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Previous Year Questions

Attitude — GS-IV

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

9 Questions

Year range: 2014–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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Content, structure, function of attitude

2021 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q3. Attitude is an important component that goes as input in the development of human being. How to build a suitable attitude needed for a public servant?

2020 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q5. A positive attitude is considered to be an essential characteristic of a civil servant who is often required to function under extreme stress. What contributes to a positive attitude in a person?

2014 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q11. What factors affect the formation of a person's attitude towards social problems? In our society, contrasting attitudes are prevalent about many social problems. What contrasting attitudes do you notice about the caste system in our society? How do you explain the existence of these contrasting attitudes?

Influence and relation with thought and behaviour

2025 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q3. "Those who in trouble untroubled are, will trouble trouble itself." – Thiruvalluvar

2025 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q4. "The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes." – William James

2022 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q2. 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.

Moral and political attitudes

2017 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q5. Young people with ethical conduct are not willing to come forward to join active politics. Suggest steps to motivate them to come forward.

2015 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q5. Two different kinds of attitudes exhibited by public servants towards their work have been identified as the bureaucratic attitude and the democratic attitude. (a) Distinguish between these two terms and write their merits and demerits. (b) Is it possible to balance the two to create a better administration for the faster development of our country?

Social influence and persuasion

2016 GS-IV 10M · 150W

Q4. How could social influence and persuasion contribute to the success of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?