

# UPSC Mains 2022 — All GS Questions

64 Questions across GS Paper I-IV

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## GS-I

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q1. How will you explain that medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days? (Answer in 150 words)**

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Easy

**Q2. Why did the armies of the British East India Company - mostly comprising of Indian soldiers - win consistently against the more numerous and better equipped armies of the then Indian rulers? Give reasons. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q3. Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q4. Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q6. Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan Trap'. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q7. Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q8. Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q9. How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption? (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q10. Given the diversities among tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category? (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q11. The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q12. Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q13. Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q14. What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q15. Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q16. Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 250W

Hard

**Q17. Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How? (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q18. Explain the causes and effects of coastal erosion in India. What are the available coastal management techniques for combating the hazard? (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q19. Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-I 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q20. Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. (Answer in 250 words)**

## GS-II

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q1. "The most significant achievement of modern law in India is the constitutionalization of environmental problems by the Supreme Court." Discuss this statement with the help of relevant case laws. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q2. "Right of movement and residence throughout the territory of India are freely available to the Indian citizens, but these rights are not absolute." Comment. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q3. To what extent, in your opinion, has the decentralisation of power in India changed the governance landscape at the grassroots? (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q4. Discuss the role of the Vice-President of India as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q5. Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q6. The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss.**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q7. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 remains only a legal document without intense sensitisation of government functionaries and citizens regarding disability. Comment.**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q8. Reforming the government delivery system through the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme is a progressive step, but it has its limitations too. Comment.**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q9. 'India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka.' Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in the light of the preceding statement.**

2022 GS-II 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q10. Do you think that BIMSTEC is a parallel organisation like the SAARC? What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the two? How are Indian foreign policy objectives realized by forming this new organisation?**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q11. Discuss the procedures to decide the disputes arising out of the election of a Member of the Parliament or State Legislature under The Representation of the People Act, 1951. What are the grounds on which the election of any returned candidate may be declared void? What remedy is available to the aggrieved party against the decision? Refer to the case laws. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q12. Discuss the essential conditions for exercise of the legislative powers by the Governor. Discuss the legality of re-promulgation of ordinances by the Governor without placing them before the Legislature. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-II 15M • 250W

Hard

**Q13. "While the national political parties in India favour centralisation, the regional parties are in favour of State autonomy." Comment. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q14. Critically examine the procedures through which the Presidents of India and France are elected. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q15. Discuss the role of the Election Commission of India in the light of the evolution of the Model Code of Conduct. (Answer in 250 words)**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q16. Besides the welfare schemes, India needs deft management of inflation and unemployment to serve the poor and the underprivileged sections of the society. Discuss.**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q17. Do you agree with the view that increasing dependence on donor agencies for development reduces the importance of community participation in the development process? Justify your answer.**

2022 GS-II 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q18. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 remains inadequate in promoting incentive-based system for children's education without generating awareness about the importance of schooling. Analyse.**

2022 GS-II 15M • 250W

Hard

**Q19. How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?**

2022 GS-II 15M • 250W

Hard

**Q20. 'Clean energy is the order of the day.' Describe briefly India's changing policy towards climate change in various international fora in the context of geopolitics.**

### GS-III

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q1. Why is Public Private Partnership (PPP) required in infrastructural projects? Examine the role of PPP model in the redevelopment of Railway Stations in India.**

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q2. Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India.**

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q3. What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent?**

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q4. Elaborate the scope and significance of the food processing industry in India.**

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q5. Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological Department.**

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

**Q5. The increase in life expectancy in the country has led to newer health challenges in the community. What are those challenges and what steps need to be taken to meet them?**

Easy

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

**Q8. Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples.**

Easy

2022 GS-III 15M • 250W

**Q8. "Economic growth in the recent past has been led by increase in labour productivity." Explain this statement. Suggest the growth pattern that will lead to creation of more jobs without compromising labour productivity.**

Hard

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

**Q9. Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels.**

Easy

2022 GS-III 10M • 150W

**Q10. What are the maritime security challenges in India? Discuss the organisational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve the maritime security.**

Easy

2022 GS-III 15M • 250W

**Q12. Do you think India will meet 50 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2030? Justify your answer. How will the shift of subsidies from fossil fuels to renewables help achieve the above objective? Explain.**

Hard

2022 GS-III 15M • 250W

**Q13. What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India?**

Hard

2022 GS-III 15M • 250W

**Q14. What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India?**

Hard

2022 GS-III 15M • 150W

**Q15. Launched on 25th December, 2021, James Webb Space Telescope has been much in the news since then. What are its unique features which make it superior to its predecessor Space Telescopes? What are the key goals of this mission? What potential benefits does it hold for the human race?**

Easy

2022 GS-III 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q16. What is the basic principle behind vaccine development? How do vaccines work? What approaches were adopted by the Indian vaccine manufacturers to produce COVID-19 vaccines?**

2022 GS-III 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q19. What are the different elements of cyber security? Keeping in view the challenges in cyber security, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy.**

2022 GS-III 15M • 150W

Easy

**Q20. Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues and suggest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism.**

## GS-IV

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q1(a). Wisdom lies in knowing what to reckon with and what to overlook. An officer being engrossed with the periphery, ignoring the core issues before him, is not rare in the bureaucracy. Do you agree that such preoccupation of an administrator leads to travesty of justice to the cause of effective service delivery and good governance? Critically evaluate. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q2(a). The Rules and Regulations provided to all the civil servants are same, yet there is difference in the performance. Positive minded officers are able to interpret the Rules and Regulations in favour of the case and achieve success, whereas negative minded officers are unable to achieve goals by interpreting the same Rules and Regulations against the case. Discuss with illustrations. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q2(b). It is believed that adherence to ethics in human actions would ensure in smooth functioning of an organization/system. If so, what does ethics seek to promote in human life? How do ethical values assist in the resolution of conflicts faced by him in his day-to-day functioning? (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q4(a). What do you understand by the term 'good governance'? How far recent initiatives in terms of e-Governance steps taken by the State have helped the beneficiaries? Discuss with suitable examples. (Answer in 150 words)**

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Easy

**Q4(b).** Online methodology is being used for day-to-day meetings, institutional approvals in the administration and for teaching and learning in education sector to the extent telemedicine in the health sector is getting popular with the approvals of the competent authority. No doubt, it has advantages and disadvantages for both the beneficiaries and the system at large. Describe and discuss the ethical issues involved in the use of online method particularly to the vulnerable section of the society. (Answer in 150 words)

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q5(a).** Russia and Ukraine war has been going on for the last seven months. Different countries have taken independent stands and actions keeping in view their own national interests. We are all aware that war has its own impact on the different aspects of society, including human tragedy. What are those ethical issues that are crucial to be considered while launching the war and its continuation so far? Illustrate with justification the ethical issues involved in the given state of affair. (Answer in 150 words)

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q6(b).** In contemporary world, corporate sector's contribution in generating wealth and employment is increasing. In doing so, they are bringing in unprecedented onslaught on the climate, environmental sustainability and living conditions of human beings. In this background, do you find that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is efficient and sufficient enough to fulfill the social roles and responsibilities needed in the corporate world for which the CSR is mandated? Critically examine. (Answer in 150 words)

2022 GS-IV 10M • 150W

Medium

**Q6(a).** Whistle-blower, who reports corruption and illegal activities, wrongdoing and misconduct to the concerned authorities, runs the risk of being exposed to grave danger, physical harm and victimization by the vested interests, accused persons and his team. What policy measures would you suggest to strengthen protection mechanism to safeguard the whistle-blower? (Answer in 150 words)