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Previous Year Questions

Indian Society & Diversity — GS-I

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

22 Questions

Year range: 2014–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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Salient features of Indian Society

2025 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q7. The ethos of civil service in India stand for the combination of professionalism with nationalistic consciousness – Elucidate.

2024 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q1. Underline the changes in the field of society and economy from the Rig Vedic to the later Vedic period.

2024 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q7. Intercaste marriages between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of interreligious marriages. Discuss.

2023 GS-I 15M · 150W

Q1. What are the main features of Vedic society and religion? Do you think some of the features are still prevailing in Indian society?

2023 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q7. Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in Modern India?

2023 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q8. Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children.

2023 GS-I 15M · 150W

Q9. Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static?

2022 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q11. Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.

2021 GS-I 15M · 150W

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2019 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q20. What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.

2018 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q7. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.

2017 GS-I 15M · 150W

Q10. The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate.

2016 GS-I 12.5M · 150W

Q8. Why are the tribals in India referred to as the 'Scheduled Tribes'? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment.

2015 GS-I 12.5M · 150W

Q9. Debate the issue of whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.

2014 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q19. The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss.

Diversity of India

2024 GS-I 15M · 150W

Q8. Critically analyse the proposition that there is a high correlation between India's cultural diversities and socio-economic marginalities.

2022 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q7. Given the diversities among tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category?

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2017 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q9. In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the states? Give reasons with examples for your viewpoint.

2015 GS-I 12.5M · 150W

Q8. Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.