



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



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GENERAL STUDIES - 1

Topic: G.S-I: Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

1. Question: During the colonial period, Indian handicrafts declined, and they did not improve much post-independence. India has to promote its rich heritage of handicrafts, empower artisan communities, and revitalize this important sector for its growth and development. Analyse. (250 words)

Difficulty level: Easy

Reference: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/indian-heritage-culture/fairs-festivals-and-craft/art-crafts/>

Why the question: The question is part of the static syllabus of General studies paper – 1.

GENERAL STUDIES - 1

Topic: G.S-I: geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

2. Question: By taking a leadership role in exploratory activities related to freshwater extraction, India can contribute to global efforts to ensure water security and promote sustainable development. Discuss. (150 words)

Difficulty level: Tough

Reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/freshwater-quest-the-likely-new-gold-hunt/article68162212.ece>

Why the question: Statistics show that the total volume of water on earth is estimated at 1.386 billion km³, where 97.5% is salt water and 2.5% freshwater. Out of this freshwater, only 0.3% is in liquid form on the surface, which means that the rest of the freshwater is underground, including on or under the ocean bed.

GENERAL STUDIES - 2

Topic: G.S-II: Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

3. Question: The trade agreement between India and EFTA is expected to give a much-needed boost to bilateral trade and economic relations, laying the groundwork for deeper cooperation and mutual benefits in the years to come. Analyse. (250 words)

Difficulty level: Tough

Reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/investment-lessons-from-the-india-efta-trade-deal/article68168582.ece>

Why the question: Before election fever gripped the country, India managed to clinch a historic trade deal, in March, with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), comprising Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

GENERAL STUDIES - 3

Topic: G.S-III: Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, Nano-technology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

4. Question: Explain the process additive manufacturing. Examine advantages and limitations of the additive manufacturing process. (250 words)

Difficulty level: Moderate

Reference: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-sci-tech/isro-3d-printing-rocket-engine-9321975/>

<https://www.insightsonindia.com/2018/11/24/insights-into-editorial-make-it-the-indian-way-why-the-country-must-adapt-to-additive-technologies/>

Why the question: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested a liquid rocket engine made with the help of additive manufacturing technology — commonly known as 3D printing.

GENERAL STUDIES - 3

Topic: G.S-III: Disaster and disaster management.

5. Question: As forest fires become more frequent in India, it's crucial to implement measures to combat them effectively in both the short term and long term. Discuss. (250 words)

Difficulty level: Moderate

Reference: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-climate/goa-forest-fires-in-march-2023-explained-8596719/>

Why the question: The article explains the recent forest fires that occurred in Goa, India, in March 2023. It describes the causes and impact of the fires, which destroyed large areas of forest and wildlife habitats.

GENERAL STUDIES - 4

Topic: GS-IV: Citizen's Charters

6. Question: Citizen charters in India face inadequacies which impede their effectiveness. Analyse. (150 words)

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Key Demand of the question: To write about limitations of citizen charters and measures to overcome them.

Why the question: The question is part of the static syllabus of General studies paper – 4.

GENERAL STUDIES - 4

Topic: G.S-IV: ethical issues in international relations and funding;

7. Question: By integrating pluralism and responsibility into their foreign policies and diplomatic practices, countries across the world can transform ethics from a theoretical concept into a guiding principle of international relations. Elaborate. (150 words)

Difficulty level: Moderate.

Why the question: The question is part of the static syllabus of General studies paper – 4.

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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