

INDIAN SOCIETY
GENERAL STUDIES – I
PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS (MAINS)

1. Salient features of **Indian Society**, Diversity of India.
2. Role of women and **women's organization**, **population** and associated issues, **poverty** and developmental issues, **urbanization**, their problems and their remedies.
3. Effects of **globalization** on Indian society.
4. **Social empowerment**, communalism, regionalism & secularism.

PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

2019

1. What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss. **10**
2. "Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss. **10**
3. What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism? **10**
4. Do we have culture pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples, **15**
5. What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space? **15**
6. Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss. **15**

2018

1. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India". Comment. (Answer in 150 words) **10**
2. 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing.' Explain by giving reasons. (Answer in 150 words) **10**
3. How the Indian concept of secularism is different from the western model of secularism? Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) **1**

4. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success. (Answer in 250 words) **15**
5. 'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view. (Answer in 250 words) **15**
6. 'Globalization is generally said to promote cultural homogenization but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian Society.' Elucidate. (Answer in 250 words) **15**
7. 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations. (Answer in 250 words) **15**

2017

1. What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing **discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)**? **10**
2. The **spirit of tolerance and love** is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate. **15**
3. Distinguish between **religiousness/religiosity** and **communalism** giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. **15**

2016

1. To what extent **globalization** has influenced the core of **cultural diversity in India**? Explain. **12.5**
2. "An essential condition to eradicate **poverty** is to liberate the poor from the process of **deprivation**" substantiate this statement with suitable examples. **12.5**
3. Why are the tribals in India referred to as "**the Scheduled Tribes**"? Indicate the major **provisions** enshrined in the **constitution of India** for their **upliftment**. **12.5**
4. With a brief background of **quality of urban life in India**, introduce the objectives and strategy of the '**Smart City Programme**'.

5. What is the basis of **regionalism**? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer. 12.5

2015

1. Describe any four cultural elements of **diversity in India** and rate their relative significance in building a national identity. 12.5
2. Critically examine whether growing **population** is the cause of **poverty** OR poverty is the main cause of population increase in India. 12.5
3. How do you explain the statistics that show that the sex ratio in **Tribes in India** is more favourable to women than the sex ratio among Scheduled Castes? 12.5
4. Discuss the changes in the **trends of labour migration** within and outside India in the last four decades. 12.5
5. Discuss the **positive and negative effects of globalization** on **women** in India 12.5
6. Debate the issue of whether and how **contemporary movements** for assertion of **Dalit identity** work towards annihilation of **caste**. 12.5

2014

1. How does **patriarchy** impact the position of a **middle class working woman in India**?
2. Why do some of the most prosperous **regions of India** have an adverse **sex ratio for women**? Give your arguments.
3. The **life cycle of a joint family** depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss.
4. Discuss the various **economic and social cultural forces** that are driving increasing **feminization of agriculture in India**.
5. How do the Indian debates on **secularism** differ from the debates in the west?

2013

1. Discuss the various **social problems** which originated out of the speedy process of **urbanization in India**. (200 words) 10
2. "Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make **women's organization free from gender bias**." Comment (200 Words) 10

3. Critically examine the **effect of globalization** on the aged population in India.

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4. Growing feeling of **regionalism** is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate State. Discuss. (200 words)

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