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Previous Year Questions

Government Policies & Interventions — GS-II

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

12 Questions

Year range: 2013–2024

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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Government policies and interventions for development

2024 GS-II 15M · 150W

Q10. What are the aims and objects of recently passed and enforced, The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024? Whether University/State Education Board examinations, too, are covered under the Act?

2022 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q11. The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss.

2021 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q11. 'Earn while you learn' scheme needs to be strengthened to make vocational education and skill training meaningful." Comment.

2014 GS-II 12.5M · 200W

Q9. Though 100 percent FDI is already allowed in non-news media like a trade publication and general entertainment channel, the government is mulling over the proposal for increased FDI in news media for quite some time. What difference would an increase in FDI make? Critically evaluate the pros and cons.

2014 GS-II 12.5M · 200W

Q11. An athlete participates in Olympics for personal triumph and nation's glory; victors are showered with cash incentives by various agencies, on their return. Discuss the merit of state sponsored talent hunt and its cultivation as against the rationale of a reward mechanism as encouragement.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q9. The concept of Mid Day Meal (MDM) scheme is almost a century old in India with early beginnings in Madras Presidency in pre-independent India. The scheme has again been given impetus in most states in the last two decades. Critically examine its twin objectives, latest mandates and success.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q14. The basis of providing urban amenities in rural areas (PURA) is rooted in establishing connectivity. Comment.

Issues arising out of their design and implementation

2022 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q13. Reforming the government delivery system through the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme is a progressive step, but it has its limitations too. Comment.

2019 GS-II 15M · 150W

Q10. In the context of the neo-liberal paradigm of development planning, multi-level planning is expected to make operations cost-effective and remove many implementation blockages. Discuss.

2018 GS-II 10M · 150W

Q10. Policy contradictions among various competing sectors and stakeholders have resulted in inadequate 'protection and prevention of degradation' to environment. Comment with relevant illustrations.

2017 GS-II 10M · 150W

Q10. To ensure effective implementation of policies addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene needs, the identification of beneficiary segments is to be synchronized with the anticipated outcomes. Examine the statement in the context of the WASH scheme.

2014 GS-II 12.5M · 200W

Q10. Two parallel run schemes of the Government, viz. the Adhaar Card and NPR, one as voluntary and the other as compulsory, have led to debates at national levels and also litigations. On merits, discuss whether or not both schemes need run concurrently. Analyse the potential of the schemes to achieve developmental benefits and equitable growth.

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