

Essay

- There will be three sections in the question paper of the Essay. Candidates will have to select one topic from each section and they are **required to write an essay in 700 words on each topic.**
- In the three sections, the topics of the essay will be based on the following spheres:

Section	Topics
Section A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Literature and Culture▪ Social Sphere▪ Political Sphere
Section B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Science, Environment, and Technology▪ Economic Sphere▪ Agriculture, Industry, and Trade
Section C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ National and International Events▪ Natural Calamities (e.g., Landslide, Earthquake, Deluge, Drought)▪ National Development Programmes and Projects

General Studies-I

Topic	Details
History of Indian Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature, and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
Modern Indian History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Covers significant events, personalities, and issues from A.D. 1757 to A.D. 1947.
The Freedom Struggle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Various stages and key contributions/contributors from different parts of the country.
Post-Independence History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consolidation and reorganization within India till 1965 A.D.
World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Events from the 18th century to mid-20th century, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ French Revolution (1789)◦ Industrial Revolution◦ World Wars◦ Redraw of national boundaries◦ Socialism, Nazism, Fascism, and their forms/effects on society
Indian Society and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Salient features of Indian Society and its cultural aspects.
Role of Women and Related Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Role of women in society▪ Women's organizations▪ Population and associated issues▪ Poverty and developmental challenges

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urbanization, its problems, and remedies
Economic Reforms and Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberalization, privatization, globalization (LPG) and their effects on economy, polity, and social structure.
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism, and secularism.
Natural Resource Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water, soils, and forests in South and South-East Asia, with a focus on India Factors affecting the location of industries in India.
Physical Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic activity, cyclones, ocean currents, winds, and glaciers.
Oceanic Resources of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential of India's oceanic resources.
Human Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee problems worldwide with a focus on India.
Indian Sub-Continental Boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frontiers and boundaries of the Indian sub-continent.
Population and Settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types and patterns of population settlements. Urbanization, Smart Cities, and Smart Villages.

General Studies-II

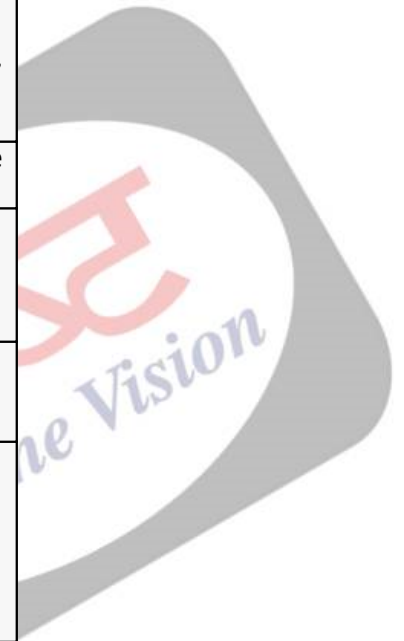
Topic	Details
Indian Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions, basic structure, Role of Supreme Court in the evolution of basic provisions.
Union and State Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functions and responsibilities, Issues in federal structure, devolution of powers and finances to local levels, and related challenges.
Finance Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role in Centre-State financial relations.
Separation of Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute redressal mechanisms, institutions, and the emergence and use of alternative dispute redressal mechanisms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparison of Constitutional Schemes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparison of Indian constitutional scheme with other major democratic countries.
Parliament and State Legislatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers and privileges, and related issues.
Executive and Judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure, organization, functioning, Ministries and Departments, Pressure groups, associations, and their role in polity, Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

Representation of People's Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salient features, appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions, and responsibilities.
Statutory, Regulatory, and Quasi-Judicial Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes NITI Aayog, its features, and its functioning.
Government Policies and Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For development in various sectors, issues arising from design and implementation, and Information Communication Technology (ICT).
Development Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of NGOs, Self Help Groups (SHGs), donors, charities, institutional stakeholders, and other groups.
Welfare Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections, their performance, mechanisms, laws, institutions, and bodies for their protection and betterment.
Social Sector/Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues relating to the development and management of health, education, and human resources.
Poverty and Hunger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues and implications on the body politic.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, citizen charters, and institutional measures.
Civil Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of Civil Services in a democracy, with reference to emerging trends.
India and Neighbouring Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ India's relationship with neighbouring countries.
Bilateral, Regional, and Global Groupings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
Global Policies and Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, including the Indian diaspora.
International Institutions and Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Important institutions, their structure, mandate, and functioning
Current Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional, national, and international events of importance.

General Studies-III

Topic	Details
Economic Planning in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objectives, achievements, role of NITI Aayog, and pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Poverty and Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues of poverty, unemployment, social justice, and inclusive growth.
Government Budgets and Financial System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Components and structure.

Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major crops, types of irrigation and systems, storage, transport, marketing of produce, and e-technology in the aid of farmers.
Farm Subsidies and Food Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct/indirect subsidies, minimum support prices, Public Distribution System (PDS): objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping, buffer stocks, food security, and technology missions in agriculture.
Food Processing Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope, significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, and supply chain management.
Land Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land reforms in India since independence.
Liberalization and Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effects on the economy, industrial policy changes, and their impact on industrial growth.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy, ports, roads, airports, railways, and related developments.
Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developments and applications in daily life and national security, India's policy, and achievements in science and technology.
Indigenization and Technology Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenization of technology, development of new technologies, dual/critical use technologies, and transfer of technology.
Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness of ICT, space technology, computers, energy resources, nano-technology, microbiology, biotechnology, IPR, and digital rights.
Environmental Security and Ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of wildlife, biodiversity, pollution and degradation, and environmental impact assessment.
Disaster Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster as a non-traditional security challenge, mitigation, and management.
International Security Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues of nuclear proliferation, extremism causes/spread,



	communication networks, role of media/social networking, cyber security basics, money laundering, and human trafficking.
India's Internal Security Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terrorism, corruption, insurgency, and organized crimes.
Security Forces and Defence Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role, type, mandate of security forces, and higher defense organizations in India.
Agriculture and Allied Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and animal husbandry.

General Studies-IV

Topic	Details
Ethics and Human Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Essence, determinants, and consequences of ethics in human action; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships. Lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers, and administrators. Role of family, society, and educational institutions in inculcating values.
Attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Content, structure, function, influence on thought and behavior; moral and political attitudes, social influence, and persuasion.
Aptitude and Foundational Values for Civil Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrity, impartiality, non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance, and compassion for weaker sections.
Emotional Intelligence (EI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept, dimensions, utility, and application in administration and governance.
Moral Thinkers and Philosophers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.
Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status, problems, ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations, and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening moral values in governance; ethical issues in

	international relations, funding, and corporate governance.
Probity in Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept of public service, philosophical basis of governance and probity, information sharing and transparency, Right to Information, codes of ethics, codes of conduct, citizen's charter, work culture, quality of service delivery, utilization of public funds, and challenges of corruption.
Case Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application of concepts to real-life ethical issues and dilemmas.

General Studies-V

Topic	Details
History, Civilization, Culture, and Ancient Cities of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of historical and cultural development, including ancient cities of Uttar Pradesh.
Architecture of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Significance, maintainability, museums, archives, and archaeology in Uttar Pradesh.
Freedom Struggles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contributions of UP in pre- and post-1857 freedom struggles of India.
Eminent Personalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eminent freedom fighters and personalities from Uttar Pradesh.
Rural, Urban, and Tribal Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social structure, festivals, fairs, music, folk dances, literature, languages/dialects, and social customs of Uttar Pradesh.
Political System of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance, Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, State Assembly, State Council, and Center-State relations.
Public Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Service Commission, auditing, Advocate General, High Court, and its jurisdiction in Uttar Pradesh.
State Selection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official language, Consolidated Fund, Contingency Fund, political parties, and State Election Commission of UP.
Local Self-Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Urban and Panchayati Raj systems, public policy, and rights-related issues in Uttar Pradesh.

	Pradesh.
Good Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eradication of corruption, Lokayukta, citizen charters, e-governance, Right to Information, and redressal policy in UP.
Land Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impact of land reforms in Uttar Pradesh.
Security Issues in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development-extremism linkage, role of external/state/interstate actors, cyber security, money laundering, security forces, organized crimes, and border security challenges.
Law and Order and Civil Defense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Management and issues related to law and civil defense in Uttar Pradesh.
Medical and Health Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health challenges and medical services in Uttar Pradesh.
Education System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview and issues related to the state education system in Uttar Pradesh.
Development Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contributions of Uttar Pradesh in the overall development of India.
Current Affairs of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional updates and recent developments in Uttar Pradesh.
Welfare Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation of Jal Shakti Mission and other central welfare schemes in Uttar Pradesh.
NGOs in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues, contributions, and impacts of NGOs in Uttar Pradesh.
Tourism in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues and prospects for tourism development in Uttar Pradesh.
Innovation in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emphasis on innovation across various fields, its impact on employment, and socio-economic development in the society.

General Studies-VI

Topic	Description
Overview of Economy of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main features of economy and State Budgets, Infrastructure, and importance of Physical Resources.
Trade, Commerce and Industries of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the trade and industrial sectors in Uttar Pradesh.
UP Government Schemes and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planned development for the

Projects	welfare of people, human resources, and skill development initiatives.
Investment in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues and their impact on the state's economy and development.
Public Finance and Fiscal Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tax and economic reforms, One District One Product Policy of the UP Government.
Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning and management of energy resources in Uttar Pradesh.
Demography and Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Population statistics and census details of Uttar Pradesh.
Agricultural Commercialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercialization of agriculture and production of agricultural crops in Uttar Pradesh.
UP New Forest Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Details and significance of Uttar Pradesh's updated forest policy.
Agro and Social Forestry in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiatives and their role in sustainable development.
Agricultural Diversity and Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges in agriculture and their solutions specific to Uttar Pradesh.
Developmental Indices of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key indices reflecting development in various fields in Uttar Pradesh.
Geography of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geographical location, relief and structure, climate, irrigation, minerals, drainage system, and vegetation of the state.
National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conservation and biodiversity hotspots within Uttar Pradesh.
Transport Network in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of Uttar Pradesh's transportation infrastructure.
Power Resources and Industrial Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State's energy infrastructure and industrial growth.
Pollution and Environmental Issues in UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pollution challenges, environmental issues, and the role of the Pollution Control Board.
Natural Resources of UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resources include soil, water, air, forests, grasslands, and wetlands in the state.
Climate Change and Weather Forecasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues related to climate change and advancements in weather prediction for Uttar Pradesh.
Habitat and Ecosystem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Structure, function, adjustment, flora, and fauna with reference to Uttar Pradesh.
Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues, advancements, and state-specific efforts in science



	and technology.
Aquaculture, Viticulture, Sericulture, Floriculture, Horticulture, Arboriculture in UP	▪ Their impact on the socioeconomic development of Uttar Pradesh.
Public-Private Partnership (PPP)	▪ Evolution and role of PPP in Uttar Pradesh's development.

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