically examine the challenges and opportunities in aligning India's education and skill development systems with these goals. Has NEP 2020 been aligned with these goals? **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	15	2025
L2	Do you see Indian women as an untapped human resource? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2022
L3	Skill development and employment **Asked in:** Essay Economy › Employment & Labour	125	2020

SECTION 3 OF 6

GS Paper 3

Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

What this paper has asked, 2020–2025

SUBJECT (MOST-ASKED FIRST)	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL	+ LINKED
Economy	8	10	10	5	6	**39**	+49
Agriculture	2	2	1	5	6	**16**	+11
Environment	4	2	5	1	–	**12**	+44
Science and Technology	1	3	1	3	4	**12**	+8
Disaster Management	3	3	3	1	1	**11**	+14
Internal Security	2	–	–	5	3	**10**	+12
Total	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**100**	

Key takeaways

- Most-asked subject: **Economy**, with 39 of the 100 questions.
- Most-asked topics: **Infrastructure (5)**; **Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy (5)**; **Biodiversity & Conservation (4)**; **Employment & Labour (4)**; **Energy (4)**.
- 32 of this paper's 100 questions also test topics in other papers, and 102 questions from other papers link into this paper's topics.

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Economy

39 questions asked · 16 topics · 49 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Infrastructure

5 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Point out the significance of Industrial Corridors in India. What needs to be done to address the challenges of Industrial Corridors effectively? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Industry & Industrial Policy	15	2024
2	"Indian Railways is the lifeline of the Indian economy." Discuss the statement in the context of three railway corridors announced in the Union Interim Budget, 2024.	10	2023
3	The Government of Assam has initiated the process of constructing bridges over Brahmaputra at several places. Mention the places and discuss the probable benefits and strategic importance of these bridges. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Infrastructure & Connectivity	15	2023
4	Give an outline of the National Logistics Policy of India.	10	2022
5	Delineate the possible advantages from getting access to Chittagong Port of Bangladesh from the perspective of the economic development of North-East. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Act East & North-East Connectivity **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Act East & North-East Connectivity **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Airport privatization through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model has emerged as a key strategy for expanding aviation infrastructure in India. Critically evaluate its benefits and challenges. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Investment Models	10	2025
L2	Evaluate the status and impact of transportation and connectivity projects like Bharatmala, Sagarmala and Act East Policy on Assam's economy. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Infrastructure & Connectivity	10	2024
L3	In line with Bharat Mala of the Government of India, the Assam Government has taken up a project called Assam Mala. Discuss the role and outcome of the project in the development scenario of the State. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Infrastructure & Connectivity	10	2022
L4	Explain the pros and cons of development of railway stations through joint ventures under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What may be the possible reactions of the general public? **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Investment Models	10	2020

Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy

5 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the changes introduced by the 16th Finance Commission to the horizontal devolution formula, compared with the 15th Finance Commission. Analyze their likely impact on the North-Eastern States of India. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Bodies **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning	10	2025
2	Explain the main components of the Union Budget of India. Discuss the significance of fiscal deficit in the Indian budgetary process.	15	2024
3	Explain how the Union Budget, 2023-24 is banking on the 'crowding-in' effect.	10	2022
4	What is fiscal deficit? What is the target of fiscal deficit as per the FRBM Act? Why are there demands for having flexibility in FRBM fiscal deficit target in the recent post-COVID situation?	10	2020
5	How is the budgetary allocation of the Government of India in the education sector changing? Explain how this change may affect especially the primary education. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The 16th Finance Commission maintained the vertical devolution at 41%. Did it fail to address the long-standing complaint of the States that their revenue-raising capacity under the GST regime has shrunk drastically compared to the expanding welfare policies they embark upon? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Bodies	10	2025
L2	Critically analyze the effectiveness of the Finance Commission in promoting fiscal equity and strengthening financial relations among the Centre, States and Local Bodies. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Bodies	15	2024
L3	Beneficiary politics is a hindrance to socio-economic growth **Asked in:** Essay Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	125	2024

Employment & Labour

4 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Define the informal sector. Why is the informal sector considered as the backbone of India's labour market?	10	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	"Seventy-hour work week may offer a temporary burst of productivity, but at the expense of employees' well-being, long-term output and overall social happiness." Critically examine the statement.	15	2023
3	Can you suggest some measures to address the problem of educated unemployment in the light of the National Education Policy, 2020? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	15	2022
4	Give the reasons for increase of educated unemployment in India. What may be the short-term and long-term measures to reduce the problem?	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How do class, caste and gender differences determine aspirations and access to education and employment in India? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2025
L2	Depression and Work Life **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Health	125	2025
L3	Do you see Indian women as an untapped human resource? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2022
L4	Write a note on the feminization of labour in India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2020
L5	Skill development and employment **Asked in:** Essay Economy › Employment & Labour	125	2020

Energy

4 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How can the India Energy Stack (IES) transform consumers from passive energy users into active market participants? Discuss. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Digital Economy	10	2025
2	Discuss the significance of the 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana' in reference to rural economy and climate mitigation. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	10	2023
3	State the salient features of National Green Hydrogen Mission in India.	10	2022
4	Discuss the implications of the recent discovery of 5.9 million ton stash of lithium reserves located within the region of Jammu and Kashmir.	15	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How are global energy markets and maritime trade networks vulnerable to geopolitical disruptions? Substantiate your answer with the events of 2026. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Resources Distribution	15	2025
L2	What are 'Panchamrit Strategies' declared by India to climate change? What strategy our State should adopt to contribute towards achieving our country's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030? **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Energy	15	2022
L3	What are the possible effects of large-scale hydroelectric projects in environment? Write a critical note on the possibilities of having medium and small-scale projects in place of large-scale ones. **Asked in:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	10	2020

Inclusive Growth

3 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Define inclusive growth. Discuss the major challenges and government initiatives aimed at achieving inclusive growth in India.	10	2024
2	Describe briefly the salient features of the scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Maina (MMNM)' launched by the Government of Assam to eliminate child marriages. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Social Evils & Issues **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Women & Child Development **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Women & Child Development	10	2023
3	What are the key elements of 'inclusive growth'? Why is inclusive growth important in the context of sustainable development? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Sustainable Development & SDGs	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the 'rural-urban divide' in Assam's growth dynamics and its implications for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning	10	2025
L2	"Economic growth does not automatically translate into poverty reduction." Evaluate this statement with reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	"Although India has achieved substantial economic growth in recent times, its biggest challenge today is to bridge the widening of gap between the rich and the poor." Analyze this statement and suggest measures to address this issue. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	15	2023
L4	Increased national wealth need not mean increase in the per capita income of all the citizens. Equitable distribution of wealth is still a distant dream in India. There are pockets of minority wealthy families to whom concentration of wealth occur. Majority of people are still without basic necessities of life. Critically analyse the above statement in the context of contemporary Indian economy and society. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2020

Industry & Industrial Policy

3 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The National Manufacturing Mission represents a new approach to industrial policy in India. Discuss its key features and likely impacts on manufacturing competitiveness.	15	2025
2	"India's first indigenous semiconductor assembly and test facility at Jagiroad shall put Assam on the world semiconductor map and transform the economic landscape of East India." Examine the above statement with reference to the economic opportunities and employment potential of this mega project. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	15	2023
3	Describe, in detail, the Uttar Purva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024. How will it enhance industrial development and job creation in North-East India? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	15	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Critically examine the factors that have constrained industrialization in Assam. Suggest measures how the State can move towards a more diversified, employment-intensive and export-oriented industrial economy. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	15	2025
L2	Point out the significance of Industrial Corridors in India. What needs to be done to address the challenges of Industrial Corridors effectively? **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	Evaluate the importance of MSME sector in Assam's economy. What reforms areneeded to unlock its full potential? **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › MSMEs, Startups & Entrepreneurship	10	2024
L4	Assess the potential of startup ecosystem and innovation-driven enterprises in Assam. What institutional support is required? **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › MSMEs, Startups & Entrepreneurship	15	2024

Investment Models

3 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Airport privatization through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model has emerged as a key strategy for expanding aviation infrastructure in India. Critically evaluate its benefits and challenges. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	10	2025
2	Explain the pros and cons of development of railway stations through joint ventures under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What may be the possible reactions of the general public? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	10	2020
3	Distinguish between FDI and FII. Discuss their relative merits and demerits as sources of external investment for a country's economic growth.	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Assam attracts negligible foreign direct investment (FDI) as compared to States like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. What macroeconomic and institutional barriers deter FDI in the State? Discuss. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	15	2025

Liberalization & Privatization

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Give an outline of the pros and cons of financial liberalization in India. (Answer in 150 words)	10	2024
2	Give five reasons that positively connect economic liberalization with economic growth. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	10	2022
3	What are the reasons for failure of several public sector enterprises in India? Explain the advantages and disadvantages of privatizing such enterprises.	15	2020

Growth & Development

2 questions · 7 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"India has emerged as a Vishwa Mitra (global friend), a Vishwa Guru (global teacher) and a Vishwa Vaidya (global physician)." Examine the statement in the light of the development made by India in recent years. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	15	2023
2	What is the aim of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan' and what are the main pillars of this vision plan?	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Read the following statement carefully: "India's aspiration to become a developed nation by 2047 depends as much on its external engagement as on its domestic transformation." In the light of this statement, propose a comprehensive foreign policy framework that balances India's national interests with its global responsibilities as well as domestic transformation policy measures to enable it to reach its goal. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	15	2025
L2	What is human development? What are the indicators to measure human development? To what extent do you think these indicators can contribute to an inclusive measure of human development? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development	10	2024
L3	Discuss how India would achieve self-reliance as well as national development in the context of the globalized world. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Globalization & Indian Society	10	2023
L4	Give five reasons that positively connect economic liberalization with economic growth. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Liberalization & Privatization	10	2022
L5	Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow **Asked in:** Essay Economy › Growth & Development	125	2022
L6	Discuss the significance of India's demographic dividend in her economic development. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Population & Demographic Issues	10	2020
L7	Natural resource rich belts in India are not always the one with the highest levels of economic development. Explain. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Resources Distribution	15	2020

Digital Economy

2 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Comment on the benefits and challenges of digital economy in India.	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Highlight the key usages of Aadhaar in the daily lives of Indian citizens. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › E-Governance	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How can the India Energy Stack (IES) transform consumers from passive energy users into active market participants? Discuss. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Energy	10	2025
L2	For the past ten years, UPI has emerged as a groundbreaking achievement in India's digital landscape. Explore its role in boosting digital payments, expanding banking access and changing the economy. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Banking & Financial Inclusion	15	2025

Sustainable Development & SDGs

1 question · 6 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Briefly discuss the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Analyze how far the development plans of India meet the requirements of SDGs.	15	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) emphasize the role of skill and knowledge in human resource development. Critically examine the challenges and opportunities in aligning India's education and skill development systems with these goals. Has NEP 2020 been aligned with these goals? **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	15	2025
L2	"Good governance is considered a key to achieving sustainable development and human well-being." Evaluate this assertion with reference to the initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Good Governance	15	2023
L3	Discuss the link between Assam Budget (2023-24) and 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Sustainable Development & SDGs	15	2022
L4	Write a note on preparedness in India with special reference to Assam to realize the UNDP Sustainable Development Goal 2. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2020
L5	What are the key elements of 'inclusive growth'? Why is inclusive growth important in the context of sustainable development? **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	15	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L6	"Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." Comment on the progress made in Assam in this regard. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Energy	15	2020

Planning & NITI Aayog

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"NITI Aayog is a harbinger of cooperative and competitive federalism." Elucidate. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the role of the Planning Commission in post-Independence nation-building. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Planning & Economic Development	10	2025
L2	Discuss the role, function and composition of the State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA). **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning	10	2022

Banking & Financial Inclusion

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	For the past ten years, UPI has emerged as a groundbreaking achievement in India's digital landscape. Explore its role in boosting digital payments, expanding banking access and changing the economy. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Digital Economy	15	2025
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Critically discuss the role of microfinance in economically empowering rural women in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	15	2024
L2	Critically analyze the problems and prospects of microfinance programme as a tool for empowerment and eradication of poverty with special reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	15	2020

Tourism

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Suggest innovative steps to make Assam an attractive tourist destination. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the importance of tourism as an evolving industry and explain its potential and challenges in North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Industrial Location & Economic Activities	15	2024
L2	Suggest measures to make tourism a key driver of economic growth in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2020

Financial Markets

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are Nifty and Sensex? Comment on the growing popularity of mutual fund investment in India.	15	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss how the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) safeguards the interests of the investors. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Statutory, Regulatory & Quasi-Judicial Bodies	10	2022

External Sector & Trade

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How are global energy markets and maritime trade networks vulnerable to geopolitical disruptions? Substantiate your answer with the events of 2026. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Resources Distribution	15	2025
L2	What is the foundation of India-European Union bilateral relations? What is the impact of EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on Indian exports? **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Major Powers	10	2025
L3	What is 'Global Carbon Tax'? How will this tax be utilized? What are the problems that may arise while assessing this tax? Name the first industrial sector to come under the purview of this tax. **Asked in:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	10	2024

Agriculture

16 questions asked · 10 topics · 11 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

PDS, Buffer Stocks & Food Security

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the objectives and components of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? Give an account of implementation of PDS in the country.	10	2024
2	What is meant by food security? What are its dimensions? Examine the role of the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in ensuring food security in India.	15	2024
3	What are the challenges in the proper functioning of the Public Distribution System? How is the government responding to these challenges?	15	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Explain the relationship among government procurement operations, minimum support prices (MSPs) and the creation of buffer stocks in the context of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › MSP & Farm Subsidies	10	2023
L2	Write a note on preparedness in India with special reference to Assam to realize the UNDP Sustainable Development Goal 2. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2020

Cropping Patterns & Major Crops

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the changes in cropping pattern in Indian agriculture since the adoption of new agricultural strategies in 1960s. Critically examine the impact of implementation of these strategies on the environment. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	15	2024
2	Though paddy is major crop in India, it seems its production is affected either by drought or by flood. What are the possible steps to tackle these problems especially in North-East India? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Discuss the role of rice cultivation in the economy and culture of North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Agricultural Geography	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	Suggest steps for qualitative improvement in agriculture in Assam through cropping diversification. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors	10	2023
L3	What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the context of agriculture? Explain its role in the Green Revolution. Critically examine the existing system of MSP. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › MSP & Farm Subsidies	15	2020

E-Technology in Agriculture

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the major e-technologies used to support the farmers. Discuss the challenges and future prospects of digital agriculture in India.	15	2025
2	What are the key objectives and salient features of the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS)? State the benefits offered under the Kisan Suvidha App to the farmers of India. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › E-Governance	15	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What do you mean by supply chain of agricultural produce? Explain how e-technology can bring about a positive change in agricultural marketing in India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Agricultural Marketing & Supply Chain	10	2022

Sustainable & Organic Farming

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss why there has been an increased focus on organic farming in India in recent years. Can organic farming result in the problem of adverse selection?	10	2025
2	What do you mean by stubble management? What are the impacts of stubble burning on the environment? Write about the proper stubble management practices for enhancing cropping intensity without any adverse impact on the environment. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Pollution	15	2025
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Assamese farmers are organic by default." Elaborate the statement. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors	10	2020

Agricultural Marketing & Supply Chain

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the different components of agricultural marketing? Why is the marketing of agricultural products different from the marketing of other products?	15	2025
2	What do you mean by supply chain of agricultural produce? Explain how e-technology can bring about a positive change in agricultural marketing in India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › E-Technology in Agriculture	10	2022

MSP & Farm Subsidies

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain the relationship among government procurement operations, minimum support prices (MSPs) and the creation of buffer stocks in the context of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › PDS, Buffer Stocks & Food Security **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors	10	2023
2	What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the context of agriculture? Explain its role in the Green Revolution. Critically examine the existing system of MSP. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Cropping Patterns & Major Crops	15	2020

Land Reforms

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Elaborate upon the recent land reforms undertaken by the Government of Assam to benefit tea garden workers residing in the labour lines of the State's tea estates. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Tea Tribes & Tea Garden Workers	10	2025
2	Describe how the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) has been successful in the effective implementation of land reform measures in India. Highlight the roles of 'Mission Basundhara' and 'SVAMITVA' in conferring land titles to the landless families of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › E-Governance **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Development Programmes & Schemes	15	2025

Irrigation

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Briefly discuss the objectives and components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Examine the concept of 'Per Drop More Crop' as a means of effective utilization of water resources at the farm level.	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Water resource management in Assam requires a paradigm shift from a narrow, flood-centric approach to a comprehensive, multi-sectoral water security strategy." Examine the key challenges and opportunities in managing Assam's water resources outside the monsoonal surge, focussing on dry season agricultural supply, drinking water quality, inland navigation, and aquatic ecosystems. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources	15	2025
L2	Discuss how floods in Assam can be utilized for sustainable source of irrigation and maintenance of all-weather inland water transport in the State. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods	15	2022

Animal Husbandry & Fisheries

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Integrated fish farming has significant potential for improving rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable agriculture in Assam. Discuss the advantages, challenges and strategies for its effective adoption in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors	15	2025

Food Processing

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the importance and scope of agro-based industries in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	10	2020

Environment

12 questions asked · 8 topics · 44 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Biodiversity & Conservation

4 questions · 10 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Which is the implementing authority of the Project Cheetah in India and which are the collaborating partners? What are the ecological objectives of the project? Give your opinion on the implementation of the project so far.	15	2023
2	What is traditional knowledge? Suggest ways to use it for sustainable use of forest and biodiversity. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Forests & Forest Conservation	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
3	"Not all animals migrate by choice" is a campaign against what activity? Suggest innovative steps to make the campaign a success. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Organised Crime & Money Laundering	15	2023
4	What are the biodiversity hot spots and what is their importance? Mention some biodiversity hot spots in India and explain the measures to be taken to preserve them.	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Explain the anthropogenic and environmental drivers of human-wildlife conflict in Assam. Suggest community-based strategies to mitigate the conflict. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Wildlife, Protected Areas & Human-Wildlife Conflict	10	2025
L2	Explain the significance of eco-sensitive zones (ESZs) and animal corridors connecting Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve to the Karbi Anglong Hills. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Wildlife, Protected Areas & Human-Wildlife Conflict	10	2025
L3	What is the difference between species and habitat biodiversity? Discuss the factors which are responsible for the decline in the biodiversity of the State. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Biodiversity & Conservation	15	2025
L4	Explain the impacts of exotic plants and animals towards biodiversity of a region. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2024
L5	What is People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)? How does it empower rural people? What process is followed in preparing a PBR? **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2023
L6	How do the Principles of Buddhism inspire ecological mindfulness to address the loss of biodiversity? **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Religion & Philosophy	10	2022
L7	What do you mean by ex situ and in situ conservation? Give examples. Which conservation initiative is more important according to you? Justify. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2022
L8	What are the economic benefits of biodiversity? How can biodiversity conservation promote economic activities in a locality? **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Biodiversity & Conservation	15	2022
L9	Assess the role of the Government of India in biodiversity protection. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Biosphere, Ecosystems & Biodiversity	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L10	As a civil servant, you are incharge of a government housing construction project which aims at providing houses to weaker sections of the society. However, such construction will result in clearing forest area which is domicile of endangered species. There is no alternate space nearby. How do you respond to such a situation in the context of global warming and sustainable development? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Environmental Ethics	20	2020

Climate Change

3 questions · 11 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is 'Global Carbon Tax'? How will this tax be utilized? What are the problems that may arise while assessing this tax? Name the first industrial sector to come under the purview of this tax. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › External Sector & Trade	10	2024
2	What is the goal of Net Zero Emissions? What steps should India take for Zero Emissions by 2050?	10	2022
3	n COP26 held at Glasgow, UK, India has committed to achieve the target of 'Net Zero Emission' by 2070. What are the implications of the commitment? Discuss.	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"Climate change is not only an environmental challenge but also a question of social justice, as its impacts are disproportionately experienced by vulnerable communities." Analyze this statement in the light of climate-responsive public policies and welfare interventions to reduce the disproportionate burden of climate change on vulnerable communities. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	15	2025
L2	Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of certain extreme weather events. Examine its implications for disaster management in India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Climate Change & Extreme Events	10	2025
L3	Give a geographical outline of Antarctica as a continent and analyze its environmental significance in the contemporary context. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Physical Features of the World	10	2024
L4	Some islands of the world are under high risk of submergence due to the rise of sea level. Discuss how such an impending situation can be addressed. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Climate Change	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L5	What are the main objectives of the Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC)? What are the key sectors that face climate vulnerabilities in Assam? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2024
L6	With the dangers of global climate change becoming a reality, it is now time to replace the discourse of economic growth with that of conservation of nature. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Climate Change	10	2023
L7	Discuss the significance of the 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana' in reference to rural economy and climate mitigation. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Energy	10	2023
L8	Is climate change a disaster risk? How is disaster risk magnified by climate change? Discuss with reference to disasters in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Climate Change & Extreme Events	15	2023
L9	What is Mission Life? How, through this mission, is it planned to address the climate change impacts? Briefly describe about four life actions you may take up to reduce your carbon footprint. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Climate Change & Climate Action	15	2022
L10	What are 'Panchamrit Strategies' declared by India to climate change? What strategy our State should adopt to contribute towards achieving our country's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030? **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Energy	15	2022
L11	What do you mean by vulnerability and resilience? Assam is among the top climate change vulnerable States in India. What could be the factors for high vulnerabilities in Assam? What measures are required to be taken up to build climate resilience to minimize climate change vulnerabilities? **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2022

Environmental Degradation & Sustainability

2 questions · 8 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain the causal links between environmental degradation and vulnerability to disasters. Suggest four steps that can be taken to minimize environmental degradation. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2023
2	What are the possible effects of large-scale hydroelectric projects in environment? Write a critical note on the possibilities of having medium and small-scale projects in place of large-scale ones. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Energy	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What is the BioE3 Policy of the Government of India? Discuss how the policy may help boost India's economy while ensuring environmental sustainability. How could a biodiversity-rich region like Assam benefit from this policy? **Asked in:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Biotechnology	10	2025
L2	Discuss the feasibility and sustainability of river restoration in less developed countries of the world. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Water Resources & River Systems	15	2024
L3	Discuss the changes in cropping pattern in Indian agriculture since the adoption of new agricultural strategies in 1960s. Critically examine the impact of implementation of these strategies on the environment. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Cropping Patterns & Major Crops	15	2024
L4	"Indians always considered environment as mother and believed in its preservation."(a) Is this statement justified in present-day scenario of damage to the environment? (b) What would you suggest to achieve a balance in modern age need of the human being and protection of environment? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Environmental Ethics	20	2024
L5	With the dangers of global climate change becoming a reality, it is now time to replace the discourse of economic growth with that of conservation of nature. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Climate Change	10	2023
L6	Do you think that the road to sustainability starts with pollution prevention? Give reasons. **Asked in:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Pollution	15	2022
L7	Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed **Asked in:** Essay Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	125	2022
L8	Think globally, act locally **Asked in:** Essay Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	125	2022

Forests & Forest Conservation

1 question · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Do you think that the Green Credit Programme can be used to circumvent existing laws, particularly those that deal with forest conservation? Substantiate your answer.	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Trace the nature and course of Chipko Movement. What are the other dimensions the movement had besides environment? **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Social & Environmental Movements	10	2024
L2	Discuss the economic and environmental significance of forest resources in North-East India focusing on their sustainable use. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Vegetation & Forests	15	2024
L3	Give an idea of the distribution and ecological characteristics of the tropical rain forest and explain the causes of its rapid degradation. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Vegetation & Forests	10	2023
L4	"The recently passed 'Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023' seeks to balance the case of forest conservation with the requirement of strategic infrastructure development." Discuss the possible impact of such interventions in the States of North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2023
L5	What is traditional knowledge? Suggest ways to use it for sustainable use of forest and biodiversity. **Asked in:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	15	2023

Environmental Pollution

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Do you think that the road to sustainability starts with pollution prevention? Give reasons. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What do you mean by stubble management? What are the impacts of stubble burning on the environment? Write about the proper stubble management practices for enhancing cropping intensity without any adverse impact on the environment. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Sustainable & Organic Farming	15	2025
L2	Which parameters contribute towards determining Water Quality Index (WQI)? What could be the reason for poor WQI in some rivers in Assam? **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Environmental Pollution	10	2022

Environmental Impact Assessment & Governance

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)? Why is it imperative to carry out an EIA of any large industrial infrastructure project?	15	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	A private company proposes to establish a manufacturing unit in Assam. Two possible locations are available—one near a protected forest with transport facilities and another in a remote district with limited infrastructure. As a policy-maker, which location would you approve? Give reasons for your decision. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	10	2025
L2	Evaluate to what extent the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has succeeded in ensuring environmental justice in India. How does its functioning reflect the tensions among ecological sustainability, economic development and democratic accountability? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Statutory, Regulatory & Quasi-Judicial Bodies	15	2024

Waste Management

4 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Solid waste management has emerged as a major environmental challenge in Assam. Discuss the management strategies for sustainable waste management. **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Waste Management	10	2025
L2	Waste Management: India's Everyday Governance Challenge **Asked in:** Essay Environment › Waste Management	125	2025
L3	The considerable volume of waste is posing threats to small towns as well as cities. The landfill sites are facing the problem of overcapacity. Towns have endeavoured to have waste-to-energy plants to mitigate the problem to some extent. However, due to incapacitation or in efficiency, the project may not necessarily yield the desired result. Administrations are often criticized for emitting pollutant gases, etc. Upon reviewing the situation, it is observed that how people dispose of waste is one of the primary reasons behind the problem. The government has already notified rules regarding the disposals, collection and treatment of waste and has initiated an awareness campaign in the past. Still, there is no definite answer to resolve the issue. You are posted as District Commissioner. Given such situations, explain the following questions :(a) What is the reason behind the apathy of people towards waste disposal that affects the larger interest of society? (b) Who are the stakeholders, and what is the significance of their involvement in addressing the issue?(c) What arguments will you put forth to convince people to act on the issue? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Environmental Ethics	20	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L4	You have been asked to conduct a pilot study and assess the people's knowledge, attitude, perception and practice regarding the disposal of solid waste in household residents in Assam. How would you conduct the study and evaluate it? **Asked in:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Waste Management	15	2024

Ecology & Ecosystems

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Define biosphere and discuss the extent and importance of the biosphere in the earth's environment. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Biosphere, Ecosystems & Biodiversity	10	2023
L2	What do you mean by soil ecosystem? What are its components? Describe the functions of soil ecosystem. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Soils	15	2023

Science and Technology

12 questions asked · 8 topics · 8 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Artificial Intelligence

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is deepfake technology? How is it becoming growing concerns for the international community, personal security and governance system? What steps do you believe the government and society should take to mitigate the negative impacts of such technologies? Can you think of some positive aspects of this technology? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Cyber Security & Social Media	15	2025
2	"AI is more a boon than a bane." Comment.	10	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Artificial Intelligence is today's Frankenstein **Asked in:** Essay Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence	125	2024
L2	"The increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) is expected to fundamentally transform the ways in which governance is done in India." Discuss the challenges to be faced in this regard. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › E-Governance	15	2023
L3	ChatGPT: boon or bane **Asked in:** Essay Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence	125	2022

Space Technology

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain geo-synchronous and sun-synchronous orbits in space technology. Artificial satellites placed in these two orbits have different applications. Explain.	15	2024
2	What is Bhuvan in space technology? What are the benefits of Bhuvan?	10	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Presence of life in the cosmos **Asked in:** Essay Science and Technology › Space Technology	125	2023

Quantum Technology

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is a qubit and how is it different from bits? Explain the role of quantum tunnelling in the operation of superconducting qubits.	15	2025
2	What is quantum technology? What initiatives have been taken by the Government of India for its development?	10	2022

Biotechnology

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is the BioE3 Policy of the Government of India? Discuss how the policy may help boost India's economy while ensuring environmental sustainability. How could a biodiversity-rich region like Assam benefit from this policy? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2025
2	What are microRNAs (miRNAs)? Discuss their main mechanisms. What are their therapeutic potentials? Who won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and for what achievement?	15	2024

Developments in Basic Sciences

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain how vacuum birefringence challenges the traditional idea that vacuum is completely empty.	10	2025
2	What does the term 'dark oxygen' mean? How is it produced? Where is it found? Why is dark oxygen important?	10	2024

IT, Computers & Digital Technologies

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is the digital twin concept? How does it help an organization to arrive at better decisions? Discuss the 'Sangam: Digital Twin' initiative of the Government of India.	10	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	A world without Internet Asked in: Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2024

Nanotechnology

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is nano-science and technology? Give an account as to how it can be used in medical and pharmaceutical sectors.	10	2020

Intellectual Property Rights

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Discuss the minimum standards of intellectual property rights imposed by the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). What are the challenges towards protection of indigenous and traditional knowledge? Asked in: GS 1 Society › Globalization & Indian Society	15	2024
L2	How does the granting of a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to Majuli Masks and Majuli Manuscripts impact the cultural preservation and artisan empowerment within the region? Asked in: GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Handicrafts & GI Tags	10	2023
L3	On 13th December, 2022, the Assamese 'Gamocha' received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag from the GI Registry. Examine the significance of the GI Tag for the Assamese 'Gamocha'. Asked in: GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Handicrafts & GI Tags	10	2022

Disaster Management

11 questions asked · 5 topics · 14 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction

4 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Disasters affect girls and women in different ways than they affect boys and men." Do you agree? Why are responses often gender-blind? How do you ensure gender equality in disaster risk reduction in particular? Also relates to: GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	What is gender-responsive Disaster Risk Reduction? What are the barriers that prevent gender mainstreaming in Disaster Risk Reduction? Give some examples of overcoming these barriers. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	15	2022
3	Discuss analytically the hydrometeorological, geological, biological and technological hazards in the context of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	10	2020
4	In the context of Assam, provide clear examples of physical, social, economic and ecological factors of disaster vulnerability. Do you notice any emerging trend in disaster impact, hazards and vulnerability pattern? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Explain the causal links between environmental degradation and vulnerability to disasters. Suggest four steps that can be taken to minimize environmental degradation. **Asked in:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	15	2023
L2	What do you mean by vulnerability and resilience? Assam is among the top climate change vulnerable States in India. What could be the factors for high vulnerabilities in Assam? What measures are required to be taken up to build climate resilience to minimize climate change vulnerabilities? **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2022

Floods

3 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	A major paradigm shift in flood management in Assam has been planned with the proposed 'Innovative Integration of Wetlands with River Brahmaputra for Floodwater Diversion'. Accordingly, an amount of ₹200 crores has been earmarked for this purpose in the State Budget of 2024-25. Elaborate the main features of the project and examine its feasibility in flood management. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Wetlands & Water Ecosystems	10	2023
2	What are structural and non-structural mitigation measures for Flood Management?	10	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
3	Discuss how floods in Assam can be utilized for sustainable source of irrigation and maintenance of all-weather inland water transport in the State. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Infrastructure & Connectivity **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Irrigation	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Comment on the occurrence of urban flooding in Guwahati city. What would you attribute this disaster to? Elaborate on the extent to which this hydrometeorological disaster can be attributed to climate change or unplanned urban development. What are the global best practices to address this issue? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2025
L2	The Perennial Crisis of Floods in Assam **Asked in:** Essay Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion	125	2025
L3	Though paddy is major crop in India, it seems its production is affected either by drought or by flood. What are the possible steps to tackle these problems especially in North-East India? **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Cropping Patterns & Major Crops	15	2020
L4	What are the points to be looked into in the preparation of management of a large earthquake? Describe the long-term measures to be taken in managing floods in North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Earthquakes	15	2020

Earthquakes

2 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the preparedness and mitigation measures that should be adopted for reducing the impact of earthquakes in the context of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Earthquakes	10	2023
2	What are the points to be looked into in the preparation of management of a large earthquake? Describe the long-term measures to be taken in managing floods in North-East India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"North-East India is well-equipped to deal with the consequences of a mega earthquake." Analyze the statement with special reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Geophysical Phenomena	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	What role would you suggest for Panchayati Raj Institutions in earthquake preparedness? **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Geophysical Phenomena	10	2022

Climate Change & Extreme Events

1 question · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of certain extreme weather events. Examine its implications for disaster management in India. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	10	2025
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Is climate change a disaster risk? How is disaster risk magnified by climate change? Discuss with reference to disasters in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Climate Change & Extreme Events	15	2023
L2	What do you mean by extreme weather events? Have you observed any such event in recent years in Assam? What could be the impacts of such events? Discuss with examples. **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Climate Change & Extreme Events	15	2023
L3	What are extreme precipitation events and what are their effects? Why are such events occurring more frequently in recent times? **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Climatology	15	2020

Disaster Management Framework & Institutions

1 question · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in effective disaster management. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Local Self-Government	10	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What role would you suggest for Panchayati Raj Institutions in earthquake preparedness? **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Geophysical Phenomena	10	2022
L2	Critically analyze India's initiative for Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure to face natural calamities by the least developed and developing countries and its impact. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › Regional & Global Groupings	15	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	The Disaster Management Act, 2005 envisages a paradigm shift from a response and relief centric approach to a proactive and comprehensive approach covering all aspects of prevention, mitigation and preparedness in disaster management. In this regard, do you think Assam has been able to shift its focus as envisaged in the Act? Discuss. **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Disaster Management Framework & Institutions	15	2022

Internal Security

10 questions asked · 7 topics · 12 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Security Forces, Agencies & Laws

4 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the key features and provisions of the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Act, 2019? How does the 2019 Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) Amendment directly impact the NIA's operational power?	15	2025
2	The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 is still operational in some parts of the North-Eastern Region of India. The Act is termed as 'Draconian Act' by critics including human rights activists. Share your views on the same. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Human Rights	10	2024
3	(a) Examine the evolution of Assam Rifles' dual role in border management and counter-insurgency operations. What strategic and operational advantages and challenges emerge from this hybrid mandate?(b) Analyze how the Unified Command Structure has evolved in response to changing dynamics in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Border Management **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Insurgency & Extremism **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws	15	2024
4	Name the organizations that constitute the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). What are the roles played by the CAPF in ensuring security of the country?	15	2020

Cyber Security & Social Media

3 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How does the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000 define Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)? Give two examples of CII. Discuss the key responsibilities of the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) in safeguarding the nation's CIIs.	15	2025
2	Cyber security threat has added a new dimension to India's security. How is India enhancing her cyber security capabilities?	10	2024
3	Use of various social media has become extremely popular in the present era. Explain how its misuse may be a threat to the national security of India and also how new legislations can help in tackling these issues.	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	What is deepfake technology? How is it becoming growing concerns for the international community, personal security and governance system? What steps do you believe the government and society should take to mitigate the negative impacts of such technologies? Can you think of some positive aspects of this technology? **Asked in:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence	15	2025

Insurgency & Extremism

2 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	In the last few years, the Government of Assam has signed Memorandums of Settlement (MoS) with almost all the militant outfits of the State. What are the challenges of the post-MoS period? What are your suggestions for tackling these challenges? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Insurgency & Extremism	10	2025
2	Why have certain States of North-East India successfully transitioned from extremism to stability through development interventions while others have not? Illustrate with suitable examples. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Insurgency & Extremism	15	2024

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Why did Myanmar become a sanctuary for insurgent groups of North-East India? How does China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) affect Indian security? **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Role of External State & Non-State Actors	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	(a) Examine the evolution of Assam Rifles' dual role in border management and counter-insurgency operations. What strategic and operational advantages and challenges emerge from this hybrid mandate?(b) Analyze how the Unified Command Structure has evolved in response to changing dynamics in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws	15	2024

Role of External State & Non-State Actors

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Why did Myanmar become a sanctuary for insurgent groups of North-East India? How does China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) affect Indian security? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Insurgency & Extremism **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Insurgency & Extremism **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	10	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What is 'String of Pearls' strategy of China? How does this strategy challenge India's maritime security? **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	10	2024

Border Management

4 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	(a) Examine the evolution of Assam Rifles' dual role in border management and counter-insurgency operations. What strategic and operational advantages and challenges emerge from this hybrid mandate?(b) Analyze how the Unified Command Structure has evolved in response to changing dynamics in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws	15	2024
L2	Do you think fencing of India-Myanmar border is an effective step to check terrorist activities and drugs trafficking? Justify your answer in the light of the Centre's decision to fence the porous India-Myanmar border. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	'Tumakbasti' is a village on the extreme north-eastern side of India-Bangladesh border, where local residents cross the border to reach a town 'Moinabari' (just a 15-minute walk away) in Bangladesh to get even the basic necessities of a day-to-day living. The village lacks basic facilities like hospital, concrete road, drinking water, school, police station and so on; the nearest Indian town falls about 100 km away from the village. The people of the village have no other option than to cross the border to get their health check-ups and necessary medicines. Often in an emergency, the people carry the patients on their shoulders across the border where Border Guards of Bangladesh stop them for security reasons which delay patients' treatment. Consider the following statements and answer the questions: (a) The area falls under your jurisdiction of being a District Commissioner. What actions would you take in the above-described situation? (b) A District Commissioner has authority to do many things and if she/he wants she/he can transform the village into a modern one. How will you act in this situation and what contribution will you make for the village? (c) Bordering areas are too sensitive and cause security problems. Open border with Bangladesh has many of such implications including robbery, killing, smuggling, etc. How will you manage such security scenario? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2023
L4	Describe how cultural exchange programmes in border areas can be helpful in maintaining peace and development in the border areas of North-Eastern Region. **Asked in:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion	10	2023

Drug Trafficking & Narcotics

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Do you think fencing of India-Myanmar border is an effective step to check terrorist activities and drugs trafficking? Justify your answer in the light of the Centre's decision to fence the porous India-Myanmar border. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	10	2023
L2	If you were a District Commissioner of a district, what steps would you take to arrest the menace of drug addiction and alcoholism in the district? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Social Issues & Public Service	10	2023
L3	Addiction is a compulsive disorder rather than a criminal act **Asked in:** Essay Social Justice › Health	125	2023

Organised Crime & Money Laundering

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Not all animals migrate by choice" is a campaign against what activity? Suggest innovative steps to make the campaign a success. **Asked in:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	15	2023

SECTION 4 OF 6

GS Paper 4

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

What this paper has asked, 2020–2025

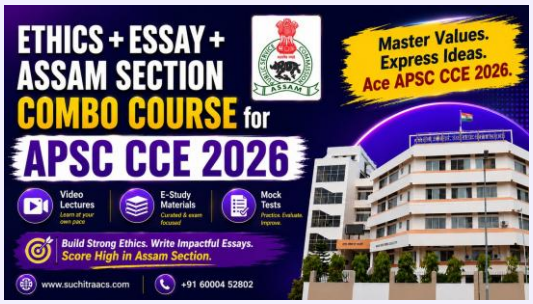
SUBJECT (MOST-ASKED FIRST)	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL	+ LINKED
Ethics: Theory Questions	15	16	12	14	17	74	+22
Ethics: Case Studies	4	3	7	5	2	21	+8
Total	**19**	**19**	**19**	**19**	**19**	95	

Key takeaways

- 74 theory questions and **21 case studies** (4 in 2020, 3 in 2022, 7 in 2023, 5 in 2024, 2 in 2025).
- Most-asked topics: **Aptitude & Foundational Values (10)**; **Probity in Governance (8)**; **Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education) (7)**; **Ethics & Human Interface (7)**.
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Ethics: Theory Questions

74 questions asked · 17 topics · 22 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Aptitude & Foundational Values

10 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Problem-solving is often perceived as an innate ability, with some people believed to process it naturally while others do not. However, the civil services demand strong analytical thinking, sound judgment, and effective problem-solving skills. Describe a challenging situation you have faced in your personal, academic or professional life. How did you approach the problem, what steps did you take to resolve it, and what lessons did you learn from the experience?	10	2025
2	What foundational value is most tested when an officer must implement an unpopular but legally sound policy?	10	2025
3	“Looking at various means of developing compassion, I think empathy is an important factor, the ability to appreciate others’ suffering.” (Dalai Lama). Discuss in the context of building attitude for public service. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Attitude	10	2024
4	Albert Einstein said, "Everybody is genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."Explain the above saying in terms of mental and physical aptitude.	10	2024
5	Can it be comprehensively held that coaching institutes contribute to theholistic making of a civil servant? Are these initiatives an indirect reflection of lack of creativity and self-confidence in the aspirants? Elaborate. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	10	2024
6	Describe the following terms with respect to the fundamental values of Civil Services: (a) Integrity (b) Impartiality (c) Objectivity (d) Empathy (e) Compassion towards weaker sections	10	2022
7	“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” (Mahatma Gandhi). Explain what the statement means to you in the present context.	10	2022
8	"A man with integrity refuses to be compromised." Elaborate with reference to a real-life example.	10	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
9	Discuss the importance of the values of empathy, tolerance and compassion for a bureaucrat in his/her attitude towards weaker sections of society. Do such values contradict the attitude of impartiality and non-partisanship expected from a civil servant?	10	2020
10	How can an impartial and non-partisan public service help in proper administration of a democratic government? Give your own reasons to substantiate your answer. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"I could compensate for a lack of natural aptitude with diligence and discipline." (Nelson Mandela) Explain this statement to justify why the right attitude is more important for success than natural aptitude. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Attitude	10	2025
L2	There are situations where a public servant faces dilemma between what is written in the law and what her empathy and compassion call for. How should a public servant resolve this dilemma? What should she prioritise? Discuss with suitable example. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	20	2022

Probity in Governance

8 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the core components of a Citizen's Charter? How far does Citizen's Charter help in simplifying and enhancing the quality of public service delivery in government? Elaborate. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	10	2025
2	Explain the philosophical idea of 'Rajadharma' as a basis of probity. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Moral Thinkers & Philosophers **Also relates to:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Religion & Philosophy	10	2025
3	The Jan Sunwai or public hearing that emerged in response to demand for minimum wages in public works programmes by Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) in rural Rajasthan was the forerunner for emergence of social audit in India. (a) Examine how social audit has expanded in India since that moment. (b) What are the key principles of social audit? (c) What is the significance of social audit? Refer to two good practices. (d) What are the challenges to social audit and measures you suggest to improve social audit? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability	20	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
4	What is the meaning of social audit? Can social audit ensure completetransparency in the utilization of public funds? To what extent is social auditdistinct and different from audit carried out by designated governmentdepartments? Elaborate. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability	10	2024
5	"Public service is a public trust, requiring employees to place loyalty to the constitution, the laws and ethical principles above private gains."Explain how the above principle ensures fairness and equity in public service delivery for a diverse society	10	2024
6	Describe the recommendations of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission for code of conduct. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	10	2022
7	What do you understand by 'probity' in governance? Examine the ways in which probity and integrity in governance can check misuse of power and enhance legitimacy of authority.	10	2020
8	Distinguish between 'code of ethics' and 'code of conduct' with suitable examples.	10	2020

Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education)

7 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Name any two great administrators of India and state the core values, each is remembered for, even today.	10	2025
2	What ethical lesson can be drawn from the life of Rani Gaidinliu for public servants working in tribal regions? **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	10	2025
3	It is often held that teachers play a greater role than parents in shaping youths as good citizens. (a) Explain as to how far this can be justified. (b) Are there other individuals or agencies, apart from parents and teachers, who can contribute to the shaping of youths? Explain briefly.	20	2024
4	Comment on the necessity of Old Age Home in a modern society. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	10	2023
5	"Our education system has helped us in acquiring skills but has failed us in inculcating values and ethics." Do you agree? Illustrate with examples. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	10	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
6	What, in your opinion, has been the impact of rise of nuclear families on family as an institution for inculcating values? **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage	10	2022
7	"Family as an institution in inculcating values seems to set deteriorated in the recent past." Do you agree? Justify your stand. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	With the advent of the Internet, the Web, mobile devices, smart televisions and Artificial Intelligence into our daily lives, can it be held that the age-old and time-honoured relationships between children and parents do not exist anymore? Is parenting, therefore, a useless exercise with the forces of technology taking the upper hand? Is there any need to bar under-16 children from having any account in social media platforms as is done in Australia? But will not that action deprive our children from the useful aspects of social media? Elaborate. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	20	2025

Ethics & Human Interface

7 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	While a school of thought believes that certain values are universal and eternal, many other believe that values keep on changing with time and situation. Which school of thought do you support? Explain.	10	2024
2	"The most important human endeavour is striving for morality in our actions. Our inner balance and even our very existence depend on it. Only morality in our actions can give beauty and dignity to life." (Albert Einstein). Discuss in detail citing examples	20	2024
3	"Human behaviour builds on beliefs and values." Do you agree? Elaborate with examples.	10	2023
4	Distinguish between personal and professional ethics. Do you think it is justified for a civil servant to be ethical in his/her professional life without being so in his/her personal life? Explain with examples.	10	2022
5	Law and Ethics are two tools for controlling human conduct. Explain with examples how the two differ in their approaches.	10	2020
6	Differentiate between personal ethics and professional ethics. Is there a scope for conflict between them in the conduct of professional duties?	10	2020

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
7	"If people are good only because they fear punishment and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed." (Albert Einstein). Examine the essence, determinants and consequences of ethics in human actions in the light of the above statement.	20	2020

Emotional Intelligence

6 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Some people do their duty sincerely, but remain aloof not only from the society but also from colleagues. Some others not only do their assigned duty well, but also remain in constant touch with their colleagues and the society. Discuss these two aspects of human behaviour in the context of public service. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	10	2025
2	"Quiet diplomacy is far more effective than public posturing." (Atal Bihari Vajpayee). Examine in the context of problem-solving by public officials.	10	2024
3	Explain the following components of Emotional Intelligence briefly: (a) Self-awareness (b) Self-regulation (c) Internal motivation (d) Empathy (e) Social awareness	10	2023
4	What do you understand by Social Intelligence? Discuss its relation with Emotional Intelligence of an individual.	10	2023
5	Social media is a double-edged sword and must be used carefully by public servants. Discuss the role of Emotional Intelligence in management of social media by public servants. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	10	2022
6	Civil services today work in an environment beset with numerous problems and challenges. What is the role of emotional intelligence in guiding administrators to handle these situations?	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"The rise of Artificial Intelligence, digital governance and data-driven policy making has fundamentally altered the competencies required of civil servants." Critically examine the statement and also discuss its likely impact on emotional intelligence required of a responsive civil servant. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	15	2025

Corruption

6 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	In the wake of Cockroach Janata Party's protest at Jantar Mantar in July 2026, the Lok Sabha passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026. What are the amendments? Why did the provisions of the original Act of 2024 fail to prevent unfair means? Will things improve now? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	10	2025
2	Critically analyze the provisions of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 in tackling unfair means in public examination. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	10	2023
3	"Certainty of punishment is more effective than quantum of punishment." (a) Discuss the above statement in the context of preventing corruption. (b) Suggest some innovative reforms that can be brought in to make governance more transparent and people-centric. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability	10	2023
4	What are the principal measures taken by the government in recent years to bring transparency? Have these brought down corruption? Elucidate with examples. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability	10	2022
5	"Corruption is more of a social problem than a legal problem." In the light of recent incidents of officials apprehended for taking bribes, critically examine the above statement. Also, explain the steps taken by the government in recent years to reduce corruption. Do you think the Amendments to the Prevention of Corruption Act will help honest officials in discharging their duties?	20	2022
6	Examine the extent to which corruption possesses a challenge to the development of a proper work culture and acts as a hindrance to delivery of public services. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	What is the importance of discretion for a civil servant? Discuss some of the areas where you as a civil servant might have to exercise discretion. Do you think that discretion also increases the possibility of corruption? Critically examine. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Accountability & Ethical Governance	20	2022

Ethics in Science, Technology & Media

4 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	With the advent of the Internet, the Web, mobile devices, smart televisions and Artificial Intelligence into our daily lives, can it be held that the age-old and time-honoured relationships between children and parents do not exist anymore? Is parenting, therefore, a useless exercise with the forces of technology taking the upper hand? Is there any need to bar under-16 children from having any account in social media platforms as is done in Australia? But will not that action deprive our children from the useful aspects of social media? Elaborate. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Human Values (Leaders, Family & Education) **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society	20	2025
2	The terms 'fake news' and 'influencer' have become a part of present-day vocabulary.(a) What do you mean by 'fake news'and 'influencer'? Is the widespread use of'fake news'an indication of society's overall moral decay?(b) To what extent, if at all, are 'influencers' dilferent from thinkers and philosophers from the past? Elaborate suitably. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Moral Thinkers & Philosophers	10	2024
3	In quest of scientific and technological development, ethical values should not be neglected. Discuss it in the current context.	10	2023
4	"Social media has not only endangered our social fabric, it has also led to an erosion of values." Examine the statement. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society	10	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Noise vs. Knowledge: Truth in the Age of Social Media **Asked in:** Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2025
L2	Free Press and Its Responsibilities **Asked in:** Essay Polity › Media & Press Freedom	125	2025
L3	Artificial Intelligence is today's Frankenstein **Asked in:** Essay Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence	125	2024
L4	Social media is a double-edged sword and must be used carefully by public servants. Discuss the role of Emotional Intelligence in management of social media by public servants. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Emotional Intelligence	10	2022

Moral Thinkers & Philosophers

4 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"That government is the best which governs least." What do you understand by this statement of Henry David Thoreau? Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Good Governance	10	2025
2	What is meant by 'constitutional morality', and who is credited with popularising this concept in the Indian context? Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Historical Underpinnings & Features of Constitution	10	2025
3	"According to Buddhism, for a man to be perfect there are two qualities that should develop equally — Compassion (Karuna) on one side and Wisdom (Panna) on the other side." Analyze. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Religion & Philosophy	20	2023
4	Explain the concept of 'Vasundhara Kutumbakam'. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Religion & Philosophy	10	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Explain the philosophical idea of 'Rajadharma' as a basis of probity. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	10	2025
L2	The terms 'fake news' and 'influencer' have become a part of present-day vocabulary.(a) What do you mean by 'fake news'and 'influencer'? Is the widespread use of'fake news'an indication of society's overall moral decay?(b) To what extent, if at all, are 'influencers' dilferent from thinkers and philosophers from the past? Elaborate suitably. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	10	2024

Accountability & Ethical Governance

4 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Accountability breeds response-ability." (Stephen R. Couey)How can accountability mechanism strengthen ethical administration? What are the challenges to ethical governance?	10	2024
2	Discuss the ethical issues of the circumstances when big industrial houses try to influence the government policies. In this regard, suggest measures to enhance transparency and accountability in delivery of services. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corporate Governance & CSR	10	2023
3	What is the importance of discretion for a civil servant? Discuss some of the areas where you as a civil servant might have to exercise discretion. Do you think that discretion also increases the possibility of corruption? Critically examine. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corruption	20	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
4	How are self-accountability and external accountability related to achievement of ethical standards in public administration?	10	2020

Work Culture & Service Delivery

3 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	According to a NITI Aayog report, the number of government schools in India declined from 11.07 lakh in 2014-15 to 10.13 lakh in 2024-25, indicating the closure or merger of nearly 94,000 schools, at an average rate of approximately 25 schools per day. Assuming that you have the administrative autonomy to initiate reforms, what policy recommendations and innovative measures would you propose to restore public confidence in government schools and improve the quality, accessibility, and enrolment in public education? Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	20	2025
2	Do you think there is really a lack of work culture in Assam? If so, why? What measures would you suggest to improve work culture in the State? If you go outside the State in various parts of India, you find many youths from Assam, working in restaurants and other places even though cost of living is higher than in his/her native place. What are the reasons behind this? Explain. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Migration **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Population & Migration **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Employment & Skill Development	20	2025
3	Government departments are increasingly resorting to contractual employment or outsourcing activities. Do you think this is the right way to improve work culture in government departments and ensure quality of service delivery? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	10	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Some people do their duty sincerely, but remain aloof not only from the society but also from colleagues. Some others not only do their assigned duty well, but also remain in constant touch with their colleagues and the society. Discuss these two aspects of human behaviour in the context of public service. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Emotional Intelligence	10	2025
L2	What are the core components of a Citizen's Charter? How far does Citizen's Charter help in simplifying and enhancing the quality of public service delivery in government? Elaborate. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Probity in Governance	10	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	Examine the extent to which corruption possesses a challenge to the development of a proper work culture and acts as a hindrance to delivery of public services. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Corruption	10	2020

Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	There are situations where a public servant faces dilemma between what is written in the law and what her empathy and compassion call for. How should a public servant resolve this dilemma? What should she prioritise? Discuss with suitable example. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Aptitude & Foundational Values	20	2022
2	"You must be the change you want to see in the world", Mahatma Gandhi once said. Discuss the role of administrators as initiators of positive change in society within the regulatory framework of administration, with one's conscience as a source of ethical guidance. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Leadership	10	2020
3	What do you understand by the term 'voice of conscience'? How is it different from 'crisis of conscience'? Narrate one incidence to show 'crisis of conscience'.	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	The doctrine of basic structure places substantive limits on formal majorities, especially when vulnerable groups or dissenting voices are affected. Taking the perspective of a constitutional decision-maker, construct a reasoned response to the following dilemma: "A proposed constitutional amendment promises rapid economic growth and national security, but weakens institutional safeguards that protect minorities and political opposition." Express (a) how you would assess the proposal in the light of basic structure principles, (b) what alternate policy or legal pathways you would explore to reconcile development and rights, and (c) how you would communicate your decision in a way that sustains public trust in constitutional democracy. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Constitutional Amendment & Basic Structure	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	Alternative dispute redressal forums and specialized tribunals were set up to reduce pressure on regular courts and provide quicker expert justice. As a civil servant handling a large dispute, such as displacement caused by a project, denial of welfare benefits, or environmental harm, explain how you would decide which forum or mechanism is most suitable. Also discuss the ethical balance between speed and thoroughness, technical expertise and public participation, and institutional authority and empathy for affected communities. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Statutory, Regulatory & Quasi-Judicial Bodies	15	2025

Leadership

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Do self-confidence, character and spirituality play a vital role in moulding good leadership qualities? If so, how?	10	2024
2	"An effective public servant must be a good leader rather than a good boss." Comment. What are the three most important leadership qualities that a public servant must possess?	10	2022
3	Is 'ethics' and 'effective leadership' a cause and effect relationship? Enlist some requirements of leaders which will help them to capitalize on their ability to influence ethical conduct.	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"You must be the change you want to see in the world", Mahatma Gandhi once said. Discuss the role of administrators as initiators of positive change in society within the regulatory framework of administration, with one's conscience as a source of ethical guidance. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	10	2020
L2	Being a leader is great, but being a good follower is greater still **Asked in:** Essay Philosophical › Leadership & Character	125	2020

Attitude

3 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"I could compensate for a lack of natural aptitude with diligence and discipline." (Nelson Mandela) Explain this statement to justify why the right attitude is more important for success than natural aptitude. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Aptitude & Foundational Values	10	2025
2	"The most important thing that you will ever wear is your attitude." (Jeff Moore) Comment on this. Can attitude be acquired or changed?	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
3	It is said that our behaviour reflects our attitude. Do you agree? What are some of the ways by which our attitude gets shaped?	10	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"Looking at various means of developing compassion, I think empathy is an important factor, the ability to appreciate others' suffering." (Dalai Lama). Discuss in the context of building attitude for public service. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Aptitude & Foundational Values	10	2024

Social Issues & Public Service

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What do you mean by the term 'women empowerment'? In India, women are revered in the form of goddesses—Durga as the embodiment of power (Shakti), Lakshmi as the goddess of wealth and prosperity, and Saraswati as the goddess of knowledge and learning. Yet, despite this deep cultural and religious reverence, issues such as female foeticide, gender discrimination and crime against women continue to remain alarmingly high, as reflected in government data. How do you explain this contradiction between the veneration of women in faith and their treatment in society? Discuss the underlying social, cultural, economic and institutional factors responsible for this dualism in belief and practice. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	20	2025
2	If you were a District Commissioner of a district, what steps would you take to arrest the menace of drug addiction and alcoholism in the district? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Drug Trafficking & Narcotics **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Health	10	2023
3	Increased national wealth need not mean increase in the per capita income of all the citizens. Equitable distribution of wealth is still a distant dream in India. There are pockets of minority wealthy families to whom concentration of wealth occur. Majority of people are still without basic necessities of life. Critically analyse the above statement in the context of contemporary Indian economy and society. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Poverty, Inequality & Development **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	20	2020

Environmental Ethics

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Indians always considered environment as mother and believed in its preservation."(a) Is this statement justified in present-day scenario of damage to the environment? (b) What would you suggest to achieve a balance in modern age need of the human being and protection of environment? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	20	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How do the Principles of Buddhism inspire ecological mindfulness to address the loss of biodiversity? **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Religion & Philosophy	10	2022
L2	Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed **Asked in:** Essay Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability	125	2022

Corporate Governance & CSR

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is now-a-days considered a permanent feature of corporate governance. What is CSR? Define by way of an illustration or example. Is CSR sufficient as a rule-bound exercise for the private sector'scontribution to society's welfare? Briefly explain.	10	2024
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the ethical issues of the circumstances when big industrial houses try to influence the government policies. In this regard, suggest measures to enhance transparency and accountability in delivery of services. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Accountability & Ethical Governance	10	2023

Ethics in International Relations

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How do you see the ongoing conflict in the Strait of Hormuz and its bad effects in terms of the ethics in international relationship? **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › India's Foreign Policy & Global Issues	10	2025

Ethics: Case Studies

21 questions asked · 10 topics · 8 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Corruption

5 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	As an officer, you report corruption in Orunodoi scheme beneficiary list to higher authorities. Already you have been transferred thrice in a year for your non-compromising attitude so far as corruption is concerned. You have been advised by your colleagues to stay quiet. (a) Identify the ethical dilemmas. (b) How does 'doctrine of pleasure' create fear? (c) What are the safeguards, including that under Articles 310 and 311 of the Indian Constitution? **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Civil Services	10	2025
2	You are the Commissioner of a Municipal Corporation in Assam. You have noticed that officers and staff of the Corporation do not follow first-come, first-serve basis, instead they pick and choose their favourites and therefore citizens suffer in getting building permission, occupancy certificate, etc. The inspecting officer even raises unnecessary objections if their palm is not greased. What steps would you initiate to eradicate the menace? **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Work Culture & Service Delivery	10	2023
3	An activist files a petition in your office stating that there have been irregularities in choosing beneficiaries by your staff in office. You decide to initiate an enquiry and then come to know that the activist has taken money from your staff in office. The next day the activist again comes to your office with a petition to withdraw the previous petition. He argues that he received wrong information from the beneficiaries. You know that initiating an enquiry will damage the reputation of your office and also demoralise your office staff. Now, answer the following questions: (a) What are the various ethical dilemmas you are currently facing? (b) List out the various options available to you in dealing with the situation. (c) What option will you finally exercise? Justify. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	20	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
4	You are posted as a Circle Officer of X Revenue Circle in Y district. There is a public complaint filed against one of your Lat Mondals for demanding bribe in a mutation case. The Deputy Commissioner orders you to enquire and submit a report. When you begin the enquiry, you get evidence that the Lat Mondal did in fact demand bribe. However, the Lat Mondal is connected to a senior officer in the government who starts pressurising you to give clean chit to the said Lat Mondal. In this context, answer the following questions: (a) What are the ethical dilemmas that you are facing? (b) What are the various actions you can take in this case? (c) Discuss the ethical implications of each action. (d) Which action will you finally choose and why?	20	2022
5	You are head of irrigation department in a district and entrusted with the responsibilities to construct and maintain canals in the district. District is drought prone and irrigation activities are very scanty. The reputation of the department is also dented by a scam. Few employees were caught red handed while taking bribe. (a) What steps would you take for the welfare of the district? (b) Give some suggestions by which reputation and prestige of the department can be restored. **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
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Social Issues & Public Service

4 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Begging is very common at traffic intersections by some of the members of the transgender (TG) community, particularly in busy cities. You have been serving as District Commissioner in the district. The police and the civil society report you to curb the practice and avoid traffic hazards, as well as, ensuring the safety of the communities. On enquiry into the matter, it is revealed, by and large, that the TG communit5r is unemployed and a neglected lot in the society. They have limited access to education. Social stigma about the TG is deeply rooted. On the other hand, it is also revealed that commuters are often harassed by aggressive and forceful begging. Now, you are required to intervene in the matter to restore normalcy at the traffic intersection point and ensure road safety while also being mindful of the need to uphold the dignity, rights and social justice of a marginalized community. In this context, answer the following :(a) What are the key dilemmas involved in balancing public order with the rights and dignity of the TG? How does prevailing social attitude shape these dilemmas? (b) What policy interventions could you consider to address both: the immediate concerns and the sustainable welfare of the transgender community? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	20	**2024**

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	You are posted as the Superintendent of Police in an Upper Assam district. Around 100 big and small tea gardens in the district signify the socio-economic system of the district. Recently a 'witch-hunting' incident took place in a very remote tea garden leading to death of an old woman followed by group clashes. From preliminary enquiry, you found that illiteracy and unemployment had been prominently visible. The inhabitants were not much benefitted from the government schemes and tea garden authority was not showing much interest for welfare of the labourers. In this context— (a) how will you lead the investigation considering customs and values of the society? (b) how will you collaborate with civil administration and tea garden authority for education and awareness of the people? (c) what may be your ethical dilemma in nabbing the culprits? (d) what may be your suggestions to eradicate the social evils like 'witch-hunting'? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Social Evils & Issues **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Tea Tribes & Tea Garden Workers	20	2023
3	'Tumakbasti' is a village on the extreme north-eastern side of India-Bangladesh border, where local residents cross the border to reach a town 'Moinabari' (just a 15-minute walk away) in Bangladesh to get even the basic necessities of a day-to-day living. The village lacks basic facilities like hospital, concrete road, drinking water, school, police station and so on; the nearest Indian town falls about 100 km away from the village. The people of the village have no other option than to cross the border to get their health check-ups and necessary medicines. Often in an emergency, the people carry the patients on their shoulders across the border where Border Guards of Bangladesh stop them for security reasons which delay patients' treatment. Consider the following statements and answer the questions: (a) The area falls under your jurisdiction of being a District Commissioner. What actions would you take in the above-described situation? (b) A District Commissioner has authority to do many things and if she/he wants she/he can transform the village into a modern one. How will you act in this situation and what contribution will you make for the village? (c) Bordering areas are too sensitive and cause security problems. Open border with Bangladesh has many of such implications including robbery, killing, smuggling, etc. How will you manage such security scenario? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Border Management **Also relates to:** GS 5 Internal Security of Assam › Border Management	20	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
4	Moloypur, a remote district inhabited by a tribal population, is marked by extreme backwardness and economically underdeveloped. Agriculture is the mainstay of the local population, though it is primarily subsistence level due to the very small landholdings. There is an insignificant industrial or mining activity. Even the targeted welfare programmes have inadequately benefitted the tribal population. In this scenario, the youths have begun to migrate to other States to supplement their family income. The plight of minor girls is that their parents are persuaded by labour contractors to send them to work in the construction sites in a nearby State. The unhygienic living and working conditions in these sites have caused serious health issues for the minor girls. NGOs in the districts of domicile and construction firms appear to be compromised and have not effectively espoused the twin issues of child labour and development of the area. You are appointed as the District Commissioner of Moloypur. Identify the ethical issues involved. Which specific steps will you initiate to ameliorate the conditions of minor girls of your district and to improve the overall economic scenario of the district? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Women & Child Development	20	2023

Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience

3 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	You are posted as an Additional SP in a district and you have been tasked to sensitize the officials in the police stations about the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and also to ensure its enforcement. Through your initiative and investigations, three numbers of brickkilns were closed recently because of violation of the Act. You have a son who is only 8 months old. Your in-laws have sent a small girl about 10 years to help your wife in taking care of your son. The girl is actually a neighbour of your in-laws and has been helping your wife when she was in her home after childbirth. The girl is a school dropout and belongs to a very poor family having 5 children. It was her parents who insisted that she comes with you as they would be less burdened and that she would have better food and nutrition. Your wages for the girl would also help the poor family to maintain their other children. Your wife has developed a liking for the girl and has also become dependent on her. Questions:(a) What is the dilemma faced by you? What are the expectations and interest of different stakeholders that are contributing to your dilemma?(b) What, in your opinion, is the most appropriate course for you so that nobody's interest is very adversely hurt? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Women & Child Development	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	You are the District Commissioner of a district. The Chief Medical and Health Officer of the district hospital was constantly monitoring the treatment of a self-immolated girl during some agitation. At about 11 a.m., he informed you confidentially that the girl died. One lakh people have gathered outside the hospital as the girl was very meritorious, fought for their cause and expecting her recovery. Situation is tense. You are in the hospital with the Superintendent of Police and some police force. What will you do? Describe with reasons.	10	2023
3	You are HOD of a government department. Mr. A is a very efficient employee in your office. He comes to office on time, leaves after everyone has left and never says no to any work you assign to him. One day, one woman by the name of Mrs. B comes to your office. She alleges that she is the first wife of Mr. A and that A has married a second time without informing her. She says that she does not want to complain against him, but needs your intervention in ensuring that A gives a monthly maintenance. Upon enquiry, you find that A has indeed married a second time without divorcing Mrs. B. A has also informed you that the marriage with Mrs. B broke down due to irreconcilable differences and that A had offered to give her maintenance which she refused. A has further stated that Mrs. B demanded a much higher maintenance—nearly half his salary—which A refused as he now has children from his second wife and also a home loan. You know that it is illegal for a government servant to marry second time without divorcing the first. Now, answer the following questions: (a) What are the ethical dilemmas faced by you? (b) How would you tackle the above situation? **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Probity in Governance	20	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	As an officer, you report corruption in Orunodoi scheme beneficiary list to higher authorities. Already you have been transferred thrice in a year for your non-compromising attitude so far as corruption is concerned. You have been advised by your colleagues to stay quiet. (a) Identify the ethical dilemmas. (b) How does 'doctrine of pleasure' create fear? (c) What are the safeguards, including that under Articles 310 and 311 of the Indian Constitution? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Corruption	10	2025
L2	The Executive Officer (EO) of a Municipal Board is an avid fan of football. A Ward Commissioner of the Municipal Board indicated to the EO that he had a free VIP ticket for the final match of a reputed football tournament in the neighbouring town and invited him to attend the match. Being an avid fan, he readily accepted the invitation. When the EO arrived at the stadium, he was welcomed by the Ward Commissioner	20	2025

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L3	An activist files a petition in your office stating that there have been irregularities in choosing beneficiaries by your staff in office. You decide to initiate an enquiry and then come to know that the activist has taken money from your staff in office. The next day the activist again comes to your office with a petition to withdraw the previous petition. He argues that he received wrong information from the beneficiaries. You know that initiating an enquiry will damage the reputation of your office and also demoralise your office staff. Now, answer the following questions: (a) What are the various ethical dilemmas you are currently facing? (b) List out the various options available to you in dealing with the situation. (c) What option will you finally exercise? Justify. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Corruption	20	**2022**

Probity in Governance

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

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#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Nagen, who is a BPL category person, needs information about the budget of different development schemes in his village. He approached to the SPIO of the District Commissioner Office and submitted an RTI application. He forgot to enclose the required fee and being partially illiterate, his application was full of grammatical mistakes. In total, it was not in any format but the content can be understood. The SPIO has seen the application but did not point anything to Nagen. On completion of 30 days, the information was denied stating that his application was not in format and required fee. (a) How far is the reason of rejection of the application justified? (b) What is the remedy available to Nagen to get these information? (c) Whether the SPIO failed to discharge his duties as enshrined in the RTI Act? If so, explain in detail. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability	20	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	You are HOD of a government department. Mr. A is a very efficient employee in your office. He comes to office on time, leaves after everyone has left and never says no to any work you assign to him. One day, one woman by the name of Mrs. B comes to your office. She alleges that she is the first wife of Mr. A and that A has married a second time without informing her. She says that she does not want to complain against him, but needs your intervention in ensuring that A gives a monthly maintenance. Upon enquiry, you find that A has indeed married a second time without divorcing Mrs. B. A has also informed you that the marriage with Mrs. B broke down due to irreconcilable differences and that A had offered to give her maintenance which she refused. A has further stated that Mrs. B demanded a much higher maintenance—nearly half his salary—which A refused as he now has children from his second wife and also a home loan. You know that it is illegal for a government servant to marry second time without divorcing the first. Now, answer the following questions: (a) What are the ethical dilemmas faced by you? (b) How would you tackle the above situation? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Ethical Dilemmas & Conscience	20	2022

Aptitude & Foundational Values

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Mr. X is posted as the District Commissioner of Y district. Mr. X is widely known for his passion and skill in executing the government development schemes. The government has decided to construct a big irrigation project in Y district to combat the drought situation which has been prevailing for years. The proposed works include diversion of rivulet, construction of RCC canals, culverts, small bridges, etc. This requires large-scale acquisition of residential and agricultural land. The landholders are opposing the land acquisition process. Mr. X has found that most of the people who will be affected by land acquisition process belong to marginal farmer category. In this scenario, as a civil servant, Mr. X must have to stick to the values of civil service. In this context— (a) explain which will be the end-oriented values; (b) explain which will be the means-oriented values.	20	2023
2	A young dalit man has recently migrated to a city from his village in search of better employment opportunities. The man is very poor and he does not have any identity proof because of which he is not getting any place on rent and employers are also not giving him any job. He went to a nearby municipal committee office and shared his problem. Out of four officials whom he met, the first official was apathetic, the second official was sympathetic, the third official was empathetic and the fourth official was compassionate. (a) How will you judge the attitude of these four officials? (b) Why are empathy and compassion important aptitudes for civil servants in India? **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Attitude	20	2020

Environmental Ethics

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The considerable volume of waste is posing threats to small towns as well as cities. The landfill sites are facing the problem of overcapacity. Towns have endeavoured to have waste-to-energy plants to mitigate the problem to some extent. However, due to incapacitation or in efficiency, the project may not necessarily yield the desired result. Administrations are often criticized for emitting pollutant gases, etc. Upon reviewing the situation, it is observed that how people dispose of waste is one of the primary reasons behind the problem. The government has already notified rules regarding the disposals, collection and treatment of waste and has initiated an awareness campaign in the past. Still, there is no definite answer to resolve the issue. You are posted as District Commissioner. Given such situations, explain the following questions :(a) What is the reason behind the apathy of people towards waste disposal that affects the larger interest of society? (b) Who are the stakeholders, and what is the significance of their involvement in addressing the issue?(c) What arguments will you put forth to convince people to act on the issue? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Waste Management	20	2024
2	As a civil servant, you are incharge of a government housing construction project which aims at providing houses to weaker sections of the society. However, such construction will result in clearing forest area which is domicile of endangered species. There is no alternate space nearby. How do you respond to such a situation in the context of global warming and sustainable development? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	20	2020

Work Culture & Service Delivery

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	You are posted as an Additional District Commissioner of a district. The district is identified as Aspirational District by the NITI Aayog. You have been entrusted to function as Nodal Officer for all the initiatives of the NITI Aayog being taken up in the district for holistic development. Special thrust is being given to increase literacy rate in the district. The NITI Aayog has engaged one philanthropic organization to mediate and facilitate progress in the educational sector of the district. Being the Nodal Officer, how will you proceed for holistic development in educational sector with the help of existing government setup and the appointed organization? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › NGOs & Civil Society	20	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	You are the Commissioner of a Municipal Corporation in Assam. You have noticed that officers and staff of the Corporation do not follow first-come, first-serve basis, instead they pick and choose their favourites and therefore citizens suffer in getting building permission, occupancy certificate, etc. The inspecting officer even raises unnecessary objections if their palm is not greased. What steps would you initiate to eradicate the menace? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Corruption	10	2023
L2	You are head of irrigation department in a district and entrusted with the responsibilities to construct and maintain canals in the district. District is drought prone and irrigation activities are very scanty. The reputation of the department is also dented by a scam. Few employees were caught red handed while taking bribe. (a) What steps would you take for the welfare of the district? (b) Give some suggestions by which reputation and prestige of the department can be restored. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Corruption	20	2020

Emotional Intelligence

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	You are posted as a Medical Officer in a rural dispensary. The area is basicallyinhabited by poor people who are either marginal farmers or tea gardenworkers. You have found that the infant mortality rate is high in the area incomparison to average in the State. You have also identified that nonvaccination and incomplete vaccination are the reasons of high infant mortality.The inhabitants are not cooperating in vaccination programme. How will you use your emotional intelligence to convince the villagers to go forvaccination of their children? What will be your comprehensive approach to achieve the goal? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Health	10	2024

Moral Thinkers & Philosophers

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Suppose there is a flute and three children are claiming it : Child 1 : I have worked hard to make the flute, so I should get it. Child 2 : I can play flute very well, so I should get it. Only I can make a complete use of it. (a) Who according to you should get the flute? (b) What are the ethical issues in this matter? (c) What role does justice play in this situation?	20	2020

Attitude

1 asked elsewhere

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ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
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SECTION 5 OF 6

GS Paper 5

History, Heritage, Culture, Geography, Governance, Polity, Social Justice, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management of Assam

What this paper has asked, 2020–2025

SUBJECT (MOST-ASKED FIRST)	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL	+ LINKED
Economy of Assam	6	8	4	5	6	**29**	+31
Art & Culture of Assam	5	2	5	2	2	**16**	+21
History of Assam	4	2	1	3	3	**13**	+14
Polity of Assam	2	1	1	5	4	**13**	+5
Environment of Assam	–	4	1	2	4	**11**	+10
Geography of Assam	1	1	3	3	1	**9**	+10
Disaster Management of Assam	–	2	3	–	–	**5**	+10
Social Justice of Assam	2	–	2	–	–	**4**	+14
Internal Security of Assam	–	–	–	–	–	**0**	+8
Total	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**20**	**100**	

Key takeaways

- Most-asked subject: **Economy of Assam**, with 29 of the 100 questions.
- Most-asked topics: **Biodiversity & Conservation (5)**; **Industrial Development & Investment (4)**; **Agriculture & Allied Sectors (4)**; **Tourism (4)**; **District Administration (4)**.
- 62 of this paper's 100 questions also test topics in other papers, and 77 questions from other papers link into this paper's topics.

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Economy of Assam

29 questions asked · 13 topics · 31 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Industrial Development & Investment

4 questions · 6 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	A private company proposes to establish a manufacturing unit in Assam. Two possible locations are available—one near a protected forest with transport facilities and another in a remote district with limited infrastructure. As a policy-maker, which location would you approve? Give reasons for your decision. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Geography › Industrial Location & Economic Activities **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Impact Assessment & Governance **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Forests & Forest Conservation	10	2025
2	Assam attracts negligible foreign direct investment (FDI) as compared to States like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. What macroeconomic and institutional barriers deter FDI in the State? Discuss. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Investment Models	15	2025
3	Critically examine the factors that have constrained industrialization in Assam. Suggest measures how the State can move towards a more diversified, employment-intensive and export-oriented industrial economy. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Industry & Industrial Policy	15	2025
4	Discuss the importance and scope of agro-based industries in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Food Processing	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What is the BioE3 Policy of the Government of India? Discuss how the policy may help boost India's economy while ensuring environmental sustainability. How could a biodiversity-rich region like Assam benefit from this policy? **Asked in:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Biotechnology	10	2025
L2	"India's first indigenous semiconductor assembly and test facility at Jagiroad shall put Assam on the world semiconductor map and transform the economic landscape of East India." Examine the above statement with reference to the economic opportunities and employment potential of this mega project. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Industry & Industrial Policy	15	2023
L3	Describe, in detail, the Uttar Purva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024. How will it enhance industrial development and job creation in North-East India? **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Industry & Industrial Policy	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L4	Is factor endowment always a necessity for the development of an industry? Discuss with reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Industrial Location & Economic Activities	10	2022
L5	Discuss the outcome of the G-20 sessions in Assam as an opportunity to showcase the tourism and cultural heritage of Assam and also to highlight the trade and investment potential before the international community. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2022
L6	Problems of industrial development in Assam **Asked in:** Essay Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	125	2020

Agriculture & Allied Sectors

4 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Integrated fish farming has significant potential for improving rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable agriculture in Assam. Discuss the advantages, challenges and strategies for its effective adoption in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Animal Husbandry & Fisheries **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Rural Economy & Livelihoods	15	2025
2	Suggest steps for qualitative improvement in agriculture in Assam through cropping diversification. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Cropping Patterns & Major Crops	10	2023
3	"The story of Assam agriculture is a story of untapped potential." Elucidate.	10	2022
4	"Assamese farmers are organic by default." Elaborate the statement. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Sustainable & Organic Farming	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the role of rice cultivation in the economy and culture of North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Agricultural Geography	10	2024
L2	Explain the relationship among government procurement operations, minimum support prices (MSPs) and the creation of buffer stocks in the context of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › MSP & Farm Subsidies	10	2023
L3	Though paddy is major crop in India, it seems its production is affected either by drought or by flood. What are the possible steps to tackle these problems especially in North-East India? **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Cropping Patterns & Major Crops	15	2020

Tourism

4 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the potential of developing the hill districts of Assam as places of cultural tourism **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion	15	2024
2	"Assam has the potential to accelerate development of tourism through innovative presentation of various indigenous festivals, cuisine and music of the State." Substantiate the statement with reasons. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion	15	2023
3	Discuss the outcome of the G-20 sessions in Assam as an opportunity to showcase the tourism and cultural heritage of Assam and also to highlight the trade and investment potential before the international community. **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Regional & Global Groupings **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	15	2022
4	Suggest measures to make tourism a key driver of economic growth in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Tourism	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the importance of tourism as an evolving industry and explain its potential and challenges in North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Industrial Location & Economic Activities	15	2024
L2	Suggest innovative steps to make Assam an attractive tourist destination. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Tourism	15	2022

Macro Overview, Growth & Planning

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the 'rural-urban divide' in Assam's growth dynamics and its implications for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Sustainable Development & SDGs **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	10	2025
2	"Economic growth does not automatically translate into poverty reduction." Evaluate this statement with reference to Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Poverty & Hunger	15	2025
3	Discuss the role, function and composition of the State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA). **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Planning & NITI Aayog	10	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the changes introduced by the 16th Finance Commission to the horizontal devolution formula, compared with the 15th Finance Commission. Analyze their likely impact on the North-Eastern States of India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy	10	2025
L2	Give a critical account of the economic impact of partition of India on Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Partition of India	15	2020

Infrastructure & Connectivity

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Evaluate the status and impact of transportation and connectivity projects like Bharatmala, Sagarmala and Act East Policy on Assam's economy. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Act East & North-East Connectivity	10	2024
2	In line with Bharat Mala of the Government of India, the Assam Government has taken up a project called Assam Mala. Discuss the role and outcome of the project in the development scenario of the State. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	10	2022
3	Give an outline of the 'Jibondinga Scheme' of the Government of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Development Programmes & Schemes	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The Government of Assam has initiated the process of constructing bridges over Brahmaputra at several places. Mention the places and discuss the probable benefits and strategic importance of these bridges. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	15	2023
L2	Discuss how floods in Assam can be utilized for sustainable source of irrigation and maintenance of all-weather inland water transport in the State. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods	15	2022

Rural Economy & Livelihoods

2 questions · 5 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	In your opinion, what should be the primary considerations while formulating an economic welfare scheme for the rural population in Assam?	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Do you agree with the view that fate of Assam economy is determined by its rural sector? Justify your answer.	10	2022

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Integrated fish farming has significant potential for improving rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable agriculture in Assam. Discuss the advantages, challenges and strategies for its effective adoption in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Agriculture & Allied Sectors	15	2025
L2	Critically discuss the role of microfinance in economically empowering rural women in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	15	2024
L3	What is the 'Vistarita Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Yojana' aimed at? Discuss the benefits available to Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Assam under this scheme. **Asked in:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Women & Child Development	10	2023
L4	"Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages." Examine this statement in the context of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Urbanization	15	2023
L5	Critically analyze the problems and prospects of microfinance programme as a tool for empowerment and eradication of poverty with special reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	15	2020

MSMEs, Startups & Entrepreneurship

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Evaluate the importance of MSME sector in Assam's economy. What reforms areneeded to unlock its full potential? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Industry & Industrial Policy	10	2024
2	Assess the potential of startup ecosystem and innovation-driven enterprises in Assam. What institutional support is required? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Industry & Industrial Policy	15	2024

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Examine the challenges faced by the bell-metal industry in Assam. What measures do you suggest to make it a vibrant economic sector? **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Industrial Location & Economic Activities	15	2020

Energy

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are 'Panchamrit Strategies' declared by India to climate change? What strategy our State should adopt to contribute towards achieving our country's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Energy **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Climate Change & Climate Action	15	2022
2	"Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." Comment on the progress made in Assam in this regard. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Sustainable Development & SDGs	15	2020

Act East & North-East Connectivity

1 question · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How will the Sittwe Port at Myanmar built with grant assistance from India as part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) contribute to the multilateral economic ties between India, its North-East in particular, and its South-East Asian neighbours? **Also relates to:** GS 2 International Relations › Act East & North-East Connectivity	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	How does BIMSTEC contribute towards accelerating regional cooperation in South-East Asia? Explain the significance of BIMSTEC in promoting economic development in North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › Regional & Global Groupings	15	2024
L2	What is Bhutan's plan for regional economic hub at Gelephu? In what manner is Assam going to be benefitted by this hub? **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	10	2023
L3	"At the centre of India's development agenda in Myanmar lies connectivity." Do you agree with the statement? Elucidate with suitable reasons in support of your answer. **Asked in:** GS 2 International Relations › India & Neighbourhood	15	2022
L4	Delineate the possible advantages from getting access to Chittagong Port of Bangladesh from the perspective of the economic development of North-East. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Infrastructure	15	2022

Employment & Skill Development

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Employment prospect of Assamese youth at national level is very limited without adequate knowledge of English language." Critically analyse the statement.	15	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Do you think there is really a lack of work culture in Assam? If so, why? What measures would you suggest to improve work culture in the State? If you go outside the State in various parts of India, you find many youths from Assam, working in restaurants and other places even though cost of living is higher than in his/her native place. What are the reasons behind this? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2025
L2	Discuss the salient features of the renewed 'Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Scheme'. **Asked in:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Youth Welfare & Sports	15	2020

Development Programmes & Schemes

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the outcome of centrally sponsored schemes like PMGSY, Smart Cities Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission in Assam's development landscape. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2024

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Describe how the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) has been successful in the effective implementation of land reform measures in India. Highlight the roles of 'Mission Basundhara' and 'SVAMITVA' in conferring land titles to the landless families of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Land Reforms	15	2025
L2	Give an outline of the 'Jibondinga Scheme' of the Government of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Infrastructure & Connectivity	10	2020

Tea Industry

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the importance of tea industry in the economy of Assam.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"Despite tea being a major plantation industry in India, tea estates are in a deplorable condition." Evaluate the effectiveness of Government policies and interventions for the improvement of the Assam tea estate workers. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	15	2024

Sustainable Development & SDGs

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the link between Assam Budget (2023-24) and 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Sustainable Development & SDGs	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the 'rural-urban divide' in Assam's growth dynamics and its implications for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning	10	2025

Art & Culture of Assam

16 questions asked · 10 topics · 21 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Literature

3 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Highlight the literary works of any one of the literary ligures of Assam who had been honoured with the Jnanpith Award.	10	2024
2	Write a brief account of the literary achievement of any one of the following authors: (a) Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, (b) Indira Goswami (Mamoni Raisom Goswami), (c) Nilmani Phookan.	10	2020
3	Write a brief essay on the Asamiya Buranji literature of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Sources & Historiography	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Assess the contribution of Anandaram Dhekial Phukan towards the Assamese Renaissance and modern intellectual thought. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Socio-Religious Reform Movements	10	2025
L2	Discuss, with any two examples, the ways in which the River Brahmaputra is represented in the cultural imagination of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Literature	10	2025

Neo-Vaishnavism, Satra & Namghar

3 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the social and cultural functions of Namghars in Assam.	15	2025
2	Discuss the contribution of namghar'in the social life of medieval Assam.	10	2024
3	"Naamghar is a community centre for holistic human capacity development." What steps should be taken to strengthen its role to resolve the socio-economic issues in present-day Assam? Discuss.	15	2022

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"The Neo-Vaishnavite Movement played the most significant role in laying the foundation of a broader society in the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam." Elucidate this statement. **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Bhakti & Sufi Movements	15	2020

Dance

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"The mega Bihu dance performance by more than 11,000 dancers and artists at Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati on 13th April, 2023 not only created a Guinness World Record but also catapulted the cultural identity of Assam into the world stage." Examine the statement. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Cultural Heritage & Promotion	10	2023
2	Give a brief account of the traditions of folk and classical dances of Assam.	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Write a note on the origins, evolution and salient features of the Sattriya Dance of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Dance	10	2020

Handicrafts & GI Tags

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	How does the granting of a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to Majuli Masks and Majuli Manuscripts impact the cultural preservation and artisan empowerment within the region? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Intellectual Property Rights	10	2023
2	On 13th December, 2022, the Assamese 'Gamocha' received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag from the GI Registry. Examine the significance of the GI Tag for the Assamese 'Gamocha'. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Intellectual Property Rights	10	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Examine the challenges faced by the bell-metal industry in Assam. What measures do you suggest to make it a vibrant economic sector? **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Industrial Location & Economic Activities	15	2020

Music

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Give your comments on the need of fusion in Assamese music for the sake of wider acceptability.	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Draw a pen-picture of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika as a cultural icon of the twentieth century Assam.	10	2020

Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity

1 question · 6 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Assam is a living ethnological museum with its diversity of ethnic communities and their cultural patterns." Illustrate the statement. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Explain the idea of ethno-development in the context of North-East India with suitable examples. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Ethnicity, Identity & Conflict	10	2025
L2	To what extent does intensive smartphone dependency alter the perceptions and expression of indigenous identities and traditional values of the youth of Assam? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society	15	2025
L3	Discuss the impact of the geography and ethnic diversity of Assam on its political and administrative systems. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils	10	2025
L4	The Future of Indigenous Languages of North-East India **Asked in:** Essay Art & Culture of Assam › Language	125	2025
L5	"Assam became a melting pot of races because it is situated in one of the great migration routes of mankind." Elucidate. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Migration & Peopling of Assam	15	2024
L6	Stereotyping the North-East—Ignorance and Perception **Asked in:** Essay Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society	125	2024

Cultural Heritage & Promotion

1 question · 6 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Describe how cultural exchange programmes in border areas can be helpful in maintaining peace and development in the border areas of North-Eastern Region. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Border Management	10	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the role of rice cultivation in the economy and culture of North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Agricultural Geography	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	The cultural heritage and traditions of tribal communities in North-East India are facing a serious crisis today. Suggest some measures for their preservation and promotion. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	15	2024
L3	Discuss the potential of developing the hill districts of Assam as places of cultural tourism **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2024
L4	"The mega Bihu dance performance by more than 11,000 dancers and artists at Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati on 13th April, 2023 not only created a Guinness World Record but also catapulted the cultural identity of Assam into the world stage." Examine the statement. **Asked in:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Dance	10	2023
L5	"Assam has the potential to accelerate development of tourism through innovative presentation of various indigenous festivals, cuisine and music of the State." Substantiate the statement with reasons. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2023
L6	Discuss the outcome of the G-20 sessions in Assam as an opportunity to showcase the tourism and cultural heritage of Assam and also to highlight the trade and investment potential before the international community. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Tourism	15	2022

Language

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the benefits that Assamese language has gained from its recognition as a classical language.	10	2025

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	The Future of Indigenous Languages of North-East India **Asked in:** Essay Art & Culture of Assam › Language	125	2025
L2	The future of Assamese Language **Asked in:** Essay Art & Culture of Assam › Language	125	2023

Cinema & Theatre

1 question · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Rural life of Assam is beautifully depicted in Assamese films." Analyze the statement with examples. How is Assamese rural life reflected in the movies of Jahnu Barua or Rima Das?	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Evaluate the contribution of Dr. Bhabendra Nath Saikia towards film-making in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Cinema & Theatre	10	2023

Painting & Manuscripts

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Write an essay on the tradition of manuscript painting in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Art and Culture of India › Painting	10	2024

History of Assam

13 questions asked · 9 topics · 14 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Political Awakening & Freedom Movement

3 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Analyze the factors responsible for awakening of national consciousness in Assam in the last part of the 19th century. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Rise of Indian Nationalism	15	2025
2	Discuss the role of Maniram Dewan as an administrator, entrepreneur and patriot in the 19th century Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Freedom Struggle **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Colonial Rule in Assam	15	2022
3	Discuss the landmarks of the freedom struggle in Assam from 1921 to 1947. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Freedom Struggle	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"The participation of Assamese women in the freedom struggle brought about a new social and political consciousness among them." Analyze the statement. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Freedom Struggle	10	2024
L2	Discuss the role of the Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti in women empowerment in the State, highlighting the contributions made by Chandraprabha Saikiani. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2022
L3	How was the Assamese character reflected in the National Freedom Movement from 1921 to 1942? Discuss **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Freedom Struggle	15	2022

Sources & Historiography

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Examine the archaeological, epigraphical and literary sources for reconstructing the history of ancient Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 History of Assam › Ancient & Early Medieval Assam	15	2024
2	Define, according to your lights, the etymology of the words 'Asam' and 'Asamiya'.	10	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Write a brief essay on the Asamiya Buranji literature of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Literature	15	2020

Ancient & Early Medieval Assam

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Who was King Prithu? Explain the significance of his reign in the early medieval period of Assam history.	10	2022
2	Give a thumbnail sketch of the early history of Kamarupa with special reference to the Varman dynasty.	15	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Examine the archaeological, epigraphical and literary sources for reconstructing the history of ancient Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Sources & Historiography	15	2024

Ahom Kingdom & Administration

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Review the Ahom policy towards the neighbouring hill tribes.	10	2025
2	Discuss the 'Paik' or 'Khel' system of Ahom administration. Can this system be considered as the foundation ground of the modern Panchayat? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Local Self-Government	10	2025

Colonial Rule in Assam

1 question · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the events leading to the signing of the Yandabo Treaty on 24th February, 1826. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › British Expansion & Colonial Policies	15	2023

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	"Colonial-era demarcations have impacted present-day Assam's relationship with its neighbouring States." Critically analyze this statement. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations	10	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	What were the main features of the British Land Revenue Policy? Analyze its impact on the peasantry in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Colonial Economy & Land Revenue	10	2024
L3	Discuss the role of Maniram Dewan as an administrator, entrepreneur and patriot in the 19th century Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 History of Assam › Political Awakening & Freedom Movement	15	2022

Socio-Religious Reform Movements

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Evaluate the long-term effects of the reforms of Kalicharan Brahma on the Bodo society.	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Assess the contribution of Anandaram Dhekial Phukan towards the Assamese Renaissance and modern intellectual thought. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Socio-Religious Reform Movements	10	2025
L2	Discuss briefly the influence of the Brahmo Movement on the Assamese society in the 19th century. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Socio-Religious Reform Movements	15	2022

Peasant Uprisings

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Examine the causes and consequences of the 'Phulaguri Dhawa (1861)' as a peasant resistance movement. To what extent it was successful? **Also relates to:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Peasant & Tribal Movements	10	2024

Migration & Peopling of Assam

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Assam became a melting pot of races because it is situated in one of the great migration routes of mankind." Elucidate. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity	15	2024

Post-Independence Assam

4 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	“Nation-building in North-East India has been shaped as much by accommodation as by integration.” Comment. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Nation-Building & Regionalism	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	Analyze the significance and implications of the States Reorganization Act of 1956 with reference to North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Reorganisation of States	15	2024
L3	Critically assess the socio-political circumstances leading to the demographic change in Assam during post-Independence period. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Demographic Change & Migration	15	2024
L4	Give a critical account of the economic impact of partition of India on Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Modern History of India › Partition of India	15	2020

Polity of Assam

13 questions asked · 10 topics · 5 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

District Administration

4 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Commissioner in a district under the Sixth Schedule Autonomous District Council areas of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Scheduled & Tribal Areas	10	2025
2	Assess in the present district administration package the position of co-districts. Describe the land revenue branch of a co-district and discuss its functioning.	10	2024
3	"The Gaon Pradhan are the eyes and ears of the district administration of Assam." Put forward any four arguments in support of this statement.	10	2023
4	A paradigm shift in public administration in Assam is on the anvil with the district positioned as the fulcrum of administration. Unlike the conventional way of functioning, what would be the changed role of the Deputy Commissioner in the new system?	10	2022

Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the impact of the geography and ethnic diversity of Assam on its political and administrative systems. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Physiography & Location **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity	10	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Discuss the genesis and working practices of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Scheduled & Tribal Areas	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Commissioner in a district under the Sixth Schedule Autonomous District Council areas of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › District Administration	10	2025
L2	What is the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution? Reflect on the role of the Governor in the areas under the Sixth Schedule. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Scheduled & Tribal Areas	15	2024
L3	Apart from election to the rural-urban local bodies, the Assam State Election Commission also conducts elections to various other autonomous organizations and Sixth Schedule organizations. Name all of them. Discuss the qualifications and tenure of service of the State Election Commissioner of Assam. Can he/she be removed from his/her office before completion of his/her term? **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › State Constitutional & Statutory Bodies	15	2024

State Constitutional & Statutory Bodies

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Apart from election to the rural-urban local bodies, the Assam State Election Commission also conducts elections to various other autonomous organizations and Sixth Schedule organizations. Name all of them. Discuss the qualifications and tenure of service of the State Election Commissioner of Assam. Can he/she be removed from his/her office before completion of his/her term? **Also relates to:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Local Self-Government **Also relates to:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Local Self-Government	15	2024
2	Critically discuss the constitution and functioning of the Assam State Human Rights Commission. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Human Rights	15	2020

Governor & State Executive

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain the meaning of discretionary power in the context of the Indian Constitution. Elaborate with examples the Governor's discretionary powers. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Union & State Executive	10	2024

State Legislature

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What, according to you, are the subjects covered under Money Bill? Explain in detail the procedure of passing a Money Bill in a Legislative Assembly. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Parliament & State Legislatures	10	2024

High Court & Judiciary

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What do you mean by Writ of Mandamus? Discuss the circumstance(s) under which Writ of Mandamus is issued. Distinguish between Writ of Prohibition and Writ of Certiorari. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Judiciary	15	2024

RTI & Citizen Charter

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What are the objectives of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 as laid down in its Preamble? Which categories of information are exempted from disclosure under the Act? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Transparency & Accountability	15	2025

Public Policy

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	(a) What do you understand by 'social media'? (b) What are its distinctive features? (c) Give a brief account of its role in framing of public policy in the State. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society	15	2025

Local Self-Government

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Apart from election to the rural-urban local bodies, the Assam State Election Commission also conducts elections to various other autonomous organizations and Sixth Schedule organizations. Name all of them. Discuss the qualifications and tenure of service of the State Election Commissioner of Assam. Can he/she be removed from his/her office before completion of his/her term? **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › State Constitutional & Statutory Bodies	15	2024

Elections & Delimitation

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Delimitation, as outlined under Section 8A of the Representation of the People Act (1950), aims to adjust constituency boundaries based on population shifts to ensure fair representation." In the light of this, discuss how the delimitation process affects the political representation of indigenous communities in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Elections & Representation of People Act	10	2024

Environment of Assam

11 questions asked · 7 topics · 10 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Biodiversity & Conservation

5 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is the difference between species and habitat biodiversity? Discuss the factors which are responsible for the decline in the biodiversity of the State. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	15	2025
2	Explain the impacts of exotic plants and animals towards biodiversity of a region. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2024
3	What is People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)? How does it empower rural people? What process is followed in preparing a PBR? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2023
4	What do you mean by ex situ and in situ conservation? Give examples. Which conservation initiative is more important according to you? Justify. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2022
5	What are the economic benefits of biodiversity? How can biodiversity conservation promote economic activities in a locality? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What is the BioE3 Policy of the Government of India? Discuss how the policy may help boost India's economy while ensuring environmental sustainability. How could a biodiversity-rich region like Assam benefit from this policy? **Asked in:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Biotechnology	10	2025

Wildlife, Protected Areas & Human-Wildlife Conflict

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Explain the anthropogenic and environmental drivers of human-wildlife conflict in Assam. Suggest community-based strategies to mitigate the conflict. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2025
2	Explain the significance of eco-sensitive zones (ESZs) and animal corridors connecting Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve to the Karbi Anglong Hills. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Biodiversity & Conservation	10	2025

Waste Management

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Solid waste management has emerged as a major environmental challenge in Assam. Discuss the management strategies for sustainable waste management. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Waste Management	10	2025
2	You have been asked to conduct a pilot study and assess the people's knowledge, attitude, perception and practice regarding the disposal of solid waste in household residents in Assam. How would you conduct the study and evaluate it? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Waste Management	15	2024

Climate Change & Climate Action

1 question · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is Mission Life? How, through this mission, is it planned to address the climate change impacts? Briefly describe about four life actions you may take up to reduce your carbon footprint. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What are the main objectives of the Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC)? What are the key sectors that face climate vulnerabilities in Assam? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2024
L2	Is climate change a disaster risk? How is disaster risk magnified by climate change? Discuss with reference to disasters in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Climate Change & Extreme Events	15	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	What are 'Panchamrit Strategies' declared by India to climate change? What strategy our State should adopt to contribute towards achieving our country's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel based energy capacity by 2030? **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Energy	15	2022
L4	What do you mean by vulnerability and resilience? Assam is among the top climate change vulnerable States in India. What could be the factors for high vulnerabilities in Assam? What measures are required to be taken up to build climate resilience to minimize climate change vulnerabilities? **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2022

Environmental Pollution

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Which parameters contribute towards determining Water Quality Index (WQI)? What could be the reason for poor WQI in some rivers in Assam? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Pollution	10	2022

Forests & Forest Conservation

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	A private company proposes to establish a manufacturing unit in Assam. Two possible locations are available—one near a protected forest with transport facilities and another in a remote district with limited infrastructure. As a policy-maker, which location would you approve? Give reasons for your decision. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment	10	2025
L2	Discuss the economic and environmental significance of forest resources in North-East India focusing on their sustainable use. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Natural Vegetation & Forests	15	2024
L3	"The recently passed 'Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023' seeks to balance the case of forest conservation with the requirement of strategic infrastructure development." Discuss the possible impact of such interventions in the States of North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2023

Wetlands & Water Ecosystems

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Differentiate the following: (a) Renewable and Non-renewable sources of energy (b) Wetland and Watershed (c) Open-cast mining and Rat-hole mining **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Natural Resources & Minerals	15	2024
L2	A major paradigm shift in flood management in Assam has been planned with the proposed 'Innovative Integration of Wetlands with River Brahmaputra for Floodwater Diversion'. Accordingly, an amount of ₹200 crores has been earmarked for this purpose in the State Budget of 2024-25. Elaborate the main features of the project and examine its feasibility in flood management. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods	10	2023

Geography of Assam

9 questions asked · 5 topics · 10 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Rivers & Water Resources

2 questions · 4 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Water resource management in Assam requires a paradigm shift from a narrow, flood-centric approach to a comprehensive, multi-sectoral water security strategy." Examine the key challenges and opportunities in managing Assam's water resources outside the monsoonal surge, focussing on dry season agricultural supply, drinking water quality, inland navigation, and aquatic ecosystems. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Geography › Water Resources & River Systems **Also relates to:** GS 3 Agriculture › Irrigation **Also relates to:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion	15	2025
2	Describe the course of the Brahmaputra river from its source to mouth. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Geography › Water Resources & River Systems	10	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The Perennial Crisis of Floods in Assam **Asked in:** Essay Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion	125	2025
L2	Differentiate the following: (a) Renewable and Non-renewable sources of energy (b) Wetland and Watershed (c) Open-cast mining and Rat-hole mining **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Natural Resources & Minerals	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	A major paradigm shift in flood management in Assam has been planned with the proposed 'Innovative Integration of Wetlands with River Brahmaputra for Floodwater Diversion'. Accordingly, an amount of ₹200 crores has been earmarked for this purpose in the State Budget of 2024-25. Elaborate the main features of the project and examine its feasibility in flood management. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods	10	2023
L4	Discuss the social and economic impacts of the Brahmaputra river erosion in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion	10	2023

Urbanization

2 questions · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages." Examine this statement in the context of Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Urbanization **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Rural Economy & Livelihoods	15	2023
2	What is urban sprawl and what factors promote urban sprawl? What are environmental and socio-economic impacts of urban sprawl? Discuss citing an example of a city near you. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Urbanization	10	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Comment on the occurrence of urban flooding in Guwahati city. What would you attribute this disaster to? Elaborate on the extent to which this hydrometeorological disaster can be attributed to climate change or unplanned urban development. What are the global best practices to address this issue? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2025
L2	What are the challenges of urbanization in North-East India? Do you think the idea of satellite township can address these challenges? Justify your answer. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Urbanization	15	2023

Physiography & Location

2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is a time zone? Is there any need to have a separate time zone for Assam? What could be the merits and demerits to have a separate time zone for Assam?	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
2	Illustrate how physiography of a region affects economic activities with reference to the physiographic units of Assam.	15	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss the impact of the geography and ethnic diversity of Assam on its political and administrative systems. **Asked in:** GS 5 Polity of Assam › Sixth Schedule & Autonomous Councils	10	2025

Natural Resources & Minerals

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	"Assam is the reservoir of several minerals, energy and forest resources." Justify the statement with suitable example	15	2024
2	Differentiate the following: (a) Renewable and Non-renewable sources of energy (b) Wetland and Watershed (c) Open-cast mining and Rat-hole mining **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Wetlands & Water Ecosystems	15	2024

Population & Migration

1 question · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the major factors responsible for migration of population into Assam and state its probable socio-economic consequences. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Migration	15	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Do you think there is really a lack of work culture in Assam? If so, why? What measures would you suggest to improve work culture in the State? If you go outside the State in various parts of India, you find many youths from Assam, working in restaurants and other places even though cost of living is higher than in his/her native place. What are the reasons behind this? Explain. **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Work Culture & Service Delivery	20	2025
L2	Critically assess the socio-political circumstances leading to the demographic change in Assam during post-Independence period. **Asked in:** GS 1 Post Independence of India › Demographic Change & Migration	15	2024
L3	What are the factors responsible for the out-migration of rural youths from Assam? Do you think this is a positive and an inevitable process? **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Migration	15	2022

Disaster Management of Assam

5 questions asked · 5 topics · 10 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Climate Change & Extreme Events

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Is climate change a disaster risk? How is disaster risk magnified by climate change? Discuss with reference to disasters in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Climate Change & Extreme Events **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Climate Change & Climate Action	15	2023
2	What do you mean by extreme weather events? Have you observed any such event in recent years in Assam? What could be the impacts of such events? Discuss with examples. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Climate Change & Extreme Events	15	2023

Floods & Erosion

1 question · 6 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Discuss the social and economic impacts of the Brahmaputra river erosion in Assam. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources	10	2023
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Comment on the occurrence of urban flooding in Guwahati city. What would you attribute this disaster to? Elaborate on the extent to which this hydrometeorological disaster can be attributed to climate change or unplanned urban development. What are the global best practices to address this issue? **Asked in:** GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions	15	2025
L2	"Water resource management in Assam requires a paradigm shift from a narrow, flood-centric approach to a comprehensive, multi-sectoral water security strategy." Examine the key challenges and opportunities in managing Assam's water resources outside the monsoonal surge, focussing on dry season agricultural supply, drinking water quality, inland navigation, and aquatic ecosystems. **Asked in:** GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources	15	2025
L3	The Perennial Crisis of Floods in Assam **Asked in:** Essay Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion	125	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L4	A major paradigm shift in flood management in Assam has been planned with the proposed 'Innovative Integration of Wetlands with River Brahmaputra for Floodwater Diversion'. Accordingly, an amount of ₹200 crores has been earmarked for this purpose in the State Budget of 2024-25. Elaborate the main features of the project and examine its feasibility in flood management. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods	10	2023
L5	Discuss how floods in Assam can be utilized for sustainable source of irrigation and maintenance of all-weather inland water transport in the State. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods	15	2022
L6	What are the points to be looked into in the preparation of management of a large earthquake? Describe the long-term measures to be taken in managing floods in North-East India. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Earthquakes	15	2020

Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction

1 question · 2 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What do you mean by vulnerability and resilience? Assam is among the top climate change vulnerable States in India. What could be the factors for high vulnerabilities in Assam? What measures are required to be taken up to build climate resilience to minimize climate change vulnerabilities? **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction **Also relates to:** GS 5 Environment of Assam › Climate Change & Climate Action **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Climate Change	15	2022
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Discuss analytically the hydrometeorological, geological, biological and technological hazards in the context of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	10	2020
L2	In the context of Assam, provide clear examples of physical, social, economic and ecological factors of disaster vulnerability. Do you notice any emerging trend in disaster impact, hazards and vulnerability pattern? **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Vulnerability & Risk Reduction	15	2020

Disaster Management Framework & Institutions

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The Disaster Management Act, 2005 envisages a paradigm shift from a response and relief centric approach to a proactive and comprehensive approach covering all aspects of prevention, mitigation and preparedness in disaster management. In this regard, do you think Assam has been able to shift its focus as envisaged in the Act? Discuss. **Also relates to:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Disaster Management Framework & Institutions	15	2022

Earthquakes

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"North-East India is well-equipped to deal with the consequences of a mega earthquake." Analyze the statement with special reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 1 Geography › Geophysical Phenomena	15	2023
L2	Discuss the preparedness and mitigation measures that should be adopted for reducing the impact of earthquakes in the context of Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Disaster Management › Earthquakes	10	2023

Social Justice of Assam

4 questions asked · 8 topics · 14 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Women & Child Development

2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	What is the 'Vistarita Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Yojana' aimed at? Discuss the benefits available to Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Assam under this scheme. **Also relates to:** GS 2 Governance › Self Help Groups (SHGs) **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Rural Economy & Livelihoods	10	2023
2	Discuss the steps taken by the Government of Assam in the realm of gender equality in recent years. **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	10	2020
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Assam tops all States in terms of violence against women, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2021 report." Examine the statement against the perception that women in Assam have more freedom than their counterparts in other parts of India. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Women & Child Development	15	2025

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	Describe briefly the salient features of the scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Maina (MMNM)' launched by the Government of Assam to eliminate child marriages. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	10	2023
L3	Role of women in the socio-economic development of India's North-East **Asked in:** Essay Society › Women & Women's Organisations	125	2020

Youth Welfare & Sports

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Illustrate with suitable examples how the Government of Assam has encouraged young generation to opt for a career in sports.	15	2023
2	Discuss the salient features of the renewed 'Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Scheme'. **Also relates to:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Employment & Skill Development	15	2020

Tea Tribes & Tea Garden Workers

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Elaborate upon the recent land reforms undertaken by the Government of Assam to benefit tea garden workers residing in the labour lines of the State's tea estates. **Asked in:** GS 3 Agriculture › Land Reforms	10	2025
L2	"Despite tea being a major plantation industry in India, tea estates are in a deplorable condition." Evaluate the effectiveness of Government policies and interventions for the improvement of the Assam tea estate workers. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Welfare of Vulnerable Sections	15	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L3	You are posted as the Superintendent of Police in an Upper Assam district. Around 100 big and small tea gardens in the district signify the socio-economic system of the district. Recently a 'witch-hunting' incident took place in a very remote tea garden leading to death of an old woman followed by group clashes. From preliminary enquiry, you found that illiteracy and unemployment had been prominently visible. The inhabitants were not much benefitted from the government schemes and tea garden authority was not showing much interest for welfare of the labourers. In this context— (a) how will you lead the investigation considering customs and values of the society? (b) how will you collaborate with civil administration and tea garden authority for education and awareness of the people? (c) what may be your ethical dilemma in nabbing the culprits? (d) what may be your suggestions to eradicate the social evils like 'witch-hunting'? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2023

Social Evils & Issues

3 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Describe briefly the salient features of the scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Maina (MMNM)' launched by the Government of Assam to eliminate child marriages. **Asked in:** GS 3 Economy › Inclusive Growth	10	2023

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	You are posted as the Superintendent of Police in an Upper Assam district. Around 100 big and small tea gardens in the district signify the socio-economic system of the district. Recently a 'witch-hunting' incident took place in a very remote tea garden leading to death of an old woman followed by group clashes. From preliminary enquiry, you found that illiteracy and unemployment had been prominently visible. The inhabitants were not much benefitted from the government schemes and tea garden authority was not showing much interest for welfare of the labourers. In this context— (a) how will you lead the investigation considering customs and values of the society? (b) how will you collaborate with civil administration and tea garden authority for education and awareness of the people? (c) what may be your ethical dilemma in nabbing the culprits? (d) what may be your suggestions to eradicate the social evils like 'witch-hunting'? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2023
L3	Rise in divorce cases in Assam **Asked in:** Essay Society › Family & Marriage	125	2023

Poverty & Hunger

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Economic growth does not automatically translate into poverty reduction." Evaluate this statement with reference to Assam. **Asked in:** GS 5 Economy of Assam › Macro Overview, Growth & Planning	15	2025
L2	Write a note on preparedness in India with special reference to Assam to realize the UNDP Sustainable Development Goal 2. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Poverty & Hunger	10	2020

Health

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Critically analyze how Atal Amrit Abhiyan has made healthcare affordable for poorer sections of the society. **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Health	10	2024

Education

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What are the main objectives of Gunotsav scheme? How has it contributed to strengthening primary education in Assam? **Asked in:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	10	2024

Tribal Welfare & Land Rights

1 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	What do you mean by tribal belts and blocks in Assam? What accounts for tribal land alienation in the State? Suggest measures to check this trend. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	15	2022

Internal Security of Assam

No question has been asked directly under this subject in GS Paper 5 yet. 8 questions asked elsewhere test it and are listed below.

Insurgency & Extremism

4 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	Can a Truth and Reconciliation Commission like that of South Africa help in peacebuilding in the context of ethnic conflict in North-East India? Discuss. **Asked in:** GS 1 Society › Ethnicity, Identity & Conflict	15	2025
L2	In the last few years, the Government of Assam has signed Memorandums of Settlement (MoS) with almost all the militant outfits of the State. What are the challenges of the post-MoS period? What are your suggestions for tackling these challenges? **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Insurgency & Extremism	10	2025
L3	Why did Myanmar become a sanctuary for insurgent groups of North-East India? How does China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) affect Indian security? **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Role of External State & Non-State Actors	10	2024
L4	Why have certain States of North-East India successfully transitioned from extremism to stability through development interventions while others have not? Illustrate with suitable examples. **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Insurgency & Extremism	15	2024

Border Management

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	"Colonial-era demarcations have impacted present-day Assam's relationship with its neighbouring States." Critically analyze this statement. **Asked in:** GS 2 Polity › Federalism & Centre-State Relations	10	2025
L2	'Tumakbasti' is a village on the extreme north-eastern side of India-Bangladesh border, where local residents cross the border to reach a town 'Moinabari' (just a 15-minute walk away) in Bangladesh to get even the basic necessities of a day-to-day living. The village lacks basic facilities like hospital, concrete road, drinking water, school, police station and so on; the nearest Indian town falls about 100 km away from the village. The people of the village have no other option than to cross the border to get their health check-ups and necessary medicines. Often in an emergency, the people carry the patients on their shoulders across the border where Border Guards of Bangladesh stop them for security reasons which delay patients' treatment. Consider the following statements and answer the questions: (a) The area falls under your jurisdiction of being a District Commissioner. What actions would you take in the above-described situation? (b) A District Commissioner has authority to do many things and if she/he wants she/he can transform the village into a modern one. How will you act in this situation and what contribution will you make for the village? (c) Bordering areas are too sensitive and cause security problems. Open border with Bangladesh has many of such implications including robbery, killing, smuggling, etc. How will you manage such security scenario? **Asked in:** GS 4 Ethics: Case Studies › Social Issues & Public Service	20	2023

Security Forces, Agencies & Laws

2 asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE	questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic		
L1	The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 is still operational in some parts of the North-Eastern Region of India. The Act is termed as 'Draconian Act' by critics including human rights activists. Share your views on the same. **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws	10	2024

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
L2	(a) Examine the evolution of Assam Rifles' dual role in border management and counter-insurgency operations. What strategic and operational advantages and challenges emerge from this hybrid mandate?(b) Analyze how the Unified Command Structure has evolved in response to changing dynamics in Assam. **Asked in:** GS 3 Internal Security › Security Forces, Agencies & Laws	15	2024

SECTION 6 OF 6

Essay Paper

Essays on philosophical, social, economic, environmental and Assam themes

What this paper has asked, 2020–2025

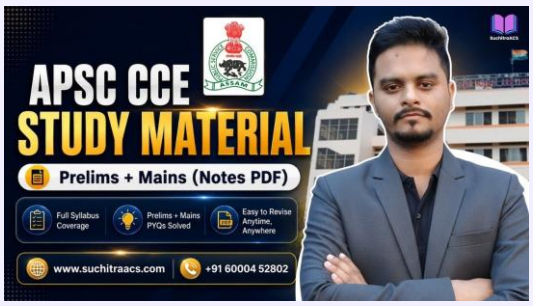
SUBJECT (MOST-ASKED FIRST)	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL	+ LINKED
Society	1	1	3	4	2	11	–
Philosophical	4	3	–	1	1	9	+4
Social Justice	1	–	3	1	1	6	–
Environment	–	2	–	–	1	3	–
Science and Technology	–	1	1	1	–	3	–
Economy	1	1	–	–	–	2	–
Art & Culture of Assam	–	–	1	–	1	2	–
Polity	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Governance	–	–	–	1	–	1	–
Economy of Assam	1	–	–	–	–	1	–
Disaster Management of Assam	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
Total	**8**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**40**	

Key takeaways

- Most-asked subject: **Society**, with 11 of the 40 questions.
- Most-asked topics: **Family & Marriage (4)**; **Media, Technology & Society (3)**; **Health (3)**; **Education (3)**.
- 32 of this paper's 40 questions also test topics in other papers.

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Society

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Family & Marriage

4 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The Indian Joint Family: An institution of interdependence and cooperation **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage	125	2023
2	Live-in relationship : Rights and responsibilities **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage	125	2023
3	Rise in divorce cases in Assam **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage **Also relates to:** GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Social Evils & Issues	125	2023
4	Impact of Work from Home (WFH)' on family life **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Family & Marriage	125	2022

Media, Technology & Society

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Noise vs. Knowledge: Truth in the Age of Social Media **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media **Also relates to:** Essay Philosophical › Knowledge & Wisdom	125	2025
2	Need for Unplugging Digital Connect in Order to Reconnect **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society **Also relates to:** Essay Philosophical › Human Relationships & Society	125	2025
3	A world without Internet **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Media, Technology & Society **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › IT, Computers & Digital Technologies	125	2024

Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Diversity forms the cornerstone of multiculturalism **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society	125	2024
2	Stereotyping the North-East—Ignorance and Perception **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Salient Features & Diversity of Indian Society **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity	125	2024

Women & Women's Organisations — 2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Recent trends in crimes by women Also relates to: GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations	125	2024
2	Role of women in the socio-economic development of India's North-East Also relates to: GS 1 Society › Women & Women's Organisations Also relates to: GS 5 Social Justice of Assam › Women & Child Development	125	2020

Philosophical

9 questions asked · 5 topics · 4 also asked elsewhere · most-asked topics first

Knowledge & Wisdom — 2 questions · 3 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The wearer best knows where the shoe pinches	125	2022
2	Knowledge is its own reward	125	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE — questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Noise vs. Knowledge: Truth in the Age of Social Media Asked in: Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2025
L2	Prejudice is the child of ignorance Asked in: Essay Philosophical › Human Relationships & Society	125	2022
L3	A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge Asked in: Essay Philosophical › Life, Happiness & Values	125	2020

Human Relationships & Society — 2 questions · 1 also asked elsewhere

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Prejudice is the child of ignorance Also relates to: Essay Philosophical › Knowledge & Wisdom	125	2022
2	No man is an island	125	2020

ALSO ASKED ELSEWHERE — questions asked in another paper, subject or topic that also test this topic

L1	Need for Unplugging Digital Connect in Order to Reconnect Asked in: Essay Society › Media, Technology & Society	125	2025

Life, Happiness & Values — 2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Can money buy happiness?	125	2024
2	A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge Also relates to: Essay Philosophical › Knowledge & Wisdom	125	2020

Progress & Change

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Comfort as a Trap	125	2025
2	If necessity is the mother of invention, discontent is the father of progress	125	2022

Leadership & Character

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Being a leader is great, but being a good follower is greater still **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Leadership	125	2020

Social Justice

6 questions asked · 2 topics · most-asked topics first

Health

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Depression and Work Life **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Health **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Employment & Labour	125	2025
2	Addiction is a compulsive disorder rather than a criminal act **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Health **Also relates to:** GS 3 Internal Security › Drug Trafficking & Narcotics	125	2023
3	Obesity: A new-age 'disorder **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Health	125	2023

Education

3 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Is online learning better than traditional methods of learning? **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	125	2024
2	Open-book examination **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	125	2023
3	The National Education Policy, 2020 : Its merits and demerits **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Education	125	2020

Environment

3 questions asked · 2 topics · most-asked topics first

Environmental Degradation & Sustainability

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Environmental Ethics	125	2022
2	Think globally, act locally **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Environmental Degradation & Sustainability **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Globalization & Indian Society	125	2022

Waste Management

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Waste Management: India's Everyday Governance Challenge **Also relates to:** GS 3 Environment › Waste Management **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Local Self-Government	125	2025

Science and Technology

3 questions asked · 2 topics · most-asked topics first

Artificial Intelligence

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Artificial Intelligence is today's Frankenstein **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	125	2024
2	ChatGPT: boon or bane **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Artificial Intelligence	125	2022

Space Technology

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Presence of life in the cosmos **Also relates to:** GS 3 Science and Technology › Space Technology	125	2023

Economy

2 questions asked · 2 topics · most-asked topics first

Growth & Development

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Growth & Development	125	2022

Employment & Labour

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Skill development and employment **Also relates to:** GS 3 Economy › Employment & Labour **Also relates to:** GS 2 Social Justice › Skill Development & Human Resources	125	2020

Art & Culture of Assam

2 questions asked · 1 topic · most-asked topics first

Language

2 questions

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The Future of Indigenous Languages of North-East India **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Language **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Ethnic Diversity & Cultural Identity **Also relates to:** GS 1 Society › Tribal Society & Identity	125	2025
2	The future of Assamese Language **Also relates to:** GS 5 Art & Culture of Assam › Language	125	2023

Polity

1 question asked · 1 topic · most-asked topics first

Media & Press Freedom

1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Free Press and Its Responsibilities **Also relates to:** GS 2 Polity › Media & Press Freedom **Also relates to:** GS 4 Ethics: Theory Questions › Ethics in Science, Technology & Media	125	2025

Governance

1 question asked · 1 topic · most-asked topics first

Government Policies & Interventions — 1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Beneficiary politics is a hindrance to socio-economic growth	125	2024

Also relates to: GS 2 Governance › Government Policies & Interventions
Also relates to: GS 2 Polity › Elections & Representation of People Act
Also relates to: GS 3 Economy › Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy

Economy of Assam

1 question asked · 1 topic · most-asked topics first

Industrial Development & Investment — 1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	Problems of industrial development in Assam	125	2020

Also relates to: GS 5 Economy of Assam › Industrial Development & Investment

Disaster Management of Assam

1 question asked · 1 topic · most-asked topics first

Floods & Erosion — 1 question

#	QUESTION	MARKS	YEAR
1	The Perennial Crisis of Floods in Assam	125	2025

Also relates to: GS 5 Disaster Management of Assam › Floods & Erosion
Also relates to: GS 3 Disaster Management › Floods
Also relates to: GS 5 Geography of Assam › Rivers & Water Resources

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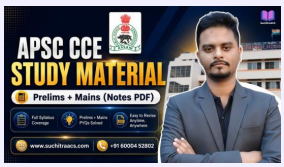
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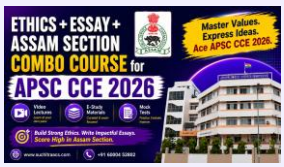
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