



# [MISSION 2024] SECURE: DAILY UPSC MAINS ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE



**25 MARCH 2024**



## GENERAL STUDIES - 2

**Topic: G.S-I: The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.**

**1. Question: The Quit India Movement marked a shift in the Indian nationalist movement towards more aggressive and direct action against British colonialism. One of the key figures who played a pivotal role in the Quit India Movement was Usha Mehta, a prominent freedom fighter and a staunch Gandhian. Discuss. (250 words)**

**Difficulty level:** Moderate

**Reference:** [https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/ae-watan-mere-watan-usha-mehta-biography-sara-ali-khan-congress-radio-9230758/#:~:text=Mehta%20was%2022%20when%20the,Station%20of%201942%2C%202021\).](https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/ae-watan-mere-watan-usha-mehta-biography-sara-ali-khan-congress-radio-9230758/#:~:text=Mehta%20was%2022%20when%20the,Station%20of%201942%2C%202021).)

<https://www.insightsonindia.com/2020/08/10/quit-india-movement-2/>

**Why the question:** Usha Mehta was 22 when the Quit India Movement began. A law student in Bombay, she was in awe of Gandhi, and like many peers, quit studies to join the movement.

## GENERAL STUDIES - 2

**Topic: G.S-II: Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, and Human Resources.**

**2. Question: Tuberculosis (TB) transcends being solely a health crisis; it also poses significant economic challenges. Addressing TB effectively requires not only medical interventions but also holistic approaches that address the socioeconomic determinants of the disease and its impact on individuals and societies. Discuss. (250 words)**

**Difficulty level:** Moderate

**Reference:** <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/tb-control-in-india-calls-for-person-centred-solutions/article67988183.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-right-diagnosis-for-tuberculosis/article67987156.ece>

<https://www.insightsonindia.com/2022/07/06/the-way-to-control-tuberculosis/>

**Why the question:** Globally, and in India, tuberculosis (TB) continues to loom large as a public health challenge impacting millions.

## GENERAL STUDIES - 2

Topic: G.S-II: India and its neighborhood- relations.

**3. Question: The question of whether India should restart trade with Pakistan is complex and influenced by various factors, including political, economic, and security considerations. Analyse. (250 words)**

**Difficulty level:** Tough

**Reference:** <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/pakistan-to-seriously-examine-re-starting-trade-with-india-foreign-minister/article67988282.ece>  
<https://www.insightsonindia.com/international-relations/india-and-its-neighborhood/indo-pakistan-relations/>

**Why the question:** Pakistan will “seriously examine” whether to restart trade with India, said its newly appointed Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar.

## GENERAL STUDIES - 2

Topic: G.S-II: India and its neighborhood- relations.

**4. Question: As regional challenges continue to evolve, the strong relationship between India and Bhutan will play a crucial role in maintaining stability and addressing common concerns in the region. Discuss. (250 words)**

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Reference:** <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/unbreakable-on-india-bhutan-ties/article67987099.ece>  
<https://www.insightsonindia.com/international-relations/india-and-its-neighborhood/india-bhutan-relations/>

**Why the question:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Bhutan last week, while productive, was largely symbolic.

## GENERAL STUDIES - 3

**Topic: G.S-III - Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.**

**5. Question: Bioremediation is a promising approach for cleaning up polluted environments, offering several advantages. However, it also has limitations and challenges that need to be considered. Examine. (250 words)**

**Difficulty level:** Moderate

**Reference:** <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/bioremediation.asp>

**Why the question:** The question is part of the static syllabus of General studies paper – 3 and mentioned as part of Mission-2024 Secure timetable.

## GENERAL STUDIES - 3

**Topic: G.S-III: Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment**

**6. Question: What are ecotones? Ecotones deserve high conservation investment, potentially serving as speciation and biodiversity centres. Elaborate on their importance. (250 words)**

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Reference:** <https://www.insightsonindia.com/environment/basic-concepts-of-ecosystem/>

**Why the question:** The question is part of the static syllabus of General studies paper – 3 and mentioned as part of Mission-2024 Secure timetable.

## GENERAL STUDIES - 4

### Topic: G.S-IV: Case Study

#### 7. Question:

Rakesh was working as a Joint Commissioner in Transport department of a city. As a part of his job profile, among others, he was entrusted with the task of overseeing the control and functioning of City Transport Department. A case strike by drivers' union of City Transport Department over the issue of compensation to a driver who died on duty while driving the bus came up before him for decision in the matter.

He gathered that the driver (deceased) was plying Bus No. 528 which passed through busy and congested roads of the city. It so happened that near an intersection on the way, there was an accident involving a middle-aged man. It was found that there was altercation between the driver and the car driver. Heated arguments between them led to fight and the driver gave him a blow. Lot of passerbys had gathered and tried to intervene but without success. Eventually, both of them were badly injured and profusely bleeding and were taken to the nearby hospital. The driver succumbed to the injuries and could not be saved. The middle-aged driver's condition was also critical but after a day, he recovered and was discharged. Police had immediately come to the spot and FIR was registered. Police investigation revealed that the quarrel in was started by the bus driver and he had resorted to physical violence. There exchange of blows between them.

The City Transport Department management is considering of not giving any extra compensation to the driver's (deceased) family. The family is very aggrieved. depressed and agitated against the discriminatory and non-sympathetic approach of the City Transport Department management. The bus driver (deceased) was 52 years of age, was survived by his wife and two school-college going daughters. He was the sole earner of the family. The City Transport Department workers' union took up this case and when found no favourable response from the management, decided to go on strike. The union's demand was two fold. First was full extra compensation as given to other drivers who died on duty and secondly employment to one family member. The strike has continued for 10 days and the deadlock remains.

- (a) What are the options available to Rakesh to meet the above situation?
- (b) Critically examine each of the options identified by Rakesh.
- (c) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Rakesh?
- (d) What course of action would Rakesh adopt to diffuse the above situation?

(250 words) (UPSC 2022)

**Difficulty level:** Moderate

# CONSISTENT PRACTICE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS



An amount of fear helps in pushing us towards hard work.

Fear and self-doubts are like fire—if in excess will burn and destroy the individual. If one is carefree one can become over-confident about one's capabilities. If anxieties, fears are kept under control it brings best out of an individual.

So,

Believe in yourself, anything is possible for a willing heart;  
Aim high, Never give up, in fact, in every adversity lies an opportunity.



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