

Q1. India's low and U-shaped female labour-force participation is driven more by the nature of the jobs on offer than by social norms. Critically analyse. **(10 marks)**

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Q2. 'The State has no business owning a hotel, an airline or a bank.' Do you agree? Substantiate. **(10 marks)**

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Q1. Corporate profits are high, rates have eased and taxes were cut, yet private firms have not invested at scale for a decade. Discuss this reluctance, and suggest what would crowd investment back in. **(15 marks)**

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Q2. To what extent does India risk the middle-income trap? **(15 marks)**

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Q3. The Reserve Bank of India should support growth and employment alongside its price-stability target. Critically evaluate. **(15 marks)**

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Q4. A delivery rider values setting his own hours but has no cover when an accident stops him for a month. Comment on the bargain India should strike between his flexibility and his security. **(10 marks)**

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Q1. India softens inequality with cash transfers while taxes on wealth and inheritance are absent and the income-tax base is narrow. Critically evaluate whether its tax-and-transfer system can correct the rich-poor gap. **(15 marks)**

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Q2. Services-led growth created a small high-productivity sector while most workers stay in informal services. Comment on whether it can deliver good jobs at scale. **(10 marks)**

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Q3. Do you agree that a legally guaranteed Minimum Support Price would serve Indian agriculture? Substantiate. **(10 marks)**

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Q4. The claims for natural farming, namely lower costs, restored soils and undiminished yields, rest more on advocacy than evidence. Critically evaluate. **(15 marks)**

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Q5. A bumper crop crashes the onion price; an export ban rescues the consumer but brands India an unreliable supplier abroad. Which constituency should trade policy serve when consumer, farmer and foreign buyer pull three ways? **(10 marks)**

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Q1. India should permit commercial cultivation of genetically modified food crops to raise yields, despite ecological and health concerns. Discuss. **(15 marks)**

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Q2. To overcome small holdings, India can back Farmer Producer Organisations, contract farming, or land-leasing markets. Which best fixes the scale problem, and what does each cost the smallholder? **(10 marks)**

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Q3. As India processes more of its food, it eats more ultra-processed food and develops more diet-related disease. Comment on this hidden cost. **(10 marks)**

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Q4. How far would conclusive State-guaranteed land titles advance the unfinished agenda of land reform? **(10 marks)**

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Q5. More infrastructure spending will not lower India's high logistics costs without far better integration of its transport networks. Critically evaluate. **(15 marks)**

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Q1. India's research and development spend is about 0.65% of national income and overwhelmingly state-funded, while innovation leaders had private firms doing the spending. Is the deeper problem the amount of research money or its source? **(10 marks)**

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Q2. A pensioner is turned away from her monthly pension because her fingerprints, worn by age and labour, no longer authenticate on the system that paid her for years. Comment on whether Digital Public Infrastructure at a billion-person scale inevitably trades some people's exclusion for everyone's convenience. **(15 marks)**

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Q3. Asset monetisation has been called both 'selling the family silver' and 'making lazy capital work'. Which is the fairer description of leasing out public assets to finance infrastructure? **(15 marks)**

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Q4. A growing share of the Union's revenue comes from cesses and surcharges, outside the divisible pool. To what extent is this eroding the states' rightful share of central taxes? **(15 marks)**

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