



ESSAY 2017

Q.No	IAS MAINS 2017 QUESTIONS	GIAS REFLECTIONS 2017
1	Farming has lost the ability to be a source of subsistence for majority of farmers in India.	<p>GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM -</p> <p>1. Discuss the causes for the recent increase in suicides of farmers. Examine the steps taken to address this problem.</p> <p>https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/9167/farmer-suicide-question/2</p> <p>GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM -</p> <p>2. Discuss the issues and challenges involved in arriving at sustainable pricing for farmer's agricultural produce.</p> <p>https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8825/agricultural-pricing-question/2</p> <p>GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM -</p> <p>3. State of Agriculture in India – Notes</p> <p>https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8731/state-of-agriculture-in-india</p> <p>GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM -</p> <p>4. Climate Change Vs Farm Suicide</p> <p>https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/9444/climate-change-vs-farmer-suicide</p>
2	Impact of the new economic measures on fiscal ties between the union and states in India.	GS Test 8 Q. No 1. GST Challenges to Indian Economy
3	Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms.	<p>Role of Teacher and Educational Reform – Essay</p> <p>The role of the teacher in ensuring genuine learning</p>

		and encouraging creativity. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8826/role-of-teacher-and-educational-reform-essay)
4	Has the Non- Alignment Movement (NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world?	International Relations Class "Blocs and alliances are less relevant today and the world is moving towards a loosely arranged order". Do you agree? Give arguments. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/2849/regional-blocs-question/2) GIAS CURRENT AFFAIRS BOOK – NOV 2016 ISSUE NO. 44
5	Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.	
6	Fulfillment of 'new woman' in India is a myth.	1. Women on the Verge of Future. https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/7999/women-on-the-verge-of-future) 2. "In the era of global economic boom since the early nineties, many women have made their mark as entrepreneurs." Discuss how women act as agents of economic development. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/5941/contribution-of-women-question/2) 3. "Women in our country shoulder the twin responsibility of upholding the cultural heritage of the nation and also become an active participant in the public and political life of the nation." In the light of the above view, bring out the challenges faced in establishing a more inclusive, gender equal country. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/5939/gender-

		equality-question/2)
7	We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws.	
8	Social media is inherently a selfish medium.	

GS Paper 1 - 2017

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1	How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times? (150 words)	History Optional Full Test 2 Q. No 7. How far do the coins of the Guptas provide clues regarding trends in economy, polity, religion and arts? Discuss them in the light of corroborating evidence from archaeology and literature.
2	Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity. (150 words)	History Optional Test 4 Q. No 5. (b) Discuss the influence exerted by the 'New Political Forces' in India during the 18th cen AD.
3	Why did the 'Moderates' failed to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century? (150 words)	Mainspective Modern India Question Discussion
4	What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula? (150 words)	GS Mains Test 1 Q. No 18. Illustrate how Japan emerged as an Imperial Power after Meiji's restoration and altered the power politics in East and South Asia during the Second World War.
5	How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth? (150 words)	GIAS MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS BOOK Aug 2016 – Issue 45

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6	“In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development”. Discuss (150 words)	
7	Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulses because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by United Nations. (150 words)	GS Test 3 Q. No 13. Protein revolution is the revolution in the future. Bring out the hurdles and challenges faced in bring Protein Revolution through pulses and oilseeds production in India
8	How does the cryosphere affect global climate? (150 words)	GS Mains Test 5 Q. No 5. Explain atmospheric circulation and discuss its role in balancing the temperature of the earth.
9	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 view point. (150 words)	
10	What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)? (150 words)	GS Mains Test 10 Q. No 10 The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, is a key piece of forest legislation passed in India. To what extent this legislation has protected the rights of tribals in India.
11	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. (250 words)	
12	Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (250 words)	GS Mains Test 1 Q. No 8. Highlight how there was the progressive decline and ruin of India’s traditional handicrafts due to the economic exploitation of British in India.
13	Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century. (250 words)	
14	Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-	

	dimensional effects. (250 words)	
15	Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. (250 words)	
16	In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India? (250 words)	India has a peculiar geographical setting that there are floods in some parts and droughts in other parts and sometimes they co-exist. Evaluate the performance of the institutional mechanism and their strategies towards flood management in India. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/2464/flood-management-in-india-question)
17	What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia? (250 words)	
18	The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period? (250 words)	History Optional Test 5 Q. No 2 Review the main trends in the Social movements in India from 1900 to 1947 with particular reference to the changing position of women in the country.
19	Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (250 words)	Mainspective Modern India / Post Independence India Question Discussion
20	"The growth of cities as I.T. hubs has opened up new avenues of employment, but has also created new problems". Substantiate this statement with examples (250 words)	

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1	<p>“The local self-government system in India has not proved to be effective instrument of governance”. Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation. (150 words)</p>	<p>GS Test 2 Q. No. 9. “Though the Panchayati Raj Institutions have been in existence for a long time, they suffer from prolonged supersessions inadequate devolution of powers and lack of financial resources.” Comment.</p> <p>GS Test 2 Q. No. 10. How far do you think the 73rd and 74th Amendments have accommodated the interest of the weaker sections of the society? Discuss the constitutional arrangement.</p> <p>1. "The main aim of Panchayat raj system is to settle the local problems locally and to make the people politically conscious. Hence, there should be an official participation of political parties at all levels of Panchayat elections." Give your views with suitable arguments.</p> <p>GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/5629/pri-question/2</p>

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2	<p>Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to appointment of judges of higher judiciary in India. (150 words)</p>	<p>GS Test 2 Q. No. 11. While the Supreme Court has given several 'transformative judgments', it is also said that there is a need for balancing the jurisdiction of judicial review and the jurisdiction of the Parliament and Executive. Discuss critically.</p>
3	<p>'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people' Discuss. (150 words)</p>	<p>Is it desirable to hold simultaneous elections? Discuss its pros and cons? GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/2878/simultaneous-elections-questions/2</p>
4	<p>How do pressure groups influence Indian political process? Do you agree with this view that informal pressure groups have emerged as powerful than formal pressure groups in recent years? (150 words)</p>	<p>Governance Book– Ganesa Subramanian S Page 154</p>
5	<p>Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people. (150 words)</p>	<p>Constitution of India & Polity Book – Ganesa Subramanian S Page 132</p>
6	<p>'To ensure effective implementation of policies addressing water, sanitation and hygiene needs, the identification of beneficiary segments is to be synchronized with the anticipated outcomes'</p>	

	Examine the statement in the context of the WASH scheme. (150 words)	
7	Does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ensure effective mechanism for empowerment and inclusion of the intended beneficiaries in the society? Discuss (150 words)	Bring out the Constitutional and Legal Rights enjoyed by the Persons with disabilities in India. Analyse how far the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act ensures social, economic and political justice to these marginalised population. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8827/rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-act-question)
8	Hunger and Poverty are the biggest challenges for good governance in India still today. Evaluate how far successive governments have progressed in dealing with these humongous problems. Suggest measures for improvement. (150 words)	The reasons for undernourishment should be viewed against the backdrop of a “challenging global environment”. In the light of the statement discuss the factor behind the undernourishment in India. GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/3573/hunger-question)
9	‘China is using its economic relations and positive trade surplus as tools to develop potential military power status in Asia’, In the light of this statement, discuss its impact on India as her neighbor. (150 words)	Test 8 Q. No 7. Is China, the new Global power?
10	What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it. (150 words)	GIAS MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS BOOK AUG 2017 – ISSUE No. 68

11	<p>Explain the salient features of the constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016. Do you think it is efficacious enough 'to remove cascading effect of taxes and provide for common national market for goods and services'? (250 words)</p>	<p>GS Test 8 Q. No 1. GST Challenges to Indian Economy GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Goods and Services Tax: One Country-One Tax-One Market https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8130/goods-and-services-tax-one-country-one-tax-one-market</p>
12	<p>Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in the light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on Right to Privacy. (250 words)</p>	<p>GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - What is Right to Privacy? "Right to Privacy is a Fundamental Right", discuss its implications. https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/9471/right-to-privacy/2 GIAS MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS BOOK SEP 2017 – Issue 37</p>
13	<p>The Indian Constitution has provisions for holding joint session of the two houses of the Parliament. Enumerate the occasions when this would normally happen and also the occasions when it cannot, with reasons thereof. (250 words)</p>	<p>Constitution of India & Polity Book – Ganesa Subramanian S Page 117</p>
14	<p>To enhance the quality of democracy in India the Election Commission of India has proposed electoral reforms in 2016. What are the suggested reforms and how far are they significant to make democracy successful? (250 words)</p>	<p>ELECTORAL REFORM AND THE VOTER https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/5433/electoral-reform-and-the-voter/2</p>
15	<p>Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize</p>	

	and tackle the problems that women face at both public and private spheres? Give reasons in support of your answer. (250 words)	
16	‘The emergence of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in contemporary times points to the slow but steady withdrawal of the state from developmental activities’. Examine the role of the SHGs in developmental activities and the measures taken by the Government of India to promote the SHGs. (250 words)	GS Test 11 Q. No 10. The penetration of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in rural areas in promoting participation in development programmes is facing socio-cultural hurdles. Examine.
17	‘Poverty Alleviation Programmes in India remain mere show pieces until and unless they are backed by political will’. Discuss with reference to the performance of the major poverty alleviation programmes in India. (250 words)	GS Test 11 Q. No 11. Do government’s schemes for up-lifting vulnerable and backward communities by protecting required social resources for them, lead to their exclusion in establishing businesses in urban economies?
18	Initially Civil Services in India were designed to achieve the goals of neutrality and effectiveness, which seems to be lacking in the present context. Do you agree with the view that drastic reforms are required in Civil Services. Comment (250 words)	GS Test 11 Q. No 14. Has the Cadre based Civil Services Organization been the cause of slow in India? Critically examine.

19	The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries. (250 words)	GS Test 6 Q. No 1. "From petroleum to renewable energy, infrastructure, defence, and agriculture, there is a tremendous opportunity for expanding our cooperation" Discuss the economic and strategic partnership between India and the Gulf region.
20	Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in South-East Asian countries' economy and society. Appraise the role of Indian Diaspora in South- East Asia in this context (250 words)	GS Test 2 Q. No 4. What do you understand by the term 'Indian Diaspora'? What steps have been taken for integrating the Indian Diaspora?

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1	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? (Answer in 150 words)	
2	Account for the failure of manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labour-intensive exports rather than capital-intensive exports. Suggest measures for more labour-intensive	

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	rather than capital-intensive exports.	
3	Examine the developments of Airports in India through Joint Ventures under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What are the challenges faced by the authorities in this regard.	GS Test 2 Q. No 18. Engaging the private sector in the provision of public services is an aspect of role of civil society. Thus PPP mode is a positive move to engage the private in providing the society quality services. In the light of the statement discuss the need for PPP mode projects
4	Explain various types of revolutions, took place in Agriculture after Independence in India. How these revolutions have helped in poverty alleviation and food security in India?	GS Test 3 Q. No 13. Protein revolution is the revolution in the future. Bring out the hurdles and challenges faced in bring Protein Revolution through pulses and oilseeds production in India
5	What are the reasons for poor acceptance of cost effective small processing unit? How the food processing unit will be helpful to uplift the socio-economic status of poor farmers?	GIAS MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS BOOKLET – APR 2017, ISSUE No. 58
6	Stem cell therapy is gaining popularity in India to treat a wide variety of medical conditions including leukemia, Thalassemia, damaged cornea and several burns. Describe briefly what stem cell therapy is and what advantages it has over other treatments?	GS TEST 7 Q. No 7. What is Micro fluidics technology, list out its important applications in the field of genetic engineering? (Discussion about Stem Cell Applications - Yojana – High end diagnostics for health care) GIAS Science & Technology Material
7	India has achieved	

	remarkable successes in unmanned space missions including the Chandrayaan and Mars Orbiter Mission, but has not ventured into manned space mission, both in terms of technology and logistics? Explain critically	
8	Not many years ago, river linking was a concept but it is becoming reality in the country. Discuss the advantages of river linking and its possible impact on the environment.	GS Test 5 Q. No 8. Present a comparative analysis of the regimes of Himalayan and Peninsular rivers of India and examine their implications on the growth of inland navigation systems in India.
9	Discuss the potential threats of Cyber-attack and the security framework to prevent it.	GS Test 12 Q. No 18. “The cyber domain offers its own unique set of security challenges”. What are the key concerns emanating from the danger of cyber-attacks on India? Suggest measures to improve India’s cyber security system.
10	The north-eastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyze the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region.	GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Conflict in Northeast India: Issues, Causes and Concern (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8303/conflict-in-northeast-india-issues-causes-and-concern)
11	One of the intended objectives of Union Budget 2017-18 is to ‘transform, energize and clean India’. Analyze the measures proposed in the Budget 2017-18 to achieve the objective.	GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Q. How far the 2017-18 budget provides for transforming and energizing the economy in the present domestic and global uncertainty? (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/5749/budget-2017-18-question/2) GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Budget 2017: News Analysis

		https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/5349/budget-2017-news-analysis
12	“Industrial growth rate has lagged behind in the overall growth of Gross-Domestic-Product (GDP) in the post-reform period” Give reasons. How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate?	
13	What are the salient features of ‘inclusive growth’? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyze and suggest measures for inclusive growth.	<p>GS Test 12 Q. No 3. Briefly describe the short-term and long-term aspects of Government’s idea about inclusive growth.</p> <p>GS Test 7 Q. No 1. For inclusive development of the country, sustainable industrial activities using local resources in the rural areas are extremely important. Discuss the steps taken by Government to develop indigenous technologies for rural industrialisation.</p>
14	What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How crop diversification is helpful to stabilize the yield of the crop in the system? (Answer in 250 words)	
15	How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price and food processing for small and marginal farmers?	<p>GS Test 3 Q. No 14. Government policies regarding agricultural pricing, agricultural marketing, land use and investment in subsidies in agriculture need to be reoriented and repositioned to meet the food demand in future. Comment</p>

16	Give an account of the growth and development of nuclear science and technology in India. What is the advantage of fast breeder reactor programme in India?	GS Test 7 Q. No 5. “Nuclear technology is clean and green way to ensure energy security”. Do you agree? Bring out the various applications of nuclear technology in the field of agriculture.
17	‘Climate Change’ is a global problem. How India will be affected by climate change? How Himalayan and coastal states of India will be affected by climate change?	GS Test 12 Q. No 18. Comment on the steps that India has taken towards checking climate change. Environmental issues and international relations: A new global (dis)order GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/8277/environmental-issues-and-international-relations-a-new-global-dis-order) GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Environmental Challenge and Opportunity (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/7998/environmental-challenge-and-opportunity)
18	On December 2004, tsunami brought havoc on 14 countries including India. Discuss the factors responsible for occurrence of Tsunami and its effects on life and economy. In the light of guidelines of NDMA (2010) describe the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.	GS Test 7 Q. No 15. Discuss the features of ‘Sendai Framework’ and ‘New Delhi Declaration’ in the development of disaster management in India. GS Test 7 Q. No 16. How far India has prepared for pre-disaster management? Critically examine. GS Test 12 Q. No 19. Effective disaster risk management depends on the informed participation of all stakeholders. Discuss GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Critically comment on the approaches towards disaster management in India. Discuss the effectiveness of the response of National Disaster Response Force to a disaster or disaster-like situation. (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/9170/disaster-management-question/2) GIAS TESTDUNIA FORUM - Highlights of the

		National Disaster Management Plan (https://forum.testdunia.com/topic/7149/highlights-of-the-national-disaster-management-plan)
19	Mob violence is emerging as a serious law and order problem in India. By giving suitable examples, analyze the causes and consequences of such violence.	
20	The scourge of terrorism is a grave challenge to national security. What solutions do you suggest to curb this growing menace? What are the major sources of terrorist funding?	GS Test 12 Q. No 10. Trace the linkages between money laundering and terrorism. What are the recent steps taken by the Government of India to check the menace of money laundering?

GS Paper 4 - 2017

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2	Examine the relevance of the following in the context of civil service a) Transparency b) Accountability c) Fairness and justice d) Courage of conviction	GS TEST 4 Q. NO 3 Transparency is a vital factor in constitutional governance....Transparency is an aspect of rationality. GS TEST 14 Q. NO 7 What does 'accountability' mean in the context of public service? What measures can be adopted to ensure individual and collective accountability of public servants?

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	e) Spirit of service	
4 (a)	One of the tests of integrity is complete refusal to be compromised. Explain with reference to a real life example	GS TEST 14 Q. NO 3 (a) “Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, but knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.” What do you understand by this statement? Explain your stand with illustrations from modern day context.
7 (a)	The crisis of ethical values in modern times is traced to a narrow perception of the good life. Discuss	GS TEST 14 Q. NO 1 (b) What does ethics seek to promote in human life? Why is it all the more important in Public Administration?

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