

QUESTIONS REPEATED FROM KSCSA RESILIENCE MAINS TEST SERIES 2022

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 1 (GS1)

UPSC Qn11: The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS1 TEST 2, QUESTION 10: Do you think the formation of linguistic states have strengthened the cause of Indian unity? Discuss. (150 words - 10 marks)

UPSC Qn14: What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in the fishing industry of the world. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks.

KSCSA MAINS GS1 TEST 2, QUESTION 14: What are ocean currents? How does ocean currents influence the climatic conditions of the regions in which they flow? Elaborate with suitable examples. (250 words - 15 marks)

UPSC Qn17: Troposphere is a very significant atmosphere layer that determines weather processes. How? (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS1 TEST 2, QUESTION 16: Discuss the impact of human activity on the Atmosphere. Analyse the anthropogenic and natural causes for climate change. (250 words - 15 marks)

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 2 (GS2)

UPSC Qn1: The most significant achievement of modern law in India is the constitutionalizing of environmental problems by the Supreme Court. Discuss this statement with the help of relevant case laws. (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS2 TEST 1, QUESTION 4: "The supreme court while issuing the writs are praised as being peoples court". Critically discuss in light of recent happenings in the Supreme Court of India. (150 words) 10 marks

UPSC Qn9: 'India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka'. Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in light of the preceding statement. (Answer in 150 words) 10 mark

KSCSA MAINS GS2 TEST 1, QUESTION 18: 'Debt trap is no more a myth, It is a reality'. Critically evaluate the statement based on the recent developments in south Asia. Identify challenges put forth by the said policy against Indian interests in the region. (250 words)

KSCSA MAINS GS2 TEST 2, QUESTION 9: India needs to strengthen its bilateral relation with neighbouring island nations to ensure her maritime security. Critically evaluate the statement in the light of recent Chinese ship visit to Hambantota port? (250 words - 15 marks)

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UPSC Qn19: How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics? (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS2 TEST 2, QUESTION 8: What is I2U2. Evaluate the prospects of this grouping in international affairs and what are the advantages this grouping will bring to India? (150 words - 10 marks)

UPSC Qn20: 'Clean energy is the order of the day'. Describe briefly India's changing policy towards climate change in various international fora in the context of geopolitics. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks.

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 1, QUESTION 15: Glasgow summit (COP 26) has included many new initiatives and gives a potential for India to become a leader in climate governance. Discuss the relevance of COP26 in actually addressing the issues of climate change. (250 words) 15 marks

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 3 (GS3)

UPSC Qn3: What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent? (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 1, QUESTION 4: How and to what extent does the "One Nation -One Ration Card Scheme" help in ensuring food security in India? (150 words) 10 marks

UPSC Qn4: Elaborate the scope and significance of the food processing industry in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 1, QUESTION 14: Though food processing sector has the potential for high growth and high profit, it is vulnerable to upstream and downstream challenges. Critically analyse

UPSC Qn9: Discuss the types of organised crime. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels. (Answer in 150 words) 10 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 2, QUESTION 20: Discuss how emerging technologies and globalisation contribute to money laundering. Elaborate measures to tackle the problem of money laundering at both national and international levels. (250 words - 15 marks)

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UPSC Qn11: “Economic growth in the recent past has been led by increase in labour productivity”. Explain this statement. Suggest the growth pattern that will lead to creation of more jobs without compromising labour productivity. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 1, QUESTION 2: The nature of economic recovery in India after Covid-19 induced lockdown is often evaluated as fragile with unsustainable income. Do you agree with this view of jobless growth? Give arguments in favour of your answer (150 words) 10 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 2, QUESTION 12: “The recently released Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for the year 2020-21 provides some unique insights and trends in employment generation across India”. Examine the statement. (250 words – 15 marks)

UPSC Qn13: What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 1, QUESTION 14: Though food processing sector has the potential for high growth and high profit, it is vulnerable to upstream and downstream challenges. Critically analyse. (250 words) 15 marks (The same pattern repeated wrt upstream and downstream challenges)

UPSC Qn17: Discuss global warming and mention its effects on global climate. Explain the control measures to bring down the level of greenhouse gases which cause global warming, in the light of Kyoto Protocol, 1997. (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

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UPSC Qn.20: Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues and suggest a multi-layered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism (Answer in 250 words) 15 marks

KSCSA MAINS GS3 TEST 1, QUESTION 10: While incidents of Naxal violence in the country have dropped over the years, left-wing extremism is still prevalent in certain geographic regions in India. Discuss the reasons associated with prevalence of left-wing extremism in India. (150 words) 10 marks.

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 4 (GS4)

UPSC Qn.1.b: Apart from intellectual competency and moral qualities, empathy and compassion are some of the other vital attributes that facilitate the civil servants to be more competent in tackling the crucial issues or taking critical decisions. Explain with suitable illustrations. (Answer in 150 words)

KSCSA MAINS GS4 TEST 1, QUESTION 4. (b) : The uniqueness of a career in public services is that, it requires certain foundational values. Analyse. Do you think the current recruitment in most of the Indian public services stresses on aptitude rather than these values ?

UPSC Qn.4.a : What do you understand by term 'good governance'? How far recent initiatives in terms of e-Governance steps taken by the State have helped the beneficiaries? Discuss with suitable examples. (Answer in 150 words)

KSCSA MAINS GS2 TEST 1, QUESTION 6: "E-Governance is easy governance, effective governance, and also economic governance. E-Governance paves the way for good governance". Examine the statement with relevant examples. (150 words) 10 marks.

ETHICS CASE STUDIES

RESILIENCE TEST No.2, Question 3:

Q3. The incidences of begging at traffic signals are often seen on the streets of metro cities and even small towns in India. Those involved including children appear in very poor and helpless condition. Various surveys undertaken by NGOs suggests that there is a wide racket involved in forcing these children to work at traffic signals. There are also cases of human trafficking involved in these rackets. The government

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tries to shift them to orphan houses or residential schools but it is observe that they escape from these houses to only return to their earlier places.

Suppose you are the government officer having responsibility to relocate and rehabilitate such children in one of the cities, then

a) What courses of action will be taken by you to effectively relocate and rehabilitate these children?

b) Discuss long term measures to prevent the act of begging on the streets and pavements in cities. [Answer in 250 words, 20 marks]

UPSC 2022 SECTION B: Case study Question 7 [Similar line]:

Ramesh is State Civil Services Officer who got the opportunity of getting posted to the capital of a border State after rendering 20 years of service. Ramesh's mother has recently been detected cancer and has been admitted in the leading cancer hospital of the city. His two adolescent children have also got admission in one of the best public schools of the town. After settling down in his appointment as Director in the Home Department of the State, Ramesh got confidential report through intelligence sources that illegal migrants are infiltrating in the State from the neighbouring country. He decided to personally carry out surprise check of the border posts along with his Home Department team. To his surprise, he caught red-handed two families of 12 members infiltrated with the connivance of the security personnel at the border posts. On further inquiry and investigation, it was found that after the migrants from neighbouring country infiltrate, their documentation like Aadhaar Card, Ration Card and Voter Card are also forged and they are made to settle down in a particular area of the State. Ramesh prepared the detailed and comprehensive report and submitted to the Additional Secretary of the State. However, he has summoned by the Additional Home Secretary after a week and was instructed to withdraw the report. The Additional Home Secretary informed Ramesh that the report submitted by him has not been appreciated by the higher authorities. He further cautioned him that if he fails to withdraw the confidential ort, he will not only be posted out from the prestigious appointment from the State capital but his further promotion which is due in near future will also get in jeopardy.

(a) What are the options available to Ramesh as the Director of the Home Department of the bordering State?

(b) What option should Ramesh adopt and why?

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(c) Critically evaluate each of the options.

(d) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Ramesh?

(e) What policy measures would you suggest to combat the menace of infiltration of illegal migrants from the neighbouring country?

(Answer in 250 words) 20

RESILIENCE TEST No.2, Question 4:

Q4. It has been reported that 20 farm labourers have died because of spraying a particular pesticide in cotton fields in a state. Also, several thousands were admitted to hospitals with symptoms ranging from severe nausea, vomiting, acute abdominal pain, diarrhoea and blurred vision and even temporary loss of sight caused by passive, accidental inhalation of the chemicals. It is alleged that such incidents happen every year. The farmers are alleging that pesticides were spurious, but suppliers have put the blame on farmers for not taking precautions and protection measures. Suppose you are BDO, with magisterial power to take all measures including legal action against those responsible for ill effects of pesticides;

Discuss your course of action highlight the challenges in dealing effectively with the problems involved in this case. [Answer in 250 words, 20 marks]

UPSC 2022 SECTION B : Case study Question 12 [Similar line]

12. You are appointed as an officer heading the section in Environment Pollution Control Board to ensure compliance and its follow-up. In that region, there were large number of small and medium industries which had been granted clearance. You learnt that these industries provide employment to many migrant worker. Most of the industrial units have got environmental clearance certificate in their possession. The environmental clearance seeks to curb industries and projects that supposedly hamper environment and living species in the region, But in practice, most of these units remain to be polluting units in several ways like air, water and soil pollution. As such, local people encountered persistent health problems.

It was confirmed that majority of the industries were violating environmental compliance. You issued notice to all the industrial units to apply for fresh environmental clearance certificate from the competent authority. However, your action met with hostile response from a section of the industrial units, other vested interest persons and a section of the local politicians. The workers also became hostile to you as they felt that your action would lead to the closure of these industrial units,

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and the resultant unemployment will lead to insecurity uncertainty in their livelihood. Many owners of the industries approached you with the plea that you should not initiate harsh action as it would compel them their units, and cause huge financial loss, shortage of their products in the market. These would obviously add to the sufferings of the labourers and the consumers alike. The labour union also sent you representation requesting against the closure of the units. You simultaneously started receiving threats from unknown corners. You however received supports from some of your colleagues, who advised you to act freely to ensure environmental compliance. Local NGOs also came to your support and they demanded the closure of the polluting units immediately.

- (a) What are the options available to you under the given situation?
- (b) Critically examine the options listed by you.
- (c) What type of mechanism would you suggest to ensure environmental compliance?
- (d) What are the ethical dilemmas you faced in exercising your option?

(Answer in 250 words) 20

RESILIENCE TEST No.1, Question 1

Q1. Government has officially decided to construct a nuclear power plant in one district of a state. All the clearances have been done such as design, disaster profiling of the area, population which will be relocated etc. The location has been found very ideal for the plant. Since the location is in remote area which is sparsely populated, there are over 2000 people amongst the population which are going to be affected in relocation.

The locality has children, youths, adult men and women, aged farmers, local traders and businessmen. They have been living happily in that remote area and with their collective efforts largely, the village has been self-reliant. They are not against the plant or any developmental project, but they also do not want disruption in their lifestyle, social harmony, belongingness and emotional attachment, recreation, business and farming, which they have narrated to you on your visit to the area. Some of them have threatened that if this happens, they will commit suicide. Suppose you are a government officer and have been given with adequate power the task to successfully relocate them, then;

- (a) What will be your order of priority regarding the above stakeholders while exploring various options.
- (b) Evaluate the courses of action and choose the most appropriate one, giving reasons

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9. The Supreme Court has banned mining in the Aravalli Hills to stop degradation the forest cover and to maintain ecological balance. However, the stone mining to still prevalent in the border district of the affected State with connivance of certain corrupt forest officials and politicians. Young and dynamic SP who was recently posted in the affected district promised to himself to stop this menace. In one of his surprise checks with his team, he found loaded truck with stone trying to escape the mining area. He tried to stop the truck but the truck driver overrun the police officer, killing him on the spot and thereafter managed to flee. Police filed FIR but no breakthrough was achieved in the case for almost three months. Ashok who was the Investigative Journalist working with leading TV channel, suo moto started investigating the case. Within one month, Ashok got breakthrough by interacting with local people, stone mining masia and government officials. He prepared his investigative story and presented to the CMD of the TV channel. He exposed in his investigative report the complete nexus of stone mafia working with blessing of corrupt police and civil officials and politicians. The politician who was involved in the mafia was no one else but local MLA who was considered to be very close to the Chief Minister. After going through the investigative report, the CMD advised Ashok to drop the idea of making the story public through electronic media. He informed that the local MLA was not only the relative of the owner of the TV channel but also had unofficially 20 percent share in the channel. The CMD further informed Ashok that his further promotion and hike in pay will be taken care of in addition the soft loan of 10 lakhs which he has taken from the TV channel for his son's chronic disease will be suitably adjusted if he hands over the investigative report to him.

- (a) What are the options available with Ashok to cope up with the situation?
- (b) Critically evaluate/examine each of the options identified by Ashok.
- (c) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Ashok?
- (d) Which of the options, do you think, would be the most appropriate for Ashok to adopt and why?
- (e) In the above scenario, what type of training would you suggest for police officers posted to such districts where stone mining illegal activities are rampant? (Answer in 250 words) 20

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