1. Write a note on the cropping pattern of millets and pulses in India. Examine the trend in their production in last twenty years. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. Write a note on the classification adopted by the IUCN to categorize endangered species. Explain the important causes of endangering of marine life across the world. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. How did partition affect Indian culture as a whole? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. "Societally sanctioned rape and sexual assault is not new in India." Critically comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. What is cyber-warfare? Assess how much is it a threat to India. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Throw light on the major threats to wildlife across the world with special reference to India. Describe the role of UNO and its agencies in conserving and protecting wildlife. (200 Words)

The Hindu

The Hindu

7. "It is in Pakistan’s best interests to help stabilise the situation in Afghanistan." Elaborate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8.
02 February 2014

1. What causes tides in ocean? Explain the different kinds of tides. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. Write a note on the architectural form and style of Indus valley civilization. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. Critically analyze the nature of relationship between USA and Saudi Arabia since 2001 terrorist attacks on World Trade Centre in New York. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. Write a critical note on the effects of large dams on the ecology and livelihood with special reference to India. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. What are the causes of water crisis around the world? How can a potential major water crisis can be avoided in India? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “The traditional banking models in India have failed to penetrate the low-income and self-employed segment.” Comment. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/smita-aggarwal-no-more-bank--lones-114020100935_1.html)

7. Which part of Gandhiji’s philosophy is most relevant today and why? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. What is distress migration? Analyze its pattern in India and explain how can it be checked? (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. Write a note on Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. Do you think India is a sporting nation? Comment on the evolving nature of sports as part of Indian culture.

The Hindu

4. Comment on the important proposals of the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC) that was set up to review and rewrite the legal-institutional architecture of the Indian financial sector?

The Hindu

5. “Begging is a social problem and has multifarious ramifications.” Comment in the light of increasing numbers of beggars on Indian streets. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Kiew eh-rngiew (100 Words)

The Hindu

7. “Information Technology and Biotechnology need to come together to streamline manufacturing processes of biotech products.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. “In India, there is no national policy on energy endorsed or supported by Parliament. Nor is there an official body authorised and accountable for overseeing the country’s energy policy.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Indian Express
1. Does a strong army pose threat to India’s democracy? Critically comment on the nature of relationship between the army and the political-bureaucratic class in India. (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. Write a critical note on the need for a national mission on wind energy. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/a-new-breeze-114020301241_1.html)

The Economic Times

3. Is Aadhar initiative a failure? Critically comment. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/a-jolt-for-aadhaar-114020301243_1.html)

4. What is Green Energy Corridor? Write a note on the energy relationship between India and Germany. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. “Maoist presence in a sensitive region like the Northeast has the potential of creating serious strategic security complications for India.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. What are the ‘socially productive’ applications of biotechnology? Elaborate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. What are the important recommendations of the High Level Committee on the Status of Women in India headed by Pam Rajput? Do you think providing high percentage of reservation in decision making bodies would bring more safety to women? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. Can we have models such as GAVI Alliance in other social sectors too? Comment. (200 Words)
9. Why is there a demand for revision of certain treaties of the European Union? Examine. (200 Words)

10. “The unprecedented nature of the rejection of the Bill by the Andhra Pradesh Assembly requires the legal interpretation of Article 3 be reconsidered.” Critically analyze. (200 Words)

11. What are the important provisions of The National Policy for Farmers, 2007? Does the recent decision of the government to relax FDI in farmland a good step? Comment. (200 Words)
1. What measures should government adopt to bring mutual cordial relations between the people of North East India and the rest of India? In your opinion what are the reasons behind recent attacks on students from North East India in some parts of the country? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. What are the positives and negatives of social networking on internet? Explain. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. What were the reasons behind launching Operation Blue Star? What effects it had on the polity of India? (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. What are the effects of fast melting ice in Arctic on ecology and livelihood in the region? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. Are the powers of pardon vested in the President and the Governors under Articles 72 and 161 of the Constitution amenable to judicial review? Critically comment in the light of recent verdict by the Supreme Court. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Explain the ideology of Taliban groups operating in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Do you think Taliban is a major threat to India? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. “Strong social protection measures will not only promote the overall interests of the workforce and the economy in general in the medium term, they will also lay the foundation to face the demographic transition over the next two decades.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

The Hindu
06, February 2014

1. Should the current caste-based reservation system be replaced with an economic criteria-based regime? Critically comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu


The Hindu

3. Is self-determination by the Kashmiri people a right solution to the Kashmir problem? Substantiate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

The Hindu-2

4. Write a note on the role of Indian Navy in ensuring peace and security in the Indian and Pacific Ocean region. (200 Words)

The Hindu

The Hindu

5. What measures has Indian taken to stop child abuse and to ensure protection of children in line with the UN guidelines? Explain. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “The basis of corruption in India is the growing black economy propelled by widespread illegality in a variety of economic activities and the disruption of the democratic institutions.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. “Some Indians in the U.S., unlike in India, can succeed thanks to the meritocracy that is the corner-stone of the American system.” Do you agree with this assessment? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. Why is there a need for UNSC reforms? Examine. (200 Words)

The Indian Express

(200 Words)

The Indian Express
07, February 2014

1. Write a critical note on the nature of relationship within federal framework between Delhi state and the Union government. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

2. What are the major problems being face by the power plants and discoms in producing and distributing electricity in India? Examine. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

3. Explain the significance of having a strong maritime cooperation with South East Asian countries by India. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

4. “Bribe-giving, an implicit offence in the Prevention of Corruption Act, should be made an explicit offence.” Critically comment. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

5. “While bringing convenience to the lives of the masses, high-speed rail also plays a military and disaster management role.” In the context of India, critically analyze the statement. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

6. “India urgently needs to build and strengthen intermediary institutions to forge linkages between formal and informal institutional structures.” Why? Examine. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

7. “India produced three times the science output of China in the 1990s with a comparable gross domestic expenditure on research and development (GERD). Today, China has overtaken India by more than three times. It is the same in the case of patents.” Why have we fallen behind so much? Examine. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

8. “At the end of 12 years of American occupation, Afghanistan has not emerged as a more secure place; nor has the U.S. had much of a success in nation-building.” Comment. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

9. “The critical issue in India, where the pentavalent vaccine is being rolled out, is raising the
coverage levels of immunization.” Elucidate. (200 Words)

The Hindu
Insights Secure-2014: Questions On Current Events

08, February 2014

1. Throw light on the attempts made so far by India and China in resolving their border issues. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

2. Write a note on the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) corridor plan. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

3. “Cyber security is our biggest security challenge and requires a new paradigm in purchase processes. “ Elaborate. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

4. Do you support use of military or unmanned aerial vehicles in dealing with Naxals? Substantiate. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

5. Analyze the factors behind India’s success as leading manufacturer of generic drugs in the world. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

6. “In recent times the two great World Wars have acquired a peculiar political resonance in East Asia.” Comment. (200 Words)

   The Indian Express

7. “India is exceptional among democracies in having no legal framework for its intelligence services, nor a system of oversight and accountability for covert operations.” Comment. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

8. Has disinvestment process lived up to the vision statement of the Department of Disinvestment that seeks to promote people’s ownership of shares through disinvestment and spread the equity culture? Critically examine. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

9. Write a note on the contribution of Rani Gaidinliu to India’s freedom struggle. (200 Words)

   The Hindu
1. Analyze the trends in the growth of microfinance industry in India in last ten years. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/finance/microfinance-industry-coming-back-to-life-114020800728_1.html)

2. What were the effects of Fukushima nuclear accident on the world nuclear commerce and nuclear policies around the world? Do you support ban on nuclear reactors for generating power? Substantiate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. Should India be more assertive in the South China Sea region? Substantiate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. What are the major security related problems being faced by India at its border region with Nepal? What are the bilateral measures taken to check those problems? Explain.

The Hindu

5. Analyze the nature of relationship between Japan and USA post Second World War. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. What is China’s “Malacca dilemma”? Do you think China poses a real strategic challenge to India in the Indian ocean region? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. What are the main hurdles India is facing when it comes to military modernization? Comment. (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. “The Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 has established that indoor air pollution from cook stoves is a primary cause of disease and death in South Asia. “ Elaborate. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. What are the highlights of the draft Grievance Redressal Bill (the Right of Citizens to Time-bound Delivery of Goods and Services and Redressal of their Grievances Bill) and the Whistleblowers Protection Bill? Why is there a demand for their early enactment? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. Critically comment on the plight of women in Afghanistan and possible threats they might face once US withdraws its troops from there. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. “The governance has been re-emerging as a major factor behind success or failure of economies in many emerging nations.” Comment in the context of recent crises around the world involving emerging economies. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Why is anti-immigration a hot political issue in many EU and non-EU countries in Europe? Explain. (200 Words)

The Hindu

The Hindu

7. What are the political and economic reasons behind the persistence of gender inequality in Indian society? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu
8. “While labour law reform is often equated with the ability of employers to freely hire and fire their employees, India will benefit more from fixing the current regressive benefits regime.” Comment.

(200 Words)

The Indian Express
1. Write a note on the composition and functions of UPSC. Also critically examine its relationship with the government at the centre and states. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

2. Does India need to enact a substantive law making all forms of manipulation of sports, corruption and malpractices of sports a criminal offence? Substantiate. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

3. “India’s poultry sector has transformed from a backyard activity into a technology-intensive vibrant industry.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

   Business Standard


4. “The scandalous state of formal employment in India is a national tragedy.” Comment. (200 Words)

   Business Standard

   (www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/a-national-problem-114021001364_1.html)

5. “The recent talks between Pakistan and the Taliban is driven by Pakistan’s desire for influence in Afghanistan, plus the delusion that it can somehow control the Taliban and other militants on both sides of the Durand Line.” Comment. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

6. “In the olden days, khap panchayats were more inclusive and Sarvkhaps comprised people of all castes and communities. Today, they have become undemocratic, oppressive and in conflict with the law.” Critically comment. (200 Words)

   The Hindu
1. Critically examine the growth of India’s intellectual property regime in the pharma sector since last few decades and highlight the issues related to the new patent regime. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/amit-gupta-big-pharma-s-profiteering-protests-114021101470_1.html)

2. “Despite more cars and more roads, the issue of road safety is largely missing in the public discourse and, therefore, public policy.” Comment. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. In your opinion how will the transition in Afghanistan would affect India - Pakistan relationship? Comment. (200 Words)

Business Standard


4. Examine the key trade issues between USA and India. (200 Words)

The Hindu

The Hindu

5. Critically comment on the functioning of the Indian Parliament in last two decades. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “Instead of mindlessly spending money on gigantic memorials, it would serve the public good if it is spent on conserving neglected heritage structures.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. What do you understand by corporate governance? In your opinion what should be the ideal code of corporate governance for Indian companies? Explain. (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. “In Indian Railways, more worrying is the state of railway safety, which in the long run is clearly linked to the right kind of investment to renew ageing assets.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/another-lost-year-114021201558_1.html)

3. “The emerging markets, India included among these, will find it hard to manage the politics of sustained rapid growth in the new global environment.” Examine. (200 Words)

Business Standard


4. “A rate of growth of interest payments that is faster than the rate of growth of the economy is not a good trend.” Comment in the light of India’s growing interest on the it’s borrowings. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. What are the highlights of the National AIDS Control Programme Phase IV (2012-2017) and the draft the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014? (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Comment on the role played by the British during the first and second World Wars. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. Write a note on Munich Security Conference that is held every year. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. “The ultimate aim of any anti-corruption mechanism is to contribute towards improvement of the processes of governance and delivery of services. This can happen only when we encourage bold and innovative decision-making.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. Analyze the new technological and entrepreneurial challenges being faced by Indian IT sector and comment on its readiness to face such challenges. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. “Economic governance cannot be disassociated from political governance.” Critically comment in the context of India. (200 Words)

Business Standard


4. “Facilitation and regulation, not supervision, should be the bureaucracy’s mantra for handling the country’s economy.” Elaborate the statement in the context of India. (200 Words)

Business Standard


5. Are folk art forms of India declining in popularity and on the verge of extinction? Examine. What can be done to revive them?

The Hindu

6. A recent UN report has concluded that in last twenty years women’s progress has been unequal
and fragmented. Analyze. (200 Words)

**The Hindu**

7. “Fusion energy has the potential to become a radical alternative power source, with zero carbon emissions during operation and minimal waste, but the technical difficulties in demonstrating fusion in the lab have so far proved overwhelming.” Explain. (200 Words)

**The Hindu**

8. What were the major reasons behind the recent American credit bubble and the Great Recession? Analyze. (200 Words)

**The Hindu**


15, February 2014

1. What measures does government take to tame high inflation? Explain why maintaining optimum inflation rate is very important for the economy. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

2. “There are no costs involved in moving towards a more federalist structure called the United States of India — only benefits.” Critically analyze. (200 Words)

   The Indian Express

3. “To join the China’s maritime Silk Road project Delhi is likely to be torn between two competing ideas—one is working together with China in the maritime domain and the other is the long-standing goal of limiting Beijing’s influence in the Indian Ocean.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

   The Indian Express

4. “To ensure China chooses the “trading state” strategy as it rises geopolitically, rather than one based on aggression, it is imperative that the United States, as the sole superpower, follow a policy of deterrence.” Examine. (200 Words)

   Business Standard


5. “USA is following a policy of protectionism through immigration rules.” Comment in the context of India – USA relations. (200 Words)

   Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/t-n-ninan-failing-the-smell-test-114021401631_1.html)

6. “The third space in Indian politics is the largest and the most diverse, and yet the ‘third alternative’ has remained an unfulfilled experiment.” Comment. (200 Words)

   The Hindu
Insights Secure-2014: Questions On Current Events

16, February 2014

1. “Manufacturing activity, required for boosting employment and perking up economic growth, has taken a hit due to structural issues.” Examine. (200 Words)

Business Standard

2. It is said that basic science in India is neglected and given lowest priority. In your opinion what are the reasons behind this apathy? Comment. (200 Words)

Business Standard

3. “India’s is a dual economy with surplus labour.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

Business Standard


Business Standard

5. What do you understand by ethics in governance? Explain how ethics is important for clean governance. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. What are autoimmune diseases and how they are caused? Examine the magnitude of its presence in India’s population. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. What do you understand by Introgressive hybridisation? How is it important for Indian agriculture? Explain. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. Write a critical note on the issue of ‘D’ voters in Assam. (200 Words)

The Hindu

9. What were the circumstances that led to the invasion of Afghanistan by the USSR in 1979? What were its consequences? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. What are the challenges of corruption? How does it impact society? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. In the light of recent events highlight the importance of choosing quality regulators in both tradeable and non-tradeable sectors in India. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. “The CPI-WPI gap underscores the dilemma faced by monetary policy.” Examine in the light of recent data released on CPI and WPI. (200 Words)

Business Standard

(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/the-dilemma-continues-114021600698_1.html)

4. Write a note on the composition and function of committee of privileges of the Indian parliament. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. What measures has the Election Commission taken to bring electoral reforms in India in last twenty years? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Do you thin the revival of ancient culture and festivals would bring women empowerment in India? Critically comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. “It was time Indian journalism was liberated from corporate stenography.” Critically comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. What are the challenges being faced by the automobile industry in India? Explain. (200 Words)
1. In the light of debate on Direct Taxes and Goods and Services Taxes codes analyze the need for reforms in direct and indirect taxes in India. (200 Words)

Business Standard

2. Critically examine the nature of defence budgeting in India and issues related to it. (200 Words)

Business Standard
(www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/defence-budgeting-based-on-decision-114021701698_1.html)

3. “India’s corporate investment rate – which reached a high of 17 per cent of GDP in the pre-Lehman year – has collapsed to nine per cent of GDP. “ Why? Analyze. (200 Words)

Business Standard

4. What is ‘one rank, one pension’ system for armed forces? Why was it demanded by the ex-servicemen? Explain. (200 Words)

The Hindu
The Hindu 2

5. Write a critical note on Kachatheevu island controversy involving India, Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “The Syrian situation has been called a proxy war involving many players.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. How would the proposed economic corridor between China and Pakistan impact the region?
Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. For the past five years, the world economy has been heavily influenced by the policy of quantitative easing that the United States Federal Reserve launched in November 2008. Explain how? (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. “The future for Indian IT is as exciting as it is challenging.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. Why was Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 introduced in North East and why is it controversial? Critically examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. Analyze the important provisions of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Bill, 2014. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. What is Option B Plus under AIDS treatment? Explain its advantages. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Write a note on India-Canada trade relations. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. “Adequate availability of water, food and energy is critical to global security.” Comment (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. “Among the issues that will shape our future world are water and other natural resources, demographics, and sustainable economic growth, as well as an accelerated weaponisation of science and other geopolitical elements. A combination of these factors will create winners and losers in the world.” Do you agree with this assessment? Comment with reference to India. (200 Words)
1. “Despite 4% growth in agriculture in last four years, there are also some other disquieting aspects of developments on the farm front that partly sully the sheen of these achievements.” Examine. (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. “The Anglo-Russian agreement of March 1915 illustrated the vast degree to which traditional relationships between nations had been changed by World War I.” Examine. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. India’s growth prospects as well as its ability to translate growth into employment have been curbed in recent years. Analyze the factors responsible for this “jobless” nature of growth. (200 Words)

The Indian Express

4. “China is the unwitting cupid that has brought about the India-Japan honeymoon.” Do you agree with the statement? Comment. (200 Words)

The Indian Express

5. Write a note on the importance of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2011. (100 Words)

The Hindu


The Hindu

7. What do you understand by the “classical language” status and why is it being accorded to select few languages of India? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu
8. Examine the components and evaluate the performance of the Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) scheme that was launched in 2010-11 in Eastern part of India. (200 Words)

The Hindu

9. “We need an effective international organisation that supports the rights of the world’s most vulnerable people i.e. people with disabilities.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

10. “Contrary to 1944-45, when there was hope in the future, in a new world, in 1919 society was paralysed under the weight of the dead.” Elaborate the statement with reference to the condition of Europe post two world wars. (200 Words)

The Hindu

11. Comment on the problems being faced by the public sector banks and the policy measures taken by the government to address these problems. (200 Words)

The Hindu
Insights Secure-2014: Questions On Current Events

22, February 2014

1. What are the causes of begging by children in India? How can it be reduced? Critically analyze. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

2. What do you understand by green pilgrimage? Explain its significance and need in the Indian context. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

3. Discuss the present scenario of representation of women on company boards in India. (200 Words)
   The Indian Express

4. “Maulana Abul Kalam Azad’s Islam was much more accommodative than the contemporary rigid and combative Islam.” Critically examine. (200 Words)
   The Hindu

5. “Territorial sovereignty, contention on energy, significance of the geographic location, threat to maritime security and overlapping maritime claims are at the core of the South China Sea dispute.” Elaborate. (200 Words)
   The Hindu
Insights Secure-2014: Questions On Current Events

23, February 2014

1. What do you understand by poverty gap? Do you think cash transfers is a best way to life people from poverty? Substantiate with examples from India. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

2. Critically analyze the recently passed Whistleblowers’ Protection Bill and its necessity in India. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

3. “Human beings are essentially shaped by their genetic coding. When a genetic programme gets corrupted, disease ensues.” Elaborate. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

4. Write a note on Green Mission. Do you think planting more trees alone will help increase in forest cover? Comment. (200 Words)

   The Hindu

5. “India’s Parliaments have been rendered non-functional — not by rowdy MPs but by the executive which has concentrated total power in its hands.” Critically comment. (200 Words)

   The Indian Express
Insights Secure-2014: Questions On Current Events

24, February 2014

1. What is the criteria for granting special category State status to Indian states? Do you think granting of this special status helps states to develop? Analyze with examples. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. What are stem cells? Throw light on the status of stem cell research in India. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. What are the major factors behind high voters turn-out in recent elections in India? Examine the role of the Election Commission in detail. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. What are the major threats to banking services by the cybercriminals? How vulnerable is Indian banking system to such threats? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. Why is quinoa being promoted by the WHO across the world? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “Indian elections are a ritualistic, five-yearly obeisance to democracy that hides the appalling state of the country’s institutions, in particular Parliament which today resembles a wrestling arena.” Critically comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. “India’s future is imperilled if its Parliament is imperilled.” Do you agree with this statement? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. What is capital account liberalisation (CAL)? Should India go for it? What are the risks and advantages of CAL? Examine. (200 Words)

The Indian Express
1. What is the principle behind functioning of a cellphone tower in sending and receiving signals? Is the radiation emitted by such towers harmful to living beings? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

2. Examine the contribution of ISRO to the field of astronomy. (200 Words)

The Hindu

3. Critically comment on the need for nuclear disarmament around the world. Explain the role of UN towards and highlight India’s stance on the issue. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. Write a note on the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA) or Sua Act. Why was it in news recently? (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. Do you agree with the view that English language in India is threat to the survival of native languages? Substantiate. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. Why does India need a Biotechnology Regulatory Authority? Critically analyze the major issues concerning research in biotechnology in the field of agriculture in India. (200 Words)

The Hindu

7. What do you understand by biofortification? Why is it important? Explain. (200 Words)

The Hindu

8. “Minimum support prices have in practice become procurement prices, and with State governments adding to it a bonus, the cost of procurement has become high.” Why is this an issue of concern? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu
26, February 2014

1. The lack of resources is only a part of the challenge of urban development in India. What are the non-financial challenges to sustainable urbanization in India? How to overcome them? Critically analyze. (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. Is the very nature of the arrangement between the RBI and the finance ministry inherently against finding common ground on critical macroeconomic issues? In the light of recent differences between the two bodies on economic policies, comment on the statement. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, despite their different paths of action, had the same goal of liberating India from the chains of British colonialism. Critically compare and contrast their ideology and actions in contributing towards India’s freedom struggle. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. India accounts for an astounding 29 per cent of the global deaths of newborns on their very first day of birth. What measures has government taken to address this problem? Has it been successful? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. Data brokers as a far bigger threat to privacy than, say, Facebook. Who are these ‘data brokers’ in the online world? Should they be regulated? Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “It is only when we have a highly efficient and time-bound justice delivery mechanism that we can proceed to judge the merits of death penalty.” Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu
1. What is El-Nino? How is it caused and explain its significance to India. (200 Words)

Business Standard


2. Throw light on the new trade facilitation deal signed by WTO members at Bali in 2013. Examine the other areas of negotiations that are currently going on in WTO talks and explain their effect on India if a final deal is struck on those issues. (200 Words)

Business Standard


3. In the light of recent mishaps in Indian navy, examine the issues related to modernization of its fleet and constraints faced by the Indian navy in this regard. (200 Words)

The Hindu

4. What possible options are there between EU and Russia to resolve the crisis in Ukraine? In your opinion what should be a plausible solution to end the crisis? Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

5. “South Asian unity is essential if we are to deliver an improved quality of life to hundreds of millions, through growth made possible by economic efficiencies and commerce." Comment. (200 Words)

The Hindu

6. “A failure of political will in France, the EU, and the United States could make Central African Republic yet another target for what could well be externally-funded Islamist extremists.” Examine. (200 Words)

The Hindu
28, February 2014

Answer all the questions in about 200 words.

1. “The G-20 group has been increasingly challenged to retain its relevance and effectiveness in dealing with a host of global co-ordination problems that are more structural in nature.” Comment.

The Hindu

Business Standard


2. “Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have huge power over Indian equity markets and will ultimately force responsible governance from any political formation coming to power in May 2014.” Comment.

Business Standard


3. Do you support field trials of GM food crops in India? Explain why.

The Hindu

4. “To restore India as a liberal democratic nation, it will require more than a mere conduct of regular, supposedly free and fair, elections.” Comment.

The Hindu

5. “India’s military is, literally, on the verge of breakdown.” Critically comment.

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6. What is FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act)? Why was it enacted? Explain.

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7. Comment on the recently notified new rules for the new ‘corporate social responsibility’ (CSR) regime.

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