**Department setup and function**

1. **What is the long-term vision of the Department, and how does it envision India's role in world trade?**
2. **What is the medium-term goal outlined in the Department's vision, and what specific target does it aim to achieve by 2027-28?**
3. **How does the Department plan to achieve its long-term objective of doubling India's share in global trade?**
4. **What are the key policy tools adopted by the Department, and how do they contribute to achieving its vision?**
5. **What is the role of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) in the Department's functions, and how often is it reviewed?**
6. **What are the primary responsibilities of the Department related to multilateral and bilateral commercial relations, Special Economic Zones, and state trading?**
7. **Who heads the Department of Commerce, and what is the organizational structure under the Secretary's leadership?**
8. **Can you provide an overview of the various divisions within the Department and their respective functions?**
9. **What are the functions of the International Trade Policy Division, and how does it contribute to the overall objectives of the Department?**
10. **How is the Department organized to handle issues related to export products, export industries, and export services?**
11. **What is the role of the Economic Division within the Department, and how does it contribute to policymaking?**
12. **What are the responsibilities of the Administration & General Service Division, and how does it support the overall functioning of the Department?**
13. **Can you elaborate on the key functions of the Finance Division and how it assists the Department in financial matters?**
14. **What role does the Supply Division play within the Department, and how does it contribute to its operational efficiency?**
15. **Can you provide a brief overview of the various offices, organizations, and bodies under the administrative control of the Department?**

INTERNATIONAL TRADE:

### WTO Ministerial Meeting of Developing Countries, 14 May, 2019

1.What was the purpose of the WTO Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi?

2.Who hosted the dinner to kick off the meeting, and who attended?

3.Which notable figures attended the Ministerial Meeting?

4.What were the key statements made by Suresh Prabhu and Roberto Azevedo?

5.What are the major trade tensions and protectionist tendencies mentioned in the text?

6.How did Roberto Azevedo propose addressing the current crisis at the WTO?

7.How does Suresh Prabhu view the New Delhi Ministerial Meeting in the context of WTO reform?

8.What are the suggested solutions for the Dispute Settlement crisis mentioned by Roberto Azevedo?

.9According to Suresh Prabhu, what is the role of the WTO in addressing the concerns of development and growth through trade?

10.What principles does the Minister highlight as valuable to the multilateral trading system?

11.What was the outcome of the Informal WTO Ministerial Gathering held a year ago in March 2018?

12.What are the expectations and goals expressed for the New Delhi Ministerial Meeting?

13.How does Suresh Prabhu envision the future of the WTO after the meeting?

14. How does the text emphasize the role of Developing Countries in the WTO discussions?

15.In what ways does the Ministerial Meeting aim to address issues particularly affecting Developing Countries?

16. According to the text, what kind of reforms are suggested for the WTO, especially in the context of plurilaterals and the Special and Differential Treatment Mechanism?

17. What is the expected impact of the New Delhi Ministerial Meeting on the WTO?

18.How does Suresh Prabhu envision the WTO after the meeting, and what changes are anticipated?

Informal WTO Ministerial Gathering, New Delhi, 20 March 2018

* + Why did the Government of India organize this Informal WTO Ministerial Gathering?
  + How many countries and officials participated in the gathering?
  + What positive results were achieved at MC11, and why were some participants disappointed?
  + How did the lack of further convergence and outcomes at MC11 impact the discussions?
  + Why is there a need, according to the participants, to preserve and enhance the functioning and credibility of the rules-based multilateral trading system?
  + How does the impasse in the appointment of Appellate Body members affect the credibility and functioning of the WTO?
  + What are the concerns expressed about the recent unilateral trade measures and proposed counter-measures?
  + How do these measures threaten the credibility of WTO rules and its principles?
  + Why is there an emphasis on the need for all developing countries to benefit from Special and Differential Treatment provisions in future trade agreements?
  + What are some of the suggestions and concerns regarding the implementation of S&DT?
  + Why is there emphasis on achieving progress on Doha issues, particularly in agriculture, fisheries subsidies, and domestic regulation in services?
  + What are the priority areas identified in the context of agriculture, including domestic support and public stockholding?
  + Why is there a call to conclude negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies by 2019?
  + How does achieving progress in this area contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.6?
  + What are the joint initiatives related to Electronic Commerce, Investment Facilitation, Gender, and MSME mentioned in the text?
  + How do different countries view the importance of open and inclusive discussions on these initiatives?
  + Why do some interventions question the approach of joint initiatives, emphasizing the fundamental principle of multilateralism?
  + How might alternative approaches be perceived as a threat to the multilateral trading system?
  + Why is there an emphasis on enhancing the work of regular WTO bodies, and what role do transparency and notifications play in this context?

Re-Energising Doha – A Commitment to Development Ministerial Meeting New Delhi, 3-4 September 2009: Chair’s Summary (4 September 2009)

1. **Why was the Re-Energising Doha Ministerial Meeting held in New Delhi in September 2009?**
2. **What was the objective of the Delhi Ministerial meeting in the context of the Doha negotiations?**
3. **Which groups and interests were represented at the Ministerial meeting, and why was it considered a microcosm of the WTO?**
4. **What were the key outcomes and progress made during the two-day intensive engagement?**
5. **What were the concerns expressed by ministers regarding the translation of political signals into action in Geneva?**
6. **How did the prolonged global economic crisis impact the commitment of member countries to international trade, according to the summary?**
7. **What work plans were outlined by the Chairs of the Agriculture, NAMA, and Services Negotiating Groups?**
8. **What were the expectations and calls from various groups such as G-20, G-33, Cotton-4, African Group, ACP Group, G-10, and LDC Group?**
9. **What understandings were reached on process-related issues, and what steps were agreed upon to move forward with the Doha Round negotiations?**
10. **Why was there an emphasis on concluding the Doha Round within 2010, and how did ministers plan to bridge existing gaps in negotiations?**
11. **How did ministers reaffirm the importance of development in the Doha Round, and what steps were proposed to ensure progress in negotiations?**
12. **What role were Chief Negotiators/Senior Officials expected to play, and when were they scheduled to meet in Geneva?**
13. **What were the agreed-upon work plans and timelines for Negotiating Groups, and how did ministers envision the role of the multilateral process in negotiations?**
14. **How did the ministers plan to review progress and provide further guidance on completing negotiations within the expected 2010 timeline?**
15. **What were the concluding remarks and expressions of optimism regarding the resumption of Doha Round talks?**

i**ndia’s Total Export Value from Apr, 22 - Sep, 22/ World**

1. **Which product category had the highest export value according to the data provided?**
2. **Which product category experienced the highest percentage increase in export value, and what was the percentage?**
3. **Among the top product categories, which one showed a negative growth in export value, and what was the percentage decrease?**
4. **What is the significance of the percentage values in the "Change (%)” column for each product category?**
5. **How does the export value of "Petroleum Products" compare to that of "Engineering Goods"?**
6. **Which product category had the lowest export value among those listed?**
7. **What is the overall trend in the export values for the "Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Madeups, Handloom Products Etc." category?**
8. **Why is there a negative percentage change in the export value of "Rice," and what could be the potential reasons behind it?**
9. **What is the total export value for all the product categories combined, and how does it compare to the individual category values?**
10. **In terms of percentage contribution, which product category has the highest share of the total export value?**
11. **What is the role of the "Others" category, and why does it have a negative percentage change in export value?**
12. **How did the "Ceramic Products And Glassware" category perform in comparison to others, considering its negative growth?**
13. **Which product categories, if any, experienced positive growth in both percentage and absolute terms?**
14. **How did the "Iron Ore" category perform, and what factors may have contributed to the significant negative change in export value?**
15. **Are there any notable trends or patterns in the export data that stand out, and if so, what could be the underlying reasons for these trends?**

**Subject Under Administrative Control\**

1. **What is the primary mandate of the Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?**
2. **Can you explain the long-term vision and medium-term goals outlined by the Department for India's international trade and commerce?**
3. **What are the key policy tools adopted by the Department to regulate and develop India's international trade?**
4. **What are the functions of the Department in the areas of International Trade, Foreign Trade (Goods & Services), State Trading, Special Economic Zones, and Cadre Management of Specific Central Services?**
5. **How does the Department contribute to the development and regulation of plantation crops such as tea, coffee, rubber, and spices?**
6. **Can you provide an overview of the responsibilities of the Department related to Special Economic Zones (SEZs), including their development, operation, and maintenance?**
7. **What are the attached and subordinate offices under the Department, and what specific roles do they play in supporting its functions?**
8. **What statutory/autonomous bodies, public sector undertakings, and other organizations operate under the oversight of the Department, and what are their roles?**
9. **Which Acts and legislations directly pertain to the Department of Commerce, and how do they guide its functions?**
10. **How does the Department of Commerce handle international trade policy matters, including tariff and non-tariff barriers, and trade remedies?**
11. **What is the significance of the various divisions within the Department, such as the International Trade Policy Division, Foreign Trade Territorial Division, and others?**
12. **Can you elaborate on the Department's role in coordinating export infrastructure, projects, and programs to assist export efforts?**
13. **How does the Department manage the cadre and training for services like the Indian Trade Service, Indian Supply Service, and Indian Inspection Service?**
14. **What is the role of the Department in the regulation and export promotion of various agricultural and processed food products?**
15. **What are the abbreviations UNCTAD, ESCAP, ECA, EEC, EFTA, GATT/WTO, ITC, and CFC, and how are they related to the Department's international trade functions?**

Advisory board:

**Board of Trade (BOT):**

1. **What is the Board of Trade (BOT), and when was it reconstituted?**
2. **What is the role of the Board of Trade in advising the Government on Foreign Trade Policy?**
3. **Who chairs the Board of Trade, and when was the latest reconstitution?**
4. **What are the objectives of the Board of Trade in relation to boosting India's trade?**
5. **Can you provide an overview of the discussions and issues addressed during the sixth meeting of the reconstituted Board of Trade in 2013?**
6. **What measures were discussed at the meeting to mitigate the fallout of adverse trade scenarios?**
7. **What was the export target for 2012-2013, and did India achieve it according to the Commerce, Industry, and Textile Minister?**

**Inter-State Trade Council:**

1. **What is the purpose of the Inter-State Trade Council, and how does it facilitate dialogue between the Union and the States/UTs?**
2. **How does the Inter-State Trade Council contribute to trade facilitation and India's export efforts?**
3. **What framework does the Inter-State Trade Council create for making States partners in India's export endeavors?**

**Council for Trade Development and Promotion:**

1. **When was the Council for Trade Development and Promotion constituted, and what are its objectives?**
2. **What are the key responsibilities outlined in the Term of References for the Council for Trade Development and Promotion?**
3. **Who are the members of the Council for Trade Development and Promotion, and what is their role?**
4. **How does the Council facilitate a continuous dialogue between the Union and State Governments on trade policy and international developments affecting India's trade?**
5. **Can the Chairman of the Council opt for any other official or expert, and under what circumstances?**

Information regarding Bilateral Chamber of Trade / Joint Business Council (JBC) Chairman, Co-Chairman:

1. **What is a Bilateral Chamber of Commerce, and how does it function?**
2. **Who are the key figures in the Indo-African Chamber of Commerce & Industries, and what is their role?**
3. **Can you provide contact details for Mr. Y P Trivedi, the President of Indo-African Chamber of Commerce & Industries?**
4. **What is the role of FICCI Africa Committee, and who is the current Chairman?**
5. **How does the India Algeria Joint Business Council contribute to trade relations, and who is the Joint Managing Director?**
6. **What is the contact information for the Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce, and who is the Director?**
7. **Who chairs the Australia – India Business Council (AIBC), and where is it located?**
8. **Can you provide details about the work allocation of Mr. Madhusudan Agarwal, Joint Managing Director of Mohan Exports, and his role in India Algeria JBC?**
9. **What is the address and contact information for the Indo-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, and who is the current President?**
10. **Who is the President of the Bangladesh-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and what is their work allocation?**
11. **Can you provide information about the Joint Business Council Bulgaria, including its Chairman and work allocation details?**
12. **Who is the Chairman of the India – Sri Lanka Joint Business Council, and what is the work allocation of Mr. K G Baalakrishnan?**
13. **What are the contact details for Mr. Roy MacLaren, the former Minister for International Trade and former Canadian High Commissioner to the UK, associated with the Canada-India Business Council?**
14. **Who is the Chairman of the India Canada Joint Business Council, and where is it located?**
15. **Can you provide information about the Indo-China Chamber of Commerce & Industry, including the President's name and contact details?**
16. **What is the role of Dr. Abid Hussain, the Chairman of India China Trade Centre?**
17. **Who chairs the India-Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and what is their work allocation?**
18. **What is the role of the Joint Business Council Cyprus, and who is the Chairman?**

**Shri Piyush Goyal:**

1. **Who is Shri Piyush Goyal and what ministerial portfolios does he currently hold?**
2. **What notable achievements have India witnessed under Shri Piyush Goyal's tenure, particularly in the field of exports and international agreements?**
3. **Can you highlight some key initiatives led by Shri Piyush Goyal, such as the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes and the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)?**
4. **In which ministries has Shri Piyush Goyal served in the past, and what were the significant accomplishments during those tenures?**
5. **How did Shri Piyush Goyal contribute to achieving the best-ever safety record in rail accidents during his time as the Minister of Railways?**
6. **What recognition did Shri Piyush Goyal receive for his contributions to India's energy sector, and what does the Carnot Prize signify?**
7. **Tell us about Shri Piyush Goyal's political journey within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and his roles in the National Executive and as the National Treasurer.**
8. **What is Shri Piyush Goyal's educational and professional background, including his academic achievements and previous career as an investment banker?**
9. **Who are the family members of Shri Piyush Goyal, and have they been involved in politics or public service?**
10. **Can you provide information on Shri Piyush Goyal's personal life, including his marriage, children, and any notable aspects of his family background?**

**Shri Som Parkash**

1. **Who is Shri Som Parkash, and what is his background and date of birth?**
2. **What is Shri Som Parkash's educational qualification, and where did he pursue his M.A. in Economics?**
3. **What are Shri Som Parkash's residential and office addresses, along with his contact details?**
4. **In which parliamentary constituency is Shri Som Parkash a Member of Parliament (MP), and which state does this constituency belong to?**
5. **Can you provide information about Shri Som Parkash's role as a member of the Senate at Baba Farid University of Health Sciences in Faridkot, Punjab?**
6. **What is Shri Som Parkash's work experience, including his designations and departments from 1972 to the present?**
7. **During his career, what key roles did Shri Som Parkash hold in various government departments, such as Punjab State Planning Board, Excise & Taxation, Agriculture, Rural Development, and others?**
8. **As Deputy Commissioner in different districts, what were the specific responsibilities and achievements of Shri Som Parkash?**
9. **In his roles as Managing Director of Punjab Financial Corporation and Director of Social Security, what were the major contributions or initiatives led by Shri Som Parkash?**
10. **What was Shri Som Parkash's role as Chief Administrator of PUDA (Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority), and what initiatives did he undertake during his tenure?**
11. **During his term as Chief Parliamentary Secretary (Local Gov. Punjab) and Member Legislative Assembly (Punjab), what were Shri Som Parkash's areas of focus and notable achievements?**
12. **As an MP representing the Hoshiarpur constituency, what has Shri Som Parkash contributed to the development and welfare of his constituents and the region?**

**Smt. Anupriya Patel**

1. **What is Smt. Anupriya Patel's date of birth?**
2. **Which constituency does she represent?**
3. **What is the name of the political party to which she belongs?**
4. **Who is Smt. Anupriya Patel's father?**
5. **In which city was she born?**
6. **What are her educational qualifications?**
7. **What positions has she held in her political career?**
8. **When did she become a Member of Parliament (MP)?**
9. **In which ministries has Smt. Anupriya Patel served as a Union Minister?**
10. **Can you name some countries she has visited in her official capacity?**
11. **What significant events or agreements has she been involved in as the Minister of Commerce and Industry?**
12. **Tell me about her family background and personal life.**
13. **What role did she play in the VRIHAD SAMPARK YOJANA visit to Dominica and Grenada in 2018?**
14. **Name the countries she visited in 2022 and 2023 as part of her official duties.**
15. **How did Smt. Anupriya Patel enter politics, and what notable achievements has she attained?**

Coffee board:

1. **Under which act was the Coffee Board constituted, and in which year?**
2. **Which ministry in the Government of India has administrative control over the Coffee Board?**
3. **How many members constitute the Coffee Board, and who appoints them?**
4. **What are the main areas of focus for the Coffee Board's activities?**
5. **Where is the Central Coffee Research Institute located, and what are its primary functions?**
6. **Can you name the Regional Coffee Research Stations and their respective locations?**
7. **What are the key functions of the Coffee Board in the areas of research, extension, and market intelligence?**
8. **How does the Coffee Board promote coffee externally and internally?**
9. **What welfare measures does the Coffee Board undertake?**
10. **Could you provide information on the extension units of the Coffee Board and their locations?**
11. **What is the official website of the Coffee Board, and where can one find more information about its activities?**
12. **How does the Coffee Board contribute to the coffee industry in India?**
13. **Are there any recent initiatives or programs undertaken by the Coffee Board for the development of the coffee sector?**
14. **What is the significance of coffee in the regions where the Coffee Board has extension units?**
15. **Can you name some achievements or milestones of the Coffee Board in recent years?**

Rubber board:

1. **In which year was the Rubber Board constituted, and under which act?**
2. **Which ministry in the Government of India has administrative control over the Rubber Board?**
3. **Who appoints the Chairman of the Rubber Board, and how many members does the board have?**
4. **Where is the headquarters of the Rubber Board located, and why is it significant for the rubber industry?**
5. **What are the primary responsibilities of the Rubber Board in terms of the development of the rubber industry?**
6. **How many members represent various interests in the natural rubber industry on the Rubber Board?**
7. **Can you name the departments through which the activities of the Rubber Board are exercised?**
8. **What are the key functions of the General Services department within the Rubber Board?**
9. **Could you provide information about the Research Services, including the Rubber Research Institute of India?**
10. **How does the Rubber Board contribute to the training and development of individuals in the rubber industry?**
11. **What steps does the Rubber Board take to promote the marketing of rubber?**
12. **How does the Rubber Board maintain statistical data of rubber, and why is this important?**
13. **Can you name the independent divisions within the Rubber Board and briefly describe their roles?**
14. **What initiatives or programs has the Rubber Board undertaken recently for the rubber industry's development?**
15. **How does the Rubber Board contribute to labor welfare activities in the rubber industry?**
16. **Where can one find more information about the Rubber Board's activities and recent updates?**
17. **Are there any notable achievements or milestones of the Rubber Board in recent years?**

TEA BOARD:

1. **What is the primary role of the Tea Board, and how does it contribute to the overall development of the tea industry in India?**
2. **How is the Tea Board structured, and what is the composition of its members?**
3. **Where are the key offices of the Tea Board located, and how do they contribute to the Board's functions?**
4. **What are the primary functions and responsibilities of the Tea Board regarding production, quality improvement, market promotion, and welfare measures?**
5. **How does the Tea Board support the small sector of the tea industry, and what specific measures are taken to address the developmental needs of this sector?**
6. **What role does the Tea Board play in collecting, collating, and disseminating statistical information related to the tea industry?**
7. **As a regulatory body, how does the Tea Board exert control over various entities in the tea industry, including producers, manufacturers, exporters, tea brokers, auction organizers, and warehouse keepers?**
8. **How often does the Tea Board review and update its policies to adapt to changing conditions in the tea industry?**
9. **What initiatives has the Tea Board undertaken to improve the quality of tea produced in India, and how are these initiatives implemented?**
10. **How does the Tea Board collaborate with international stakeholders and overseas offices to promote Indian tea globally?**
11. **What is the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)?**
    * IIFT is a Deemed to be University, established in 1963 under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. It focuses on international business research, training, and education.
12. **What are the main missions and visions of IIFT?**
    * Mission: To be an Academic Center of Excellence in International Business research, training, and education.
    * Vision: To create and foster a learning environment that enables participants to be leaders in international business with sensitivity towards society.
13. **What are the key programs offered by IIFT?**
    * IIFT offers programs such as Ph.D., MBA (International Business), MA (Economics – Specialization in Trade & Finance), Executive PGD in International Business, and various certificate programs.
14. **How is IIFT ranked among other business schools in India?**
    * IIFT has consistently been ranked among the top 10 business schools in India.
15. **What divisions does IIFT have for education, research, and cooperation?**
    * IIFT has divisions such as Executive Management Programmes, Management Development Programmes, International Collaboration and Capacity Development, Graduate Studies in Management, Economics, Research, and more.
16. **How does IIFT contribute to capacity development?**
    * IIFT provides training to government officials, diplomats, entrepreneurs, and others through its Executive Management Programmes (EMP) Division.
17. **What is the role of the Corporate Relations and Placement Division at IIFT?**
    * The Corporate Relations and Placement Division handles the placement process, and with strong career development support, IIFT consistently achieves 100% placement records.
18. **Which are the Centers of Excellence at IIFT?**
    * IIFT has several Centers of Excellence, including the Centre for WTO Studies, Centre for Regional Trade, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Centre for Trade Facilitation and Logistics, and Centre for North Eastern Studies.
19. **How does IIFT contribute to research and publications?**
    * IIFT has a Research Division that organizes national and international conferences, and its Publication Division releases journals, newsletters, working papers, and seminar series.
20. **What is the significance of alumni affairs at IIFT?**
    * The Division of Alumni Affairs organizes Chapter Meets to reconnect alumni with the institute, fostering regular interactions and career support for current students.