

DECRYPTING MAINS QUESTIONS

<i>Part of the Question</i>	Q1	11/II/250/1(a)	List the Central Asian Republics and identify those of particular strategic and economic importance to India. Examine the opportunities and bottlenecks in enhancing relations with these countries.
	Q2	14/III/200/5	The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 has come into effect from 1st January, 2014. What are the key issues which would get addressed with the Act in place? What implications would it have on industrialization and agriculture in India?
	Q3	11/I/250/3(b)	Highlight the structure, objectives and role of the Advertising Standards Council of India. In what way has the August 2006 government notification made it more effective?
	Q4	17/III/250/13	What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyze and suggest measures for inclusive growth.
	Q5	18/I/150/5	Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?
<i>Singular & Plural</i>	Q6	19/I/150/1	Highlight the Central Asian and Greco Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art.
	Q7	16/II/200/20	What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO? What is India's position on these?
	Q8	17/III/150/8	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.
	Q9	18/IV/150/2(a)	What is mean by public interest? What are the principles and procedures to be followed by the civil servants in public interest?
	Q10	19/I/150/7	Discuss the factors for localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India.
<i>Trap Practice</i>	Q11	14/III/200/14	Drought has been recognized as a disaster in view of its spatial expanse, temporal duration, slow onset and lasting effects on vulnerable sections. With a focus on the September 2010 guidelines from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), discuss the mechanisms for preparedness to deal with likely EL Nino and La Nina fallout in India.
	Q12	13/II/200/17	'A national Lokpal, however strong it may be, cannot resolve the problems of immorality in public affairs'. Discuss.
	Q13	13/I/100/19(b)	The recent cyclone on the east coast of India was called "Phailin". How are the tropical cyclones named across the world? Elaborate.
	Q14	19/II/150/6	Despite Consistent experience of High growth, India still goes with the lowest indicators of human development. Examine the issues that make balanced and inclusive development elusive.
<i>Venn Diagrams/Core</i>	Q15	08/I/20/1(c)	"Non-Cooperation Movement gave new direction and energy to the National Movement." Explain.
	Q16	09/I/150/3(c)	Elaborate the steps taken by the Government for regionally differentiated approach to increase crop production and diversification in the country.
	Q17	19/III/150/4	Elaborate the impact of National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas.
	Q18	19/III/250/18	Disaster preparedness in the first step in any disaster management process. Explain how hazard zonation mapping will help disaster

		mitigation in the case of landslides.
Flow of the Question & Zone: Temporal & Thematic	Q19	14/I/150/10 The New Economic Policy — 1921 of Lenin had influenced the policies adopted by India soon after independence. Evaluate.
	Q20	13/I/200/9 Analyse the circumstances that led to Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the agreement.
	Q21	10/I/150/7(a) What do you understand by 'repo rate' and 'reverse repo rate'? What are the implications in raising these rates?
	Q22	19/II/150/3 What are the methods used by the Farmers organizations to influence the policy-makers in India and how effective are these methods?
	Q23	19/III/150/3 How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production?
Qualifying the Theme	Q24	13/IV/150/3 Some people feel that values keep changing with time and situation, while others strongly believe that there are certain universal and eternal human values. Give your perception in this regard with due justification.
	Q25	19/IV/150/5a What do you understand by probity in governance? Based on your understanding of the term, suggest measures for ensuring probity in government.
	Q26	17/IV/150/2 Examine the relevance of the following in the context of civil service: (a) Transparency (b) Accountability (c) Fairness and justice (d) Courage of conviction (e) Spirit of service
	Q27	15/I/200/18 How far do you agree that the behavior of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscapes? Discuss.
	Q29	18/I/150/10 How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.
Punctuation Marks	Q30	18/I/150/14 “The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system.” How can it be made effective in urban areas?
	Q32	18/I/s250/2 Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.
	Q33	18/II/250/20 In what ways would the ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond to its situation?
	Purpose/Command Words: 5Ws & 1H What, Where, Why, When, Who, How	
	Q34	18/IV/150/2(b) “The Right to Information Act is not all about citizens’ empowerment alone, it essentially redefines the concept of accountability. Discuss.
	Q35	19/I/200/14 What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India?