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Previous Year Questions

Indian Economy & Planning — GS-III

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

17 Questions

Year range: 2014–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

"Master Mains with PYQs — consistency is key"

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Planning and mobilization of resources

2024 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q2. What are the causes of persistent high food inflation in India? Comment on the effectiveness of the monetary policy of the RBI to control this type of inflation.

2018 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q1. How are the principles followed by the NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile Planning Commission in India?

2015 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q2. Craze for gold in Indians has led to a surge in import of gold in recent years and put pressure on balance of payments and external value of rupee. In view of this, examine the merits of the Gold Monetization Scheme.

Growth and development

2025 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q1. What are the challenges before the Indian economy when the world is moving away from free trade and multilateralism to protectionism and bilateralism? How can these challenges be met?

2023 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q2. What is the status of digitalization in the Indian economy? Examine the problems faced in this regard and suggest improvements.

2023 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q4. Distinguish between 'care economy' and 'monetized economy'. How can care economy be brought into monetized economy through women empowerment?

2021 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q1. Do you agree that the Indian economy has recently experienced V-shaped recovery? Give reasons in support of your answer.

2021 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q2. Explain the difference between computing methodology of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) before the year 2015 and after the year 2015.

2020 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q3. Define potential GDP and explain its determinants. What are the factors that have been inhibiting India from realizing its potential GDP?

2019 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q2. Do you agree with the view that steady GDP growth and low inflation have left the Indian economy in good shape? Give reasons in support of your arguments.

2018 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q2. How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India?

2017 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q1. Among several factors for India's potential growth, savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential?

Employment

2023 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q3. Most of the unemployment in India is structural in nature. Examine the methodology adopted to compute unemployment in the country and suggest improvements.

2022 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q1. "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.

2016 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q1. How globalization has led to the reduction of employment in the formal sector of the Indian economy? Is increased informalization detrimental to the development of the country?

2015 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q1. The nature of economic growth in India in recent times is often described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer.

2014 GS-III 12.5M · 200W

Q2. "While we flaunt India's demographic dividend, we ignore the dropping rates of employability." What are we missing while doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain.