



Day 12

Issues of National and Global Importance

Following issues have been at the forefront of the news headlines, and as UPSC always attempts to test the basics, a basic awareness is required. Some of these topics can point towards an important area of the static part of syllabus, and some topics would largely be covered in the Current Affairs. According to the trend observed, the facts, their contexts, basic background information can be asked by the UPSC from these topics.

Human Rights Issues

- [International Human Rights Day](#)
- [Giving More Tooth To Human Rights Commissions](#)
- [NHRC on Public's Rights](#)
- [National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#)
- [The relevance of UNHRC](#)
- [Protection of Human Right \(Amendment\) Bill, 2019](#)

Previous Year Questions on Human Rights Issues:

Q. Consider the following: (2011)

1. Right to education
2. Right to equal access to public service
3. Right to food.

Which of the above is/are Human Right/Human Rights under “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3**

Q. With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, consider the following: (2010)

1. The Right to Development
2. The Right to Expression
3. The Right to Recreation

Which of the above is/are the Rights of the child?

- (a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q. Amnesty International is (2015)

(a) an agency of the United Nations to help refugees of civil wars

(b) a global Human Rights Movement

(c) a non-governmental voluntary organization to help very poor people

(d) an inter-governmental agency to cater to medical emergencies in war-ravaged regions

Terrorism

- [The Big Picture - BRICS: Focus on Terrorism](#)
- [Terror Financing and Fake Indian Currency](#)
- [Gujarat Anti-Terror Bill](#)
- [At UNGA, India Calls for Early Adoption of CCIT](#)
- [The Financial Action Task Force](#)
- [FATF's Grey List](#)
- [ICRG Recommends Continuation of Pakistan in Grey List](#)

Covid-19

- [Covid-19 and Indian Federalism](#)
- [Comprehensive Action Plan For Covid-19](#)
- [Covid-19 and India](#)
- [Covid-19 and Globalization](#)
- [MSMEs and Covid-19](#)
- [Push for Probe into Covid-19 Origin](#)
- [A3i: Unique Trait in Covid-19 in India](#)
- [COVID-19 and Medical Solutions](#)
- [Globalisation & Covid-19](#)
- [Coronavirus Disease Named Covid-19](#)
- [Covid-19 and Lockdown](#)
- [Possibility of Covid-19 being Syndemic](#)
- [India, US to Collaborate on Covid-19 Vaccine Trials](#)
- [Education In Post-Covid Era](#)
- [Fight Against Covid-19](#)
- [Comparison of Measures Against Covid-19](#)
- [Mathematical and Simulation Aspects of Covid-19](#)
- [Animals and Covid-19](#)
- [Covid 19 and Economic Challenges Ahead](#)
- [Challenge Covid-19 Competition \(C3\)](#)
- [Social Recession due to Covid-19](#)
- [Covid-19 in States with High Swine Flu Rates](#)

Protectionism/Anti-globalization

- [Global Trade War: The Apology of Protectionism](#)
- [Boosting Economic Growth in a Protectionist World](#)
- [Trade War](#)
- [Is Globalization Dying?](#)
- [Covid-19 and Globalization](#)

- [The Big Picture: Localising Globalisation](#)
- [Covid-19 and Global Economic Disruption](#)

Climate Change Agreement by India

- [Climate Change and Development in India](#)
- [Challenges In Climate Change Negotiations](#)
- [Assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region: MoES](#)
- [Year End Review 2019: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change](#)
- [The Big Picture - Climate Change: Act Now](#)

Previous Year Questions on Climate Change Agreement

Q. Which of the following best describes/describe the aim of 'Green India Mission' of the Government of India? (2016)

1. Incorporating environmental benefits and costs into the Union and State Budgets thereby implementing the 'green accounting'.
2. Launching the second green revolution to enhance agricultural output so as to ensure food security to one and all in the future.
3. Restoring and enhancing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only**
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q. The scientific view is that the increase in global temperature should not exceed 2°C above pre industrial level. If the global temperature increases beyond 3°C above the pre-industrial level, what can be its possible impact/impacts on the world? (2014)

1. Terrestrial biosphere tends toward a net carbon source.
2. Widespread coral mortality will occur.
3. All the global wetlands will permanently disappear.
4. Cultivation of cereals will not be possible anywhere in the world.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only**
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q. "Momentum for Change: Climate Neutral Now" is an initiative launched by (2018)

- (a) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- (b) The UNEP Secretariat

(c) The UNFCCC Secretariat

(d) The World Meteorological Organisation

Q. With reference to 'Global Climate Change Alliance', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2017)

1. It is an initiative of the European Union.
2. It provides technical and financial support to targeted developing countries to integrate climate change into their development policies and budgets.
3. It is coordinated by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q. The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a UN mechanism to assist countries transition towards greener and more inclusive economies, emerged at: (2018)

(a) The Earth Summit on Sustainable Development 2002, Johannesburg.

(b) The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, Rio de Janeiro.

(c) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2015, Paris.

(d) The World Sustainable Development Summit 2016, New Delhi.

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