



ANALYSIS OF ESSAY & GS 2018

Lukmaan is the name of a scholar known for his wisdom and we, the team members of Lukmaan IAS strive to continue this legacy. While our actions and performance from the past six years speak on our behalf, this time we are proud to inform that more than 75% of overall GS mains paper was covered from our test series & editorial analysis program.

Questions that can be sourced from our Test series & ED analysis	Essay	GS1	GS2	GS3	GS4
	6 out of 8	11 out of 20	18 out of 20	17 out of 20	10 out of 12
	75%	55%	90%	85%	83.33%
	Overall average = 77.66%				

ANALYSIS OF THIS YEAR QUESTION PAPER

Few of the things were particularly noticeable in the Civil Services Mains Exam conducted by UPSC in this year. While UPSC came down heavily on current affairs, few questions were overlapping between GS1 and GS3 (for e.g. IRNSS and ones related to environmental geography in GS1). Even in GS1, we can find questions that are connected to events that have taken place in this current year or the previous one.

Moreover, the questions can be traced to the events that have happened in 2016 and 2017 (as evident from case studies in ethics and question on Israel in GS2) and cannot be simply restricted within the contours of this calendar year. This trend resembles the one followed by UPSC in 2017 as well, wherein they have asked questions related to events that date back to 2015. Recognizing the same, as a thumb rule, Lukmaan IAS gives its own Mains test series questions & adjoining model answers of the previous two years to all the students who join this year in our Mains answer writing programme.

Secondly, the weightage of society was highest among the last four years in GS1. Similar inferences of which topics weighed more and which ones are neglected in GS2 and GS3, can be obtained from the breakup of questions attached behind.

With this, we are delighted to forward you the questions of CSE 2018, Mains Exam conducted by UPSC and the questions that match with our test series and ED discussion classes. While the questions that we have displayed here are solely the proprietary of Lukmaan IAS, we welcome the students to practice the same.

All the best and good luck to the future of Indian Civil Services.

UPSC (CSE MAINS) 2018**ESSAY**

- Once again LUKMAAN IAS has proved its ability in the framing of essay test paper. In the 1st part of essay, 2 essays were based on quotation, and 2 were current issues topic.
- In the second part of the Mains UPSC exam all four essays topics are quote based or philosophical and one can examine that LUKMAAN IAS emphasised on the philosophical and quote based topics in its essay test series.
- Now the genius doesn't lie in matching the exact question, which would be odds of astronomical proportions. (But we have achieved that too in our ethics paper; word by word). The ability lies in matching themes.
- The institute not only provided useful topics but as per the demand of UPSC and pattern. Out of 64 topics in essay test series 30 were quote based that mean we exactly followed the UPSC pattern in our test series.
- We don't claim that it will be same ever. But what we claim is that, at LUKMAAN IAS, you will be prepared for” come whatever may “.

“It cannot be merely a coincidence but rather a result of diligence, dedication and a commitment to match UPSC standards.”



ANALYSIS

Write **two** essays, choosing **one** from each of the following Section A & B, in about 1000-1200 words. **Total Marks: 250**

SECTION – A**UPSC TOPIC**

1. **Alternative technologies for a climate change resilient India.**

LUKMAAN IAS TOPIC

India's renewal challenge. in (Before pre)/TEST-4/SECTION-B/TOPIC-2

Note: Essential, this question demanded inclusion of alternative technological intervention in climate challenge policy

UPSC TOPIC

2. **A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.**

LUKMAAN IAS TOPIC

1. **There is only one good that is knowledge, and one evil that is ignorance. in (Before pre)/TEST-5/SECTION-A/TOPIC-4**
2. **The day power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace. in (After pre)/TEST-3/SECTION-B/TOPIC-4**

Note: Thematically, the idea in all three essays is interplay of love, knowledge in relation to power. *...Lead with Edge...*

UPSC TOPIC

3. **Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere.**

LUKMAAN IAS TOPIC

1. **Development is about transforming the lives of people, not just transforming economies. in (After pre)/TEST-4//SECTION-A/TOPIC-2**
2. **Poverty is not just a lack of money; it is not having the capability to realize one's full potential as a human being. in (After pre)/TEST-4//SECTION-A/TOPIC-2**

Note: One does not have to delve into myriads of imagination to conclude that, both the topic is reflecting the essence. In fact, it's the closest one will get.

UPSC TOPIC

4. Management of Indian border disputes – a complex task.

LUKMAAN IAS TOPIC

India's neighbors as angry as ever. in (After pre)/TEST-5/SECTION-B/TOPIC-2:

Note: One does not have to be in the by lanes of south block to understand that it is about border management.

SECTION B

UPSC TOPIC

1. Customary morality cannot be a guide to modern life.

LUKMAAN IAS TOPIC

Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith. in (After pre)/TEST-3/SECTION-B/TOPIC-3

Note: The idea here is to establish constitution as a new faith, for achieving liberty. Constitutional morality has to supersede customary morality for liberty which is essentially a prerequisite of modern life.

2. "The past" is a permanent dimension of human consciousness and values.

UPSC TOPIC

3. A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both.

LUKMAAN IAS TOPIC

In a society where the majority choose charisma over character, democracy does more harm than good to the actual progress of that society. in (After pre)/TEST-6/SECTION-A/TOPIC-1:

Note: It takes no stretch of imagination to relate charisma to privilege and principal to values. Rest, we will leave to your flight of the imagination.

4. Reality does not conform to the ideal, but confirms it.

ANALYSIS GS PAPER I**MAINS 2018**

Year wise weightage → Category ↓	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arts, culture and architecture	25	25	10	10
History	62.5	62.5	70	55
Society	87.5	62.5	55	100
Geography	75	100	115	85
Total marks	250	250	250	250

Topic	Subcategory	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arts, culture and architecture	Ancient culture and traditions	12.5	0	0	10
	Visual arts	12.5	0	10	0
	Performing arts	0	0	0	0
	Literature	0	12.5	0	0
	Architecture	0	12.5	0	0
Weightage in marks		25	25	10	10

History	Medieval	0	0	10	25 ↑
	Modern	25	37.5	40	0
	World History	25	12.5	10	15
	Post-independence	12.5	12.5	10	15
Weightage in marks		62.5	62.5	70	55

Society	Religion and secularism	0	0	30	20
	Caste and tribes	37.5	12.5	10	10
	Poverty and economic development	12.5	25	0	25
	Globalization Impact	12.5	12.5	0	15
	Women empowerment	12.5	0	15	15
	Urban planning	12.5	12.5	0	15

Weightage in marks		87.5	62.5	55	100 ↑
Geography	Macro-climate	0	12.5	25	0
	Urban climatology	12.5	12.5	15	0
	Oceanography	12.5	0	15	25
	Physical geography	0	12.5	10	10
	Human geography	0	12.5	0	0
	Economic Resources (India and Asia)	12.5	25	0	20
	Industrial Location	0	0	15	15
Env. Geography	37.5	25	35	15	
Weightage in marks		75	100	115	85

**ANALYSIS OF GS I QUESTION PAPER
(MAINS-2018)**

1. Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment

AFTER PRE TEST 2, QUES. 11

Q. "India has lack of not only scientific awareness for conservation of its architectural heritage but also their preservation and maintenance is not satisfactory." In the context of this statement, examine the decision of the government to hand over conservation of the heritage sites to the corporates.

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 29 TOPIC 5: ADOPT A HERITAGE: PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS

2. Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.

3. Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 22 TOPIC 1: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CHAMPARAN 1917

4. Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?

**AFTER PRE 2018 ED 20 TOPIC 10: IRNSS - ISRO COMPLETES FIRST PHASE OF NAVIC
2016 ED 5 TOPIC 11: LAUNCH OF IRNSS 1E**

5. Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?

6. Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.

7. What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem?
8. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.

BEFORE PRE TEST 2, QUES. 18

Q. Examine the causes of caste persisting in India for centuries together. Why the role of caste in politics has resulted in large scale surveys and studies whereas caste has equally important role in social structure and economy?

AFTER PRE 2018 TEST 2, QUES. 5

Q. Caste conflict in recent times is more about economy and less about caste. Illustrate.

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 28 TOPIC 3: THE ISSUE OF THE CASTE DISCRIMINATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

9. 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons.

BEFORE PRE 2018 TEST 2, QUES. 14

Q. Comment on the statement, on the one hand there is unprecedented wealth and affluence in the world today but poverty has also increased. Why in the most acutely poor areas along with Sub – Sahara states of Niger, Chad, and Mozambique etc. South Asian countries are also included?

10. How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.

BEFORE PRE 2018 TEST 2, QUES. 14

Q. What are the differences between concept of secularism in USA and India? How the concept has helped to promote unity in diversity in India?

11. The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss.

12. Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.

13. Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?

14. "The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas?

BEFORE PRE 2018 TEST 3, QUES. 9

Q. "Sustainable development and inclusive growth shall remain a dream unless we judiciously use our soil and underground water resources." Elucidate.

AFTER PRE MOCK TEST 1, QUES. 11

Q. With the nation suffering from severe water crisis every year, the solutions can be found in the ancient and medieval Indian architecture. Argue the statement and justify your view.

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 19 TOPIC 9: WATER CRISIS: THE ALARM BELL HAS RUNG

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 16 TOPIC 4: WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

15. Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.

16. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 4 TOPIC 6: DELHI–MUMBAI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR: ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

17. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 30 TOPIC 3: RASTRIYA GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN

18. 'Women's movement in India has not addresses the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.

BEFORE PRE TEST 4, QUES. 6

Q. Discuss the factors including economic and political behind the empowerment of women in India. Which serious obstacles are still blocking their way for full equality with men?

19. 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this, cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.

BEFORE PRE TEST 4, QUES. 3

Q. Discuss the nature of globalization over the world. Elaborate the impact of globalization on the aged people in India. Has globalization affected the core of Indian culture?

20. 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations.

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ANALYSIS GS PAPER II
MAINS 2018

Year wise weightage → Category ↓	2015	2016	2017	2018
Polity	100	100	90	125
Welfare	37.5	50	60	60
Governance	62.5	50	50	15
IR	50	50	50	50
Total marks	250	250	250	250

Topic	Subtopic	2015	2016	2017	2018
Polity	Basic Str.	37.5	12.5	15	15
	Executive	0	0	0	45
	Legislature & Elections	0	12.5	40	10
	Power Sep.	12.5	12.5	10	15
	Fed-Local	25	37.5	10	0
	Bodies	25	25	15	40
Weightage in marks		100	100	90	125 ↑

Welfare	Welfare & Protection	0	0	10	25
	Poverty & Hunger	12.5	0	25	25
	Edu, Health, HDI	25	37.5	10	10
	Eco. Reform	0	12.5	15	0
Weightage in marks		37.5	50	60	60

Governance	Accountability	25	25	10	15
	NGO, Pressure groups, bureaucracy	37.5	25	40	0
Weightage		62.5	50	50	15

IR	Neighbours	25	12.5	10	0
	Non-Neighbours & Diaspora	12.5	12.5	30	35
	Inst., Group and Agreements	12.5	25	10	15
Weightage in marks		50	50	50	50

**ANALYSIS OF GS II QUESTION PAPER
(MAINS-2018)**

1. In the light of recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission of India to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?

BEFORE PRE 2018 TEST 7, QUES. 5

Q. The recent allegations related to tampering of EVMs and other related developments have recast doubt on the capability of the Election Commission to conduct free and fair elections which are considered as basic tenet of democracy. Can use of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) would make election process more transparent?

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 5 TOPIC 1: RELIABILITY OF EVMS: WITH OR WITHOUT VVPAT

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 17 TOPIC 1: CREDIBILITY OF EVMS INTACT OR TAMPERED WITH?

2. Whether National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) can enforce the implementation of constitutional reservation for the Scheduled Castes in the religious minority institutions? Examine.

AFTER PRE MOCK TEST 2, QUES. 1

Q. The issues and problems of social and educational backwardness are going to be more effectively addressed by the National Commission for Backward Commission as it now enjoys equal status vis a vis the SC ST Commission. Examine.

3. **Under what circumstances can the Financial Emergency be proclaimed by the President of India? What consequences follow when such a declaration remains in force?**
4. **Why do you think the committees are considered to be useful for parliamentary work? Discuss, in this context, the role of the Estimates Committee.**

BEFORE PRE TEST 5, QUES. 19

Q. Differentiate the Parliamentary Standing Committees from that of the Cabinet Committees. Discuss their significance in the functioning of their respective organs.

5. **“The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has a very vital role to play.” Explain how this is reflected in the method and terms of his appointment as well as the range of powers he can exercise.**

BEFORE PRE TEST 6, QUES. 14

Q. “The CAG’s role is not to question the government’s mandate to formulate policies but to see if these policies are being implemented in right manner.” Critically Examine.

BEFORE PRE TEST 7, QUES. 15

Q. What do you understand by the term social audit? Why it has become popular? How it is different from CAG’s audit?

2015 ED 27 TOPIC 1: THE DEBATE ON MAKING CAG MORE ACCOUNTABLE

6. **“Policy contradictions among various competing sectors and stakeholders have resulted in inadequate ‘protection and prevention of degradation to environment.” Comment with relevant illustrations.**

BEFORE PRE 2018 TEST 8, QUES. 12

Q. Critically comment on the role of the National Green Tribunal in administering environmental justice. Is there any issue of accountability and over activism? Explain.

AFTER PRE 2018 TEST 5, QUES. 7

Q. “More than a Green Tribunal, India needs a separate regulatory body for effective regulation of environment and promotion of environment governance.” Argue the statement in the light of worsening conflicts between environment and development.

2018 ED 4 TOPIC 6: DELHI–MUMBAI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR: ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

2018 ED 16 TOPIC 7: ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX 2018: INDIA AT THE BOTTOM OF LIST

7. **Appropriate local community level healthcare intervention is a prerequisite to achieve 'Health for All' in India. Explain.**

BEFORE PRE TEST 8, QUES. 10

Q. "India cannot have "health for all" unless traditional health system is integrated with modern health system." Do you agree with the statement? Give justification to your view.

2018 ED 15 TOPIC 6: HEALTHCARE CRISIS IN INDIA: IS NHPS RIGHT WAY TO MOVE FORWARD?

2018 ED 27 TOPIC 1: THE SOCIAL GRADIENT TO HEALTH

8. **E governance in not only about utilization of the power of new technology, but also much about critical importance of the 'use value' of information. Explain.**

BEFORE PRE TEST 7, QUES. 3

Q. The success of e governance depends on bridging digital divide in the country. Elucidate.

AFTER PRE TEST 5, QUES. 1

Q. Discuss how 'Digital India' is transforming e governance challenges into opportunities?

2017 AFTER PRE ED 1 TOPIC 1: THE BIG DATA AND GOVERNANCE

2016 ED 14 TOPIC 5: TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICS

9. **"India's relations with Israel have, of late, acquired a depth and diversity, which cannot be rolled back." Discuss.**

AFTER PRE TEST 6, QUES. 16

Q. "India's policies towards Israel and Palestine are shifting from mere symbolism towards one driven by substantial outcomes". Discuss with examples.

2018 ED 10 TOPIC 6: INDIA-ISRAEL RELATIONS GATHERING MOMENTUM

2017 AFTER PRE ED 2 TOPIC 9: PM MODI VISIT TO ISRAEL

10. **A number of outside powers have entrenched themselves in Central Asia, which is a zone of interest to India. Discuss the implications, in this context, of India's joining the Ashgabat Agreement, 2018.**

2018 ED 22 TOPIC 8: SCO SUMMIT IN QINGDAO: INDIA'S PATH TO EURASIA

11. **Whether the Supreme Court Judgement (July 2018) can settle the political tussle between the Lt. Governor and elected government of Delhi? Examine.**

AFTER PRE TEST 4, QUES. 4

Q. "The office of Governor remains continuously a bone of contention between centre and states and therefore, its solution doesn't lie in merely laying down guidelines, but rather changing the design of the Constitution." Comment.

Note: In discussion, it was clearly mentioned by Sir that SC judgement would not be sufficient for the resolution of this tussle

12. How far do you agree with the view that tribunals curtail the jurisdiction of ordinary courts? In view of the above, discuss the constitutional validity and competency of the tribunals in India.

BEFORE PRE TEST 5, QUES.15

Q. The role of tribunals as quasi-judicial bodies has not been satisfactory. Examine.

BEFORE PRE TEST 6, QUES. 19

Q. Recently government has merged eight tribunals (quasi-judicial bodies) to rationalise their working. Discuss the need and impact of such reorganisation of tribunals.

2018 ED 7 TOPIC 5: MERGER OF TRIBUNALS: PANACEA TO MALFUNCTIONING?

2015 ED 14 TOPIC 13: COURT AND TRIBUNAL IN SYNC

13. Indian and USA are two large democracies. Examine the basic tenets on which the two political systems are based.

14. How is the Finance Commission of India constituted? What do you know about the terms of reference of the recently constituted Finance Commission? Discuss.

BEFORE PRE TEST 5, QUES. 2

Q. The road ahead for 15th Finance Commission is to strengthen cooperative federalism and improve the quality of public spending in the wake of coming of the GST regime in the union state fiscal relations. Discuss.

AFTER PRE TEST 4, QUES. 16

Q. It is not the methodology of the Finance Commission rather its term of reference which creates differences and conflict between union and states. Critically Examine.

2018 ED 6 TOPIC 2: 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION

2018 ED 22 TOPIC 6: THE NORTH SOUTH DIVIDE ON 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION

15. Assess the importance of the Panchayat system in India as a part of local government. Apart from government grants, what sources the Panchayats can look out for financing developmental projects?

2018 ED 24 TOPIC 1: EVALUATING THE PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS AT 25

16. Multiplicity of various commissions for the vulnerable sections of the society leads to problems of overlapping jurisdiction and duplication of functions. Is it better to merge all commissions into an umbrella Human Rights Commission? Argue your case.

AFTER PRE TEST 4, QUES. 9

Q. For achieving the objectives like equality and social justice in letter and spirit, is it imperative to constitute an Equal Opportunity Commission? Justify your view.

2015 ED 20 TOPIC 4: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LAW A MUST

Note: In discussion, it was specifically mentioned by Sir that in ultimate sense, all the commissions should be merged under one umbrella commission to improve effectiveness and efficiency

17. How far do you agree with the view that the focus on lack of availability of food as the main cause of hunger takes the attention away from ineffective human development policies in India?

BEFORE PRE TEST 6, QUES. 6

Q. Highlight the reasons for India's poor ranking in Global Hunger Index. Examine the recent steps taken by the government for improving its performance on this Index.

AFTER PRE TEST 6, QUES. 4

Q. India is improving on the Ease of Doing Business but not on the Global Hunger Index. Explain this paradox and discuss strategies to address the poor performance on the Hunger Index.

2018 ED 3 TOPIC 3: GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX 2017

18. The Citizen's Charter is an ideal instrument of organisational transparency and accountability, but it has its own limitations. Identify the limitations and suggest measures for greater effectiveness of the Citizen's Charters.

BEFORE PRE TEST 7, QUES. 7

Q. "Citizen's charter aims for citizen friendly administration." In the light of this statement, discuss the hindrances in achieving such aim.

AFTER PRE TEST 5, QUES.10

Q. "The aim of citizen's charter is to establish citizen friendly government that remains more an ideal than a reality." Argue.

19. What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive in the present context of 'Trade War', especially keeping in mind the interest of India?

BEFORE PRE TEST 8, QUES. 19

Q. The WTO's Doha Development deadlock threatens to end globalisation. Give your argument.

2018 ED 6 TOPIC 5: WTO 11TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

2018 ED 18 TOPIC 7: THE GLOBAL TRADE WAR

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?

2018 ED 1 TOPIC 7: DECERTIFICATION OF THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL & ITS IMPLICATIONS

2018 ED 23 TOPIC 4: THE ISSUE OF IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

ANALYSIS GS PAPER III**MAINS 2018**

Year wise weightage → Category ↓	2015	2016	2017	2018
Economy & Infra.	62.5	75	60	50
Agriculture & Food Industry	50	50	50	60
Science-Tech, Environment & Disaster	75	75	90	90
Security	62.5	50	50	50
Total marks	250	250	250	250

Category	Subcategory	2015	2016	2017	2018
Economy & Infra.	Growth and Development	12.5	25	35	40
	Economic Reforms	12.5	12.5	15	10
	Budget	0	12.5	0	0
	Infra and Investment	37.5	25	10	0
Weightage in marks		62.5	75	60	50

Agriculture & Food Industry	Farming and livestock	12.5	12.5	10	0
	land reform	12.5	12.5	0	0
	cropping	0	12.5	30	15
	e-tech in aid	12.5	0	0	0
	MSP-PDS and other schemes	12.5	12.5	10	35
	Food Processing	0	0	0	10
Weightage in marks		50	50	50	60

Science-Tech, Environment & Disaster	Sci. Tech	37.5	37.5	35	30
	Contribution of Indians	0	0	0	10
	IPR	12.5	0	0	0
	Environment	12.5	12.5	40	35
	Disaster	12.5	25	15	15
Weightage in marks		75	75	90	90

Security	religious fundamentalism/Extremism	25	25	40	20
	Insurgency and Naxalism	12.5	0	0	0
	Border	0	12.5	0	0
	Cyber Security	25	12.5	10	15
	Money Laundering	0	0	0	15
Weightage in marks		62.5	50	50	50

**ANALYSIS OF GS III QUESTION PAPER
(MAINS-2018)**

Answer Q.1 to 10 in 150 words and 10 marks each:

- Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Comment on the progress made in India in this regard.**

AFTER PRE TEST 8, QUES. 14

Q. Discuss the difference between Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and Conventional Thermal power plants. How do UMPPs hold significance for India?

AFTER PRE 2017 ED 13 TOPIC 5: SAUBHAGYA SCHEME

AFTER PRE 2017 ED 13 TOPIC 15: DRAFT NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

- Comment on the important changes introduced in respect of the Long-term Capital Gains Tax (LCGT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) in the Union Budget for 2018-2019.**

BEFORE PRE, TEST OF MOCK GS3, QUES. 16

Q. The Government of India has decided to re-invoke the Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG) tax on equities. Analyse how it would impact the secondary market and overall economic prospects.

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 12 SPECIAL ISSUE: UNION BUDGET 2018-19

- What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low-income trap**

AFTER PRE, TEST 7, QUES. 11

Q. "To address farm distress the government should look beyond Minimum Support Price." In the light of the statement, discuss the suitable strategies for a permanent solution of farm distress.

BEFORE PRE, TEST OF MOCK GS3, QUES. 19

Q. The Government has promised a new variant of the minimum support price (MSP) that is 50 % higher than farmers' cost of production. Discuss the various challenges involved in its implementation.

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 11 TOPIC 7: THE STATE'S INITIATIVES FOR ADDRESSING AGRARIAN DISTRESS
BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 20 TOPIC 6: INDIAN AGRICULTURE: THE CRISIS IN THE CROP'S PRICES
AFTER PRE 2017 ED 2 TOPIC 12: THE ISSUE OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE
BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 20 TOPIC 13: WORKING OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES
BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 14 TOPIC 15: IS AGRICULTURE A BUSINESS?

4. **Examine the role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate number of intermediaries?**

AFTER PRE, TEST 7, QUES. 20

Q. Though there are many promising dynamics which support good growth of Food Processing Industry, there are still significant constraints which, if not addressed sooner, can impede the growth prospects of Indian economy in the globalized competitive environment. Analyse.

5. **Discuss the work of 'Bose-Einstein Statistics' done by Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose and show how it revolutionized the field of Physics.**

6. **What are the impediments in disposing the huge quantities of discarded solid wastes which are continuously being generated? How do we remove safely the toxic wastes that have been accumulating in our habitable environment?**

BEFORE PRE, TEST 8, QUES. 11

Q. What is environmental biotechnology? Discuss their role in management of electronic waste, urban solid waste & upliftment of rural economy.

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 19 TOPIC 10: INDIA'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROBLEM
AFTER PRE 2017 ED 6 TOPIC 12: BACK TO WASTE BASICS

7. **What is wetland? Explain the Ramsar concept of 'wise use' in the context of wetland conservation. Cite two examples of Ramsar sites from India**

AFTER PRE, TEST 8, QUES. 9

Q. The recently notified new rules for Wetland management 2017 have diluted the 2010 rules. Do you agree? Justify.

8. **Sikkim is the first 'Organic State' in India. What are the ecological and economical benefits of Organic State?**

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 16 TOPIC 6: TIME TO PUSH CREDIT FOR SMART FARMING
BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 20 TOPIC 13: WORKING OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES
BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 5 TOPIC 13: SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 10 TOPIC 10: THRUST ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL ECONOMY: IS IT A GAME CHANGER?

9. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is viewed as a cardinal subset of China's larger 'One Belt One Road' initiative. Give a brief description of CPEC and enumerate the reasons why India has distanced itself from the same.

**BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 18 TOPIC 9: SHOULD INDIA JOIN BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE?
BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 23 TOPIC 6: CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE FORUM**

10. Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is showing a downward trend, but still affects many parts of the country. Briefly explain the Government of India's approach to counter the challenges posed by LWE.

AFTER PRE, TEST OF MOCK GS3, QUES. 8

Q. "Urban Naxalism is a faceless but among the greatest internal security threats which demands a different counter-strategy measure." Comment.

Answer Q.11 to 20 in 250 words and 15 marks each:

11. How are the principles followed by the NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile Planning Commission in India?

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 30 TOPIC 4: THREE YEARS OF NITI AAYOG

12. How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India?

AFTER PRE 2018 TEST 7, QUES. 12

Q. Battle for macro-economic stability is never won. Do you agree? What are the major macro-economic vulnerabilities that India is presently facing? Discuss strategies to tackle them.

BEFORE PRE, MOCK GS3, QUES. 1

Q. "Global trade is engine of growth not war." In the light of this statement, analyze the role of protectionism is promoting trade war between nations.

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 18 TOPIC 7: THE GLOBAL TRADE WAR

13. Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?

14. How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption.

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 11 TOPIC 7: THE STATE'S INITIATIVES FOR ADDRESSING AGRARIAN DISTRESS

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 20 TOPIC 6: INDIAN AGRICULTURE: THE CRISIS IN THE CROP'S PRICES

AFTER PRE 2017 ED 2 TOPIC 12: THE ISSUE OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 16 TOPIC 6: TIME TO PUSH CREDIT FOR SMART FARMING

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 20 TOPIC 13: WORKING OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES

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BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 10 TOPIC 10: THRUST ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL ECONOMY: IS IT A GAME CHANGER?

BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 14 TOPIC 15: IS AGRICULTURE A BUSINESS?

15. **Why is there so much activity in the field of biotechnology in our country? How has this activity benefitted the field of biopharma?**

AFTER PRE, TEST 8, QUES. 16

Q. With India becoming the most populous country, biotechnology has enormous prospects to achieve food, fuel and fibre security. However, the development in this sector is far below its potential. Critically analyse the National Biotechnology Development Strategy (2015-20) and its scope in the development of knowledge based economy in India.

16. **With growing energy needs should India keep on expanding its nuclear energy programme? Discuss the facts and fears associated with nuclear energy.**

AFTER PRE 2017 ED 1 TOPIC 13: ENDING INDIA'S NUCLEAR DEPENDENCY

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17. **How does biodiversity vary in India? How is the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 helpful in conservation of flora and fauna?**

BEFORE PRE, TEST 10, QUES. 5

Q. Write an account on 'BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL'. Discuss its mandate and the significance of the work carried by it. How is it different from India's National Biodiversity Authority?

18. **Describe various measures taken in India for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) before and after signing 'Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-2030)'. How is this framework different from 'Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005'?**

AFTER PRE, TEST 8, QUES. 10

Q. What is Sendai framework for action? Discuss priority areas of this framework. How this framework has been implemented in India?

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 11 TOPIC 9 THIRD WORLD CONGRESS ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

AFTER PRE 2018 ED 30 TOPIC 10: ANALYSIS OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN INDIA

19. **Data security has assumed significant importance in the digitized world due to rising cyber-crimes. The Justice B. N. Srikrishna Committee Report addresses issues related to data security. What, in your view, are the strengths and weakness of the Report relating to protection of personal data in cyber space?**

AFTER PRE, TEST OF MOCK GS3, QUES. 1

Q. "The increased emphasis on "data localisation "will create a "splinternet" which is against 'one internet model'." in the light of the statement, discuss the possible implications of data localisation.

AFTER PRE, TEST OF MOCK GS3, QUES. 17

Q. The B.N. Sri krishna committee report on data protection gets impressive measure to tackle data outflow but fails to impose credible checks and balances on the state. Elaborate.

AFTER PRE, TEST OF MOCK GS3, QUES. 18

Q. According to Internet Security Threat Report, India emerged as third most vulnerable country in terms of risk of cyber threats. In the light of the statement, analyse the need for a new National Cyber Security Strategy.

BEFORE PRE 2018 ED 18 TOPIC 5: FACEBOOK DATA BREACH: ENSURING DIGITAL PRIVACY

AFTER PRE 2017 ED 1 TOPIC 1: THE BIG DATA AND GOVERNANCE

AFTER PRE 2017 ED 2 TOPIC 1: THE STATUS OF PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION IN INDIA

BEFORE PRE 2017 ED 14 TOPIC 13: AADHAAR AND CYBER SECURITY APPREHENSIONS

BEFORE PRE 2016 ED 15 TOPIC 7: CYBER SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA

20. India's proximity to two of the world's biggest illicit opium-growing states has enhanced her internal security concerns. Explain the linkages between drug trafficking and other illicit activities such as gunrunning, money laundering and human trafficking. What counter-measures should be taken to prevent the same?



ETHICS PAPER ANALYSIS MAIN EXAM 2018

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- ❖ Both theory and case study questions are not only as per pattern followed by LUKMAAN IAS but also questions are directly from our Class-Room Program, Test Series and 100 Case Study Session.
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Section A

Q1. a) State the three basic values, universal in nature, in the context of civil services and bring out their importance. (150 words) 10

BEFORE PRE (CSE 2017) PAPER 3 QUESTION NO 4 (A)

Discuss the significance of foundational values in civil services .In your views, which five values are most important and why?

(b) Distinguish between “Code of ethics” and “Code of conduct” with suitable examples. (150 words) 10

BEFORE PRE (CSE 2017) AND CSE 2018 PAPER 4 QUESTION NO 4 (B) AND 4A

Q. Comment on the relationship between code of conduct and code of ethics.

Q. Comment on the role of code of conduct and code of ethics in civil services .Are they helpful in establishing accountable civil service? Justify your view.

Q2. (a) What is mean by public interest? What are the principles and procedures to be followed by the civil servants in public interest? (150 words) 10

AFTER PRE-ETHICS TEST SERIES 2018 Q. N. 7

(Similar Theme)

Society has increasingly become money-driven and hence, commercialisation of even many social sectors such as education and health. Explain how this affects the **concept of public service**?

Q3.(a) What is mean by conflict of interest? Illustrate with examples, the difference between the actual and potential conflicts of interest. (150 words) 10

BEFORE PRE (CSE 2017) PAPER 2 QUESTION NO 1 (A) AND ETHICS TEST SERIES 2018 PAPER 4

Q. What is ‘conflict of interest’ for a civil servant? Explain with any recent developments.

- Q. 4. (b) With regard to the morality of actions, one view is that means is of paramount importance and the other view is that the ends justify the means. Which view do you think is more appropriate? Justify your answer. (150 words) 10**

TEST 3 ETHICS TEST SERIES CSE2018 Q. NO 1

Q. In your view, which is most appropriate way to determine human action as ethical :the quality of the action or the outcome of the action? Explain with suitable examples.

- Q.5. (b) Explain the process of resolving ethical dilemmas in Public Administration. (150 words) 10**

BEFORE PRE (CSE 2018) PAPER 2 ETHICS TEST SERIES Q NO. 8

Explain the concept of ethical dilemma with examples by taking into consideration a choice between law and conscience for a civil servant.

BEFORE PRE (CSE 2017) PAPER 2 QUESTION NO 2 (B)

Civil servants often face dilemma between merit on the one hand and obedience on the other .How such dilemma can be effectively tackled?

- 6.(b) “Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding.” – Mahatma Gandhi (150 words) 10**

AFTER PRE (CSE 2018) PAPER IV GS TEST SERIES TEST 10

(Similar Theme)

Unity, forgiveness and love should be the basis of preserving one’s culture as against protection and pride. Argue in the light of recent religious and social conflicts in our society.

Section B

Q.7- Rakesh is a responsible district level officer, who enjoys the trust of his higher officials. Knowing his honesty, the government entrusted him with the responsibility of identifying the beneficiaries under a health care scheme meant for senior citizens.

The criteria to be a beneficiary are the following:

- (a) 60 years of age or above.
- (b) Belonging to a reserved community.
- (c) Family income of less than 1 Lakh rupees per annum.
- (d) Post-treatment prognosis is likely to be high to make a positive difference to the quality of life of the beneficiary.

One day, an old couple visited Rakesh's office with their application. They have been the residents of a village in his district since their birth. The old man is diagnosed with a rare condition that causes obstruction in the large intestine. As a consequence, he has severe abdominal pain frequently that prevents him from doing any physical labour. The couple has no children to support them. The expert surgeon whom they contacted is willing to do the surgery without charging any fee. However, the couple will have to bear the cost of incidental charges, such as medicines, hospitalization, etc., to the tune of rupees one lakh. The couple fulfils all the criteria except criterion 'b'. However, any financial aid would certainly make a significant difference in their quality of life.

How should Rakesh respond to the situation? (250 words) 20

TEST 1 ETHICS TEST SERIES JUNE 2018

Mr A is a patient suffering from some incurable health problem .He gets badly injured which needs hospitalization .His treatment needs almost Rs1 crore which he and his family cannot manage although they can contribute few lakhs.Suppose you are the health secretary and they approach you for help. According to government policy, health secretary has power to provide help in such situation although the upper limit is Rs 10 lakh per patient .

In such situation, what are the options available to you .Discuss their merits and demerits and choose the best option, giving reasons .

Note: This case study has been part of our Case Study Session since 2013

Q.8. As a senior officer in the Ministry, you have access to important policy decisions and upcoming big announcements such as road constructions projects before they are notified in the public domain. The Ministry is about to announce a mega road project for which the drawings are already in place. Sufficient care was taken by the planners to make use of the government land with the minimum land acquisition from private parties. Compensation rate for private parties was also finalized as per government rules. Care was also taken to minimize deforestation. Once the project is announced, it is expected that there will be a huge spurt in real estate prices in and around that area. Meanwhile, the Minister concerned insists that you realign the road in such a way that it comes closer to his 20 acres farmhouse. He also suggests that he would facilitate the purchase of a big plot of land in your wife name at the prevailing rate which is very nominal, in and around the proposed mega road project. He also tries to convince you by saying that there is no harm in it as he is buying the land legally. He even promises to supplement your savings in case you do

not have sufficient funds to buy the land. However, by the act of realignment, a lot of agricultural lands has to be acquired, thereby causing a considerable financial burden on the government, and also the displacement of the farmers. As if this is not enough, it will involve cutting down of a large number of trees denuding the area of its green cover. Faced with this situation, what will you do? Critically examine various conflicts of interest and explain what your responsibilities are as a public servant.

We have this case study with exactly the same instruction.

BEFORE PRE (CSE 2017) PAPER 4 QUESTION NO 11 CASE STUDY

As a senior officer in the Ministry of Public Works Department you have access to important policy decisions and upcoming big announcements such as road construction projects before they are notified in the public. Your son is a land dealer and realtor. The Ministry is about to announce a mega road project. Once it is announced, the land price in the vicinity would see a steep hike. You have access to maps and know the dimensions of land to be acquired. Your son wants to know the complete details and he is insisting you about this. He wants to buy the land at present rates which is very cheap in and around the soon to be announced project. He is trying to convince you by saying that he would purchase land confidentially and there would be no problem in future for you. You are aware that the Minister has already shared this information with his children who are also into the land business. In fact, the minister has asked you to do the same so that your son also makes huge profits. He has tried to convince you by saying that his and your children are buying land legally and there is no harm in it. In this situation, what will you do? Critically examine various conflicts of interests at play in this case study and explain what are your responsibilities as a public servant.

Note: This case study has been part of our Case Study Session since 2016

Q.9. It is a State where prohibition is in force. You are recently appointed as the Superintendent of Police of a district notorious for illicit distillation of liquor. The illicit liquor leads to many deaths, reported and unreported, and causes a major problem for the district authorities.

The approach till now had been to view it as a law and order problem and tackle it accordingly, Raids, arrests, police cases, criminal trials — all these had only limited impact. The problem remains as serious as ever.

Your inspections show that the parts of the district where the distillation flourishes are economically, industrially and educationally backward. Agriculture is badly affected by poor irrigation facilities. Frequent clashes among communities gave boost to illicit distillation. No major initiatives had taken place in the past either from the government's side or from social organizations to improve the lot of the people.

Which new approach will you adopt to bring the problem under control? (250 words) 20

This type of case study has been discussed in the 100 Case Study Session when Bihar Government introduced liquor ban.

Q.10. A big corporate house is engaged in manufacturing industrial chemicals on a large scale. It proposes to set up an additional unit. Many states rejected its proposal due to the detrimental effect on the environment. But one state government acceded to the request and permitted the unit close to a city, brushing aside all opposition. The unit was set up 10 years ago and was in full swing till recently. The pollution caused by the industrial effluents was affecting the land, water and crops in the area. It was also causing serious health problems to human beings and animals. This gave rise to a series of agitation thousands of people took part, creating a law and order problem necessitating stern police action. Following the public outcry, the State government ordered the closure of the factory.

The closure of the factory resulted in the unemployment of not only those workers who were engaged in the factory but also those who were working in the ancillary units. It also very badly affected those industry which depended on the chemicals manufactured by it.

As a senior officer entrusted with the responsibility of handling this issue, how are you going to address it? (250 words) 20

MAINS TEST SERIES 2018 TEST 10 CASE STUDY 11

There is one locality which has been experiencing reports of cancer due to nearby dye factories. The findings are based on investigation by the premier investigating agency of the country. Due to the chemicals used by the factories, there is contamination of ground water, which in turn causing cancer to local people living in vicinity. After the findings, the factories have got court order for immediate closure. But, the local people livelihood also depends on such factories and therefore, even after the closure order, the factories are functioning and local people have not stopped going for work in such factories. They don't have nearby alternative livelihood and some of them don't want closure of such factories. Suppose you belong to the locality and you are aware of such development but you were not speaking due to lack of any strong basis for link between cancer and chemical used by the factories. Now what will be your response to effectively tackle the issues and challenges?

Q.11. Dr X is a leading medical practitioner in a city. He has set up a charitable trust through which he plans to establish a super-speciality hospital in the city to cater to the medical needs of all sections of the society. Incidentally, that part of the State had been neglected over the years. The proposed hospital would be a boon for the region.

You are heading the tax investigation agency of that region. During an inspection of the doctor's clinic, your officers have found out some major irregularities. A few of them are substantial which had resulted in considerable withholding of tax that should be paid by him now. The doctor is cooperative. He undertakes to pay the tax immediately.

However, there are certain other deficiencies in his tax compliance which are purely technical in nature. If these technical defaults are pursued by the agency, considerable time and energy of the doctor will be diverted to issues which are not so serious, urgent or even helpful to the tax collection process. Further, in all probability, it will hamper the prospects of the hospital coming up.

There are two options before you:

- 1) Taking a broader view, ensure substantial tax compliance and ignore defaults that are merely technical in nature.
- 2) Pursue the matter strictly and proceed on all fronts, whether substantial or merely technical.

As the head of the tax agency, which course of action will you opt and why? (250 words)

This case study matches our pattern of test series and case study session wherein, medical ethics related case study was expected question. In 100 case study session 2018, some questions were given specially based on recent medical ethics related case study.

Q.12. Edward Snowden, a computer expert and former CIA administrator, released confidential Government documents to the press about the existence of Government surveillance programmes. According to many legal experts and the US Government, his action violated the Espionage act of 1971, which identified the leak of State secret as an act of treason. Yet, despite the fact that he broke the law, Snowden argued that he had a moral obligation to act. He gave a justification for his “whistle blowing” by stating that he had a duty “to inform the public as to that which is done in there name and that which is done against them.”

According to Snowden, the Government’s violation of privacy had to be exposed regardless of legality since more substantive issues of social action and public morality were involved here. Many agreed with Snowden. Few argued that he broke the law and compromised national security, for which he should be held accountable.

Do you agree that Snowden’s actions were ethically justified even if legally prohibited? Why or why not? Make an argument by weighing the competing values in this case (250 words) 20

CASE STUDY 100 (100 CASE STUDIES BATCH 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

The Ethics of Whistleblowing Recent revelations about the extent and details of the massive NSA surveillance program have been made possible mostly by the actions of a single whistleblower, Edward Snowden, who made the US government shameful and frightening secrets public. Despite repeated denials by its officials, it is now evident that the NSA runs a data-collection and spying network which collects masses of data on the private communications of non-US citizens, and some private communications on US citizens. It does so without requirement for any individual warrants for its targets, and without requirement for any probable cause with respect to any of the individuals whose communications are collected. Instead, the entire program operates under a broad procedure-based warrant system, whereby a special clandestine court hears submissions from the government in secret and then dutifully approves general procedures for mass surveillance, without any adversarial argument being raised by any other party. The warrants allow mass surveillance and storage of data at the discretion of NSA analysts, and these warrants are clearly at odds with the principle of eschewing unreasonable searches. For supporters of the massive power apparatus of the US government, Snowden is a criminal, deserving of scorn and

imprisonment (or for some, just plain murder). To others such as myself he is an intrepid investigator who succeeded in exposing government wrongdoing where others had failed. But even to some of his supporters Snowden is a hero of the “law-breaking” variety — a man who “stole” government documents to expose the activities of its most corrupt and secretive agencies. Such a circumstance gives cause to stop and examine the basic assumptions of government claims to ownership of the secret information it collects. Implicit in the charge that documents have been “stolen” and that there has been “unauthorized disclosure” is the requirement that the documents and information in question are legitimately owned by the government, and that communication of their contents legitimately requires government authorization.

QUESTIONS

- a) How will you react on the conduct of Snowden, ethical or unethical?
- b) Whistleblowing should not be regarded as ethical. Comment.
- c) If one takes these obligations at face value then it would appear that whistleblowing must always be regarded as a breach of law, and possibly also a breach of ethics, at least insofar as it involves a breach of contract with the organization where the whistle blower is employed. Analyse.





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