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Previous Year Questions

Important International Institutions — GS-II

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

12 Questions

Year range: 2013–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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2025 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q20. "The reform process in the United Nations remains unresolved, because of the delicate imbalance of East and West and entanglement of the USA vs. Russo-Chinese alliance." Examine and critically evaluate the East-West policy confrontations in this regard.

2024 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q20. 'Terrorism has become a significant threat to global peace and security.' Evaluate the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) and its associated bodies in addressing and mitigating this threat at the international level.

2023 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q20. 'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos' Discuss in the light of the above statement the role of the IMO (International Maritime Organisation) in protecting environment and enhancing maritime safety and security.

2020 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q20. Critically examine the role of WHO in providing global health security during the Covid-19 pandemic.

2019 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q19. 'Too little cash, too much politics, leaves UNESCO fighting for life.' Discuss the statement in the light of US' withdrawal and its accusation of the cultural body as being 'anti-Israel bias'.

2018 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q19. What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive in the present context of 'Trade War', especially keeping in mind the interest of India?

2017 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q18. What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.

2016 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q18. What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO? What is India's position on these?

2016 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q20. "The broader aims and objectives of WTO are to manage and promote international trade in the era of globalization. But the Doha round of negotiations seems doomed due to differences between the developed and the developing countries." Discuss in the Indian perspective.

2015 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q18. Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UN Security Council.

2014 GS-II 12.5M · 200W

Q19. WTO is an important international institution where decisions taken affect countries in a profound manner. What is the mandate of WTO and how binding are their decisions? Critically analyse India's stand on the latest round of talks on Food security.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q25. The World Bank and the IMF, collectively known as the Bretton Woods Institutions, are the two inter-governmental pillars supporting the structure of the world's economic and financial order. Superficially, the World Bank and the IMF exhibit many common characteristics, yet their role, functions and mandate are distinctly different. Elucidate.

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