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Previous Year Questions

External Actors & Internal Security — GS-III

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

12 Questions

Year range: 2014–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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2025 GS-III 10M · 250W

Q17. Terrorism is a global scourge. How has it manifested in India? Elaborate with contemporary examples. What are the counter measures adopted by the State? Explain.

2023 GS-III 10M · 250W

Q17. Winning of 'Hearts and Minds' in terrorism-affected areas is an essential step in restoring the trust of the population. Discuss the measures adopted by the Government in this respect as part of the conflict resolution in Jammu and Kashmir.

2022 GS-III 10M · 250W

Q19. What are the maritime security challenges in India? Discuss the organisational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve the maritime security.

2021 GS-III 15M · 250W

Q17. Analyse the multidimensional challenges posed by external state and non-state actors, to the internal security of India. Also discuss measures required to be taken to combat these threats.

2019 GS-III 10M · 250W

Q17. The banning of 'Jamaat-e-Islami' in Jammu and Kashmir brought into focus the role of over-ground workers (OGWs) in assisting terrorist organizations. Examine the role played by OGWs in assisting terrorist organizations in insurgency affected areas. Discuss measures to neutralize influence of OGWs.

2019 GS-III 15M · 250W

Q20. Indian Government has recently strengthened the anti-terrorism laws by amending the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, and the NIA Act. Analyze the changes in the context of the prevailing security environment while discussing the scope and reasons for opposing the UAPA by human rights organizations.

2018 GS-III 10M · 250W

Q18. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is viewed as a cardinal subset of China's larger 'One Belt One Road' initiative. Give a brief description of CPEC and enumerate the reasons why India has distanced itself from the same.

2016 GS-III 12.5M · 250W

Q18. The terms 'Hot Pursuit' and 'Surgical Strikes' are often used in connection with armed action against terrorist attacks. Discuss the strategic impact of such actions.

2016 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q20. "Terrorism is emerging as a competitive industry over the last few decades." Analyze the above statement.

2015 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q18. Religious indoctrination via digital media has resulted in Indian youth joining the ISIS. What is ISIS and its mission? How can ISIS be dangerous for the internal security of our country?

2014 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q16. "The diverse nature of India as a multi-religious and multi-ethnic society is not immune to the impact of radicalism which is seen in her neighbourhood." Discuss along with strategies to be adopted to counter this environment.

2014 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q20. China and Pakistan have entered into an agreement for development of an economic corridor. What threat does this pose for India's security? Critically examine.

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