



Educrat IAS

India's Best Mentorship for Civil Services

GS 1 :- 15/20 Qs

GS 2 :- 18/20 Qs

GS 3 :- 15/20 Qs

TOTAL :- 48/60 Qs

**ESSAY :- 3 TOPICS
OUT OF 8**



EDUCRAT IAS PREDICTING THE UNPREDICTABLE

UPSC MAINS 2023 ESSAY

Section - A

1. Thinking is like a game, it does not begin unless there is an opposite team.
2. Visionary decision-making happens at the intersection of intuition and logic.
3. Not all who wander are lost.
4. Inspiration for creativity springs from the effort to look for the magical in the mundane.

Section - B

1. Girls are weighed down by restrictions, boys with demands – two equally harmful disciplines.
2. Mathematics is the music of reason.
3. A society that has more justice is a society that needs less charity.
4. Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

UPSC MAINS 2023 ESSAY

Listing of essay topics of all Mains 2023 Mock tests conducted in Mains Test Series along with the topics which has matched with UPSC Essay paper:

18th June

1. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
2. The only true wisdom is knowing you know nothing- Socrates

25th June

1. If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.
2. There is no path to happiness. Happiness is the path.

2nd July

1. Too much democracy is detrimental to development.
2. 'The past' is a permanent dimension of human consciousness and values.

16th July

1. Be the change you wish to see in the world. Mahatma Gandhi
2. History is a series of victories won by the scientific man over the romantic man.

6th August

1. Putting more bars in the prison is not the answer to the problems faced by society.
2. A house divided against itself, cannot stand
3. The eternal struggle between the principled- right and wrong throughout the world
4. Politics is just perception.

14th August

1. The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it for the greatness is already there.

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2. The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable.
3. Honesty is the first chapter of the book wisdom - Thomas Jefferson
4. A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on

28th August

1. Economic growth means little unless it is inclusive growth.

UPSC Essay A society that has more justice is a society that needs less charity. [LINK](#)

2. The purpose of life is a life of purpose
3. There are many humans, but no humanity
4. Men are taught to apologise for their weakness, women for their strengths.

UPSC Essay Girls are weighed down by restrictions, boys with demands - two equally harmful discipline. [LINK](#)

3rd September

1. Social media is more about psychology than technology
2. The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it
3. It is always the simple that produces marvelous

UPSC Essay Inspiration for creativity springs from the effort to look for the magical in the mundane. [LINK](#)

4. The measure of a man is what he does with power.



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SECTION B.

5. लड़कियाँ बंदियों के तथा लड़के अपेक्षा के बोझ तले दबे हुए होते हैं — दोनों ही समान रूप से हानिकारक व्यवस्थाएँ हैं।
Girls are weighed down by restrictions, boys with demands — two equally harmful disciplines.

6. गणित ज्ञान का संगीत है।
Mathematics is the music of reason.

7. जिस समाज में अधिक न्याय होता है, उस समाज को दान की कम आवश्यकता होती है।
A society that has more justice is a society that needs less charity.

8. शिक्षा वह है जो विद्यालय में सीखी गई बातों को भूल जाने के बाद भी शेष रह जाती है।
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Write an essay, choosing one from Section A in about 1000-1200 words.

Section A

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3. There are many humans, but no humanity.

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The world was under the shadow of injustice and vices. The innocent was oppressed, women-harassed and the sages and pious people were harmed ruthlessly by the crooked crooked. It was in this situation that Goddess Kali took up her weapons against the oppressors. Armed with her 'Khanga' she went on punishing all wrongdoers with utter mercilessness.



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Write **two** essays, choosing **one** topic from each of the following Sections A and B, in about 1000 – 1200 words each :

125×2=250

खण्ड A

SECTION A

1. चिंतन एक तरह का खेल है, यह तब तक प्रारम्भ नहीं होता, जब तक एक विरोधी पक्ष न हो ।
Thinking is like a game, it does not begin unless there is an opposite team.
2. दूरदर्शी निर्णय तभी लिए जाते हैं जब अंतर्ज्ञान और तर्क का परस्पर मेल होता है ।
* Visionary decision-making happens at the intersection of intuition and logic.
3. सभी भटकने वाले गुम नहीं होते हैं ।
Not all who wander are lost.
4. रचनात्मकता की प्रेरणा लौकिकता में चमत्कार ढूँढ़ने के प्रयास से उपजती है ।
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Write an essay, choosing one from Section A in about 1000-1200 words.

Section A

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2. The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.
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1. Social Media is more about psychology than technology.

About 70 years Ago, Sir Edmund

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 1

1. Explain the role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's Q on 6th August, Q. 1 : Did the mastery over agriculture act as a leverage for the rise of Harappan towns and cities? Discuss. **(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)**

2. What was the difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore in their approach towards education and nationalism? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's April Magazine 2023 page 2

Discussed about difference of ideologies of great personalities with that of Gandhiji

3. Bring out the socio-economic effects of the introduction of railways in different countries of the world. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

4. Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's March Magazine 2023: International courts and climate change (page 30)

Educrat's April Magazine 2023: UNGA Resolution and Its Impacts on Climate Change (page 21)

5. Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's Q on 6th August, Q 16: India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity. **(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)**

6. How are the fjords formed? Why do they constitute some of the most picturesque areas of the world? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

7. Why is the South-West Monsoon called 'Purvaiya' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region? How has this directional seasonal wind system influenced the cultural ethos of the region? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's Q on 6th August, Q 14: Do you think that the pattern of Indian monsoon has changed in past decade? Discuss how it impacts various facets of our lives. **(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)**

8. Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in Modern India? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's Q on 28th August, Q8: In contemporary Indian society traditional forms of marriage and family are increasingly getting replaced by more fluid arrangements. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer. **(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)**

9. Explain why suicide among young women is increasing in Indian society. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's Q on 24th June, Q6: Increasing Cases of Suicides in Educational Hubs is matter of concern. Comment. **(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)**

10. Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 250

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 1

11. What are the main features of Vedic society and religion? Do you think some of the features are still prevailing in Indian society? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's Q on [1st July, Q13](#). The caste system in India has continued to persist by adapting itself to a variety of changing socio-economic and political conditions in the past few decades. Discuss. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

12. What were the major technological changes introduced during the Sultanate period? How did those technological changes influence the Indian society? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

13. How did the colonial rule affect the tribals in India and what was the tribal response to the colonial oppression? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's Q on [6th August, Q13](#): "The tribal and peasant rebellion laid the foundation of the revolt of 1857." Comment. **(Answer in 250 words, 15 marks)**

14. Comment on the resource potentials of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's: [17th June, GS 3, Q 8](#): Discuss the various strategies to mitigate the effects of tropical cyclones. **(150 words, 10 marks)**

Educrat's: [17th June, GS 3, Q 9](#): Discuss the recent measures initiated in disaster management by the Government of India departing from the earlier reactive approach. **(150 words, 10 marks)**

Educrat's: [17th June, GS 3, Q 11](#): Natural disasters such as floods, cyclones, and earthquakes are becoming increasingly frequent and severe in India. In this context, discuss the challenges faced by the country in managing such disasters. **(250 words, 15 marks)**

15. Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forest regions of India. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

16. Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [March Magazine 2023 page 17](#)

17. From being net food importer in 1960s, India has emerged as a net food exporter to the world. Provide reasons. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Covered in class by Raman Sir. Also, [Educrat's Q on 6th August, Q 3](#): Why did the Green Revolution in India virtually by-pass the eastern region despite fertile soil and good availability of water? **(Answer in 150 words, 10 marks)**

18. Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's Q on [1st July Q 5](#): Stating the problems arising due to haphazard urbanization in India, mention the steps taken by the government to address them. **(150 words, 10 marks)**

Educrat's Q on [28th Aug](#): How far do you agree that sustainable development and rapid urbanization are mutually incompatible? Argue your case with suitable examples. **(10 marks, 150 words)**

19. Why is the caste identity in India both fluid and static? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [6th August, Q 18](#): In recent years the caste system in India is assuming new identities. In this light discuss the importance and challenges posed by caste system. **(Answer in 250 words, 15 marks)**

20. Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [1st July, Test 2, Q 9](#): Communalism In A Secular India Is A Threat To Minorities. Justify. **(150 words, 10 marks)**

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 250

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 2

1. "Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy." Comment. **10 marks**

Reference in Educrat's [May Magazine page 36](#)

2. Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India. **10 marks**

3. "The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially." Comment. **10 marks**

Educrat question :- There is hardly any autonomy at the panchayat level. Comment. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks) 24th June Test, also;

Reference in Educrat's [January Magazine 2023 page 24](#)

4. Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty. **10 marks**

5. Discuss the role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in maintaining order and impartiality in conducting legislative work and in facilitating best democratic practices. **10 marks**

Educrat question :- Analyze the significance of the office of the speaker in improving the legislative quality of the Parliament. (10 marks, 150 words) [28th august test question number 3](#)

6. The crucial aspect of the development process has been the inadequate attention paid to Human Resource Development in India. Suggest measures that can address this inadequacy. **10 marks**

Educrat's [March Magazine 2023 page 17](#)

7. Discuss the role of the Competition Commission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multinational Corporations in India. Refer to the recent decisions. **10 marks**

Educrat's [August Magazine 2022 page 24](#)

8. E-governance, as a critical tool of governance, has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies hamper the enhancement of these features? **10 marks**

Educrat question :- What is the difference between e-governance and m-governance? Analyze the benefits of m-governance over e-governance in the Indian context. (10 Marks, 150 words) [28th August question 6](#)

9. 'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO.' In the light of the above statement, point out the role of India in mitigating the problems. **10 marks**

Educrat Question :- Despite being a multilateral organization, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) faces significant challenges in achieving its goals. Analyze the key challenges faced by the SCO and suggest measures to enhance its effectiveness in promoting regional stability and economic cooperation. [1st July](#)

[Question 20](#)

10. The Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India. **10 marks**

Educrat question :- "Indian Diaspora is the true and permanent ambassadors of the country". In this context, bring out the significance of the Indian diaspora with suitable examples. [28th August question 10](#)

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 250

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 2

11. "The Constitution of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism. It is a constitution made for a progressive society." Illustrate with special reference to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty. **15 marks**

Educrat question :- As economic, social and political conditions of a society mutate continuously, a constitution must be a living document in order to facilitate these ever-dynamic developments and needs of society.

Elaborate in Indian context. (Answer in 150 words, 10 marks) [30 July question 2](#)

12. Explain the constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with the help of relevant Constitutional Provisions and case laws. **15 marks**

Covered in current affairs class through various judgements like Sabarimala

13. Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid 1990s. **15 marks**

Educrat's [July Magazine 2022](#)

14. Discuss the contribution of civil society groups for women's effective and meaningful participation and representation in state legislatures in India. **15 marks**

Educrat's question :- Discuss the role of women and women's organizations in various spheres of life such as education, health, economy, politics and social movements. (150 words, 10 marks) [1st July, Question 8](#)

15. Explain the significance of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. To what extent does it reflect the accommodative spirit of federalism? **15 marks**

Educrat's [May Magazine 2022 page 18 and page 22](#)

16. Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalization of Indian Parliament? **15 marks**

Recent [Post on telegram](#)

17. "Development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable, by its nature, are discriminatory in approach." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. **15 marks**

Covered under the heading of Affirmative action

18. Skill development programmes have succeeded in increasing human resources supply to various sectors. In the context of the statement, analyze the linkages between education, skill and employment. **15 marks**

Covered in current affairs class

19. 'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.' What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons and examples to support your answer. **15 marks**

Educrat's [May Magazine 2022 Page 19](#)

20. 'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos.' Discuss in light of the above statement the role of the IMO (International Maritime Organization) in protecting the environment and enhancing maritime safety and security. **15 marks**

Partially covered in current affairs class

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 3

1. Faster economic growth requires increased share of the manufacturing sector in GDP, particularly of MSMEs. Comment on the present policies of the Government in this regard. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat question :- The MSME sector is a significant contributor to industrial output, employment generation, and exports; however, its potential remains untapped due to several factors. Elucidate. [17th July Question 6](#)

2. What is the status of digitization in the Indian economy? Examine the problems faced in this regard and suggest improvements. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat's [March Magazine 2023 page 26](#) **(Mix of several topics discussed in current affairs)**

3. How does e-technology help farmers in production and marketing of agricultural produce? Explain it. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat [January Magazine 2023 page 50](#)

4. State the objectives and measures of land reforms in India. Discuss how land ceiling policy on landholding can be considered as an effective reform under economic criteria. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat question :- In what ways can land reforms contribute towards holistic development of agriculture? Also, critically analyze the achievements of land reforms in country. [17th July question 1](#)

5. Introduce the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI). How does AI help clinical diagnosis? Do you perceive any threat to privacy of the individual in the use of AI in healthcare? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat [January Magazine 2023 page 48](#)

6. Discuss several ways in which microorganisms can help in meeting the current fuel shortage. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

7. Dam failures are always catastrophic, especially on the downstream side, resulting in a colossal loss of life and property. Analyze the various causes of dam failures. Give two examples of large dam failures. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

8. What is oil pollution? What are its impacts on the marine ecosystem? In what way is oil pollution particularly harmful for a country like India? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

9. Winning of 'Hearts and Minds' in terrorism-affected areas is an essential step in restoring the trust of the population. Discuss the measures adopted by the Government in this respect as part of the conflict resolution in Jammu and Kashmir. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat question :- The crisis of Kashmir is embedded in the crisis of development in Kashmir. [17th June, Q7](#)

10. The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) by our adversaries across the borders to ferry arms/ammunitions, drugs, etc., is a serious threat to the internal security. Comment on the measures being taken to tackle this threat. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**

Educrat question :- Use of drones for terror attacks underlines an emerging threat as well as a need to build capacity in this field. How is India placed in drone technology and what counter measures can be adopted to tackle such attacks in future? [17th June, Q 6](#)

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 3

11. Most of the unemployment in India is structural in nature. Examine the methodology adopted to compute unemployment in the country and suggest improvements. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [April Magazine 2022 page 26](#)

12. Distinguish between 'care economy' and 'monetized economy'. How can care economy be brought into monetized economy through women empowerment? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [April Magazine 2022 page 10](#)

13. Explain the changes in cropping pattern in India in the context of changes in consumption pattern and marketing conditions. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

14. What are the direct and indirect subsidies provided to farm sector in India? Discuss the issues raised by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in relation to agricultural subsidies. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [May Magazine 2023 Page 23](#)

15. The adoption of electric vehicles is rapidly growing worldwide. How do electric vehicles contribute to reducing carbon emissions and what are the key benefits they offer compared to traditional combustion engine vehicles?

(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

Educrat's [June Magazine 2022 page 39](#)

16. What is the main task of India's third moon mission which could not be achieved in its earlier mission? List the countries that have achieved this task. Introduce the subsystems in spacecraft launched and explain the role of the 'Virtual Launch Control Centre' at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre which contributed to the successful launch from Sriharikota. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat question :- How is Chandrayaan-3 different from its predecessor, Chandrayaan-2? To what extent can India's presence in Artemis Accords help in furthering the exploration of lunar surface? [3rd September, Question 17](#)

17. Comment on the National Wetland Conservation Programme initiated by the Government of India and name a few India's wetlands of international importance included in the Ramsar Sites. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

18. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has predicted a global sea level rise of about one metre by AD 2100. What would be its impact in India and the other countries in the Indian Ocean region? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat's [April Magazine 2023 page 37](#)

19. What are the internal security challenges being faced by India? Give out the role of Central Intelligence and Investigative Agencies tasked to counter such threats. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Based on compilation of various topics related to current affairs

20. Give out the major sources of terror funding in India and the efforts being made to curtail these sources. In the light of this, also discuss the aim and objective of the 'No Money for Terror (NMFT)' Conference recently held at New Delhi in November 2022. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

Educrat question :- Despite commonalities and synergies between money laundering and tax crimes, leveraging anti-money laundering (AML) measures for tackling tax crimes presents political, legal as well as operational challenges. Discuss. [21st August Q 19](#)