

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