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Previous Year Questions

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## Social Empowerment, Communalism & Secularism — GS-I

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

**14 Questions**

Year range: 2013–2024

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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## Social empowerment

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2024 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q15. Despite comprehensive policies for equity and social justice, underprivileged sections are not yet getting the full benefits of affirmative action envisaged by the Constitution. Comment.

2020 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q11. Customs and traditions suppress reason, leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?

2018 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q12. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration, and competition for its success.

## Communalism

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2023 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q13. Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism.

2018 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q13. "Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation." Argue by giving suitable illustrations.

2017 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q12. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.

## Regionalism

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2024 GS-I 15M · 250W

Q14. What is regional disparity? How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India.

2020 GS-I 10M · 150W

Q10. Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.

2016 GS-I 12.5M · 250W

Q12. What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.

**2013** GS-I 10M · 200W

Q18. Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate State. Discuss.

## Secularism

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**2022** GS-I 15M · 250W

Q12. Are tolerance, assimilation, and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.

**2019** GS-I 10M · 250W

Q12. What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?

**2018** GS-I 10M · 250W

Q11. How the Indian concept of secularism is different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.

**2014** GS-I 10M · 150W

Q20. How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?

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