



# Mains Notes for IAS and PCS

## GS-3 Economic Development

### Last year Question papers

1. How globalisation has led to the reduction of employment in the formal sector of the Indian economy? Is increased informalisation detrimental to the development of the country?  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
2. Women empowerment in India needs gender budgeting. What are the requirements and status of gender budgeting in the Indian context?  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
3. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is necessary for bringing unbanked to the institutional finance fold. Do you agree with this for financial inclusion of the poor section of the Indian society? Give arguments to justify your opinion.  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
4. What are 'Smart Cities'? Examine their relevance for urban development in India. Will it increase rural – urban differences? Give arguments for 'Smart Villages' in the light of PURA and RURBAN Mission.  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
5. Justify the need for FDI for the development of the Indian economy. Why there is gap between MOUs signed and actual FDIs? Suggest remedial steps to be taken for increasing actual FDIs in India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
6. Comment on the challenges for inclusive growth which include careless and useless manpower in the Indian context. Suggest measures to be taken for facing these challenges.  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
7. Discuss the role of land reforms in agricultural development. Identify the factors that were responsible for the success of land reforms in India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
8. Given the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to vagaries of nature, discuss the need for crop insurance and bring out the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).  
(Civil Services Examination 2016)
9. The nature of economic growth in India in recent times is often described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer.  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
10. In view of the declining average size of landholdings in India which has made agriculture non – viable for a majority of farmers, should contract farming and land leasing be promoted in agriculture? Critically evaluate the pros and cons.  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
11. How can the 'Digital India' programme help farmers to improve farm productivity and income? What steps has the government taken in this regard?  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
12. Livestock rearing has a big potential for providing non – farm employment and income in rural areas. Discuss suggesting suitable measures to promote this sector in India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
13. In what way could replacement of price subsidy with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss.  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
14. What are the impediments in marketing and supply chain management in developing the food processing industry in India? Can e – commerce help in overcoming these bottlenecks?  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
15. Craze for gold in Indians has led to a surge in import of gold in recent years and put pressure on balance of payments and external value of rupee. In view of this, examine the merits of the Gold Monetisation Scheme.  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)

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16. To what factors can the recent dramatic fall in equipment costs and tariff of solar energy be attributed? What implications does that trend have for the thermal power producers and the related industry?  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
17. There is a clear acknowledgement that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are a tool of industrial development, manufacturing and exports. Recognizing this potential, the whole instrumentality of SEZs requires augmentation. Discuss the issues plaguing the success of SEZs with respect to taxation, governing laws and administration.  
(Civil Services Examination 2015)
18. Explain how private public partnership agreements, in long gestation infrastructure projects, can transfer unsustainable liabilities to the future. What arrangements need to be put in place to ensure that successive generations capacities are not compromised?  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
19. National Urban Transport Policy emphasizes on 'moving people' instead of moving vehicles. Discuss critically the success of the various strategies of the government in this regard.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
20. Normally countries shift from agriculture to industry and then later to services, but India shifted directly from agriculture to services. What are the reasons for the huge growth of services vis – a – vis industry in the country? Can India become a developed country without a strong industrial base?  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
21. While we flaunt India's demographic dividend, we ignore the dropping rates of employability. What are we missing while doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
22. There is also a point of view that Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) set up under the State Acts have not only impeded the development of agriculture, but also have been the cause of food inflation in India. Critically examine.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
23. "In the villages itself no form of credit organisation will be suitable except the cooperative society". – All India Rural Credit Survey. Discuss this statement in the background of agriculture finance in India. What constraints and challenges do financial institutions supplying agricultural finance face? How can technology be used to better reach and serve rural clients?  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
24. Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
25. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the defence sector is now set to be liberalized. What influence this is expected to have on Indian defence and economy in the short and long – run?  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
26. Though 100% FDI is already allowed in non – news media like a trade publication and general entertainment channel, the government is mulling over the proposal for increased FDI in news media for quite some time. What difference would an increase in FDI make? Critically evaluate the pros and cons.  
(Civil Services Examination 2014)
27. What were the reasons for the introduction of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003? Discuss critically its salient features and their effectiveness?  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
28. Food Security Bill is expected to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in India. Critically discuss various apprehensions in its effective implementation along with concerns it has generated in WTO.  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)
29. Write a note on India's Green Energy Corridor to alleviate the problem conventional energy.  
(Civil Services Examination 2013)



30. With a consideration towards the strategy of inclusive growth, the new Companies Bill, 2013 has indirectly made CSR a mandatory obligation. Discuss the challenges expected in its implementation in right earnest. Also discuss other provisions of the Bill and their implications.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

31. What is the meaning of the term 'tax expenditure'? Taking housing sector as an example, discuss how it influences the budgetary policies of the government?

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

32. What are the different types of agricultural subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by it.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

33. India needs to strengthen measures to promote Pink Revolution in food industry for ensuring better nutrition and health. Critically elucidate the statement.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

34. Examine the impact of liberalisation on companies owned by Indians. Are they competing with MNCs satisfactorily? Discuss.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

35. Establish relationship between land reforms, agriculture productivity and elimination of poverty in the Indian economy. Discuss the difficulties in designing and implementation of agriculture friendly land reforms in India.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

36. Discuss the impact of FDI entry into multi – trade retail sector on supply chain management in commodity trade pattern of the economy.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

37. Though Indian allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in what is called multi – brand retail through the joint venture route in September 2012, the FDI, even after a year, has not picked up. Discuss the reasons.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

38. Discuss the rationale for introducing Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India. Bring out critically the reasons for the delay in roll out for its regime.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

39. Adoption of PPP model for infrastructure development of the country has not been free of criticism. Critically discuss pros and cons of the model.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

40. What do you understand by term 'innovation'? Discuss the need for launching a national innovation policy in India.

**(Civil Services Examination 2013)**

41. Discuss the likely negative impact of the protectionist measures proposed by the US on India's software industry.

**(Civil Services Examination 2012)**

42. Why is international trade perceived to have failed to act as an "engine of growth" in many developing countries including India?

**(Civil Services Examination 2012)**

43. Keeping in view the informal sector's share in the total workforce of the country, critically examine the relevant inclusive measures initiated by the Government of India and their effectiveness.

**(Civil Services Examination 2012)**

44. "Domestic Resource Mobilisation, though central to the process of Indian economic growth, is characterised by several constraints." Explain.

**(Civil Services Examination 2012)**

45. Given the accelerated pace of development and demand for energy, would you consider renewable energy as a viable option for India's future?

**(Civil Services Examination 2012)**

46. Why the Central Statistical Office has notified a new series of Consumer Price Index from the year 2010?

**(Civil Services Examination 2011)**

47. Comment on salient recommendations of the RBI – appointed Damodaran Committee on customer service in banks.

**(Civil Services Examination 2011)**

48. Comment on new initiatives during the 11th Five Year Plan in the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

**(Civil Services Examination 2011)**

49. Comment on benefits and potential drawbacks of 'cash transfers' to below poverty line households.

**(Civil Services Examination 2011)**



50. Evaluate India's approach towards meeting the country's growing energy demands. Compare the success of this approach with that of another Asian giants which have perhaps the fastest growing energy demands. **(Civil Services Examination 2010)**
51. What is 'Round Tripping' in the context of FDI inflow and why has it been in the news recently in case of India? **(Civil Services Examination 2010)**
52. Have the Uruguay Round Negotiations and the resultant Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement helped in resolving trade conflicts arising out of variations in different nations IPR regimes? Also list the steps taken by India to conform to TRIPS. **(Civil Services Examination 2010)**
53. Bring the FDI and employment implications of China being a manufacturing hub and India a service hub. **(Civil Services Examination 2010)**
54. The lesson of the current global financial crisis is that, India should halt and may be even reverse financial liberalization? **(Civil Services Examination 2009)**
55. "Foreign investment is far being critical to India's economic growth". **(Civil Services Examination 2009)**
56. Does India need the World Bank? **(Civil Services Examination 2009)**
57. "In the WTO negotiations over the years of the DOHA round, India appears to be diluting its stand on agriculture issues to pursue perceived gains in services." Critically examine this statement. **(Civil Services Examination 2009)**
58. Explain Current Account Balance. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
59. Free Trade Area. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
60. Explain Non Tariff Trade Barriers. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
61. Assistance to the States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme. Explain. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
62. Assess the performance of India in attracting Foreign Direct Investment? **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
63. Convertibility of Indian rupee. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
64. Discuss India's stand on agricultural issues in WTO's Ministerial Conferences since Doha round. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
65. Define NAMA. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
66. Define Special Drawing Rights (SDR). **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
67. India on Global Competitiveness Index 2007. **(Civil Services Examination 2008)**
68. Explain Mega Food Park Scheme of Government of India. **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
69. Bring out the main objectives of Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana. The scheme is being implemented by which agency? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
70. What is Engel's Law? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
71. What is Countervailing Duty? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
72. What is venture capital? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
73. Comment on the relationship between credit availability and agricultural growth in India? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
74. Explain the term balance on current account. **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
75. What is budget deficit? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
76. What is stagflation? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
77. What is Hot Money? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
78. Meaning of CCIL. **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
79. What is Cheap Money? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
80. What is Administered Price? **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**
81. What is Dumping? Evaluate the remedial measures taken by Government of India vis a vis WTO provisions regarding dumping. **(Civil Services Examination 2007)**

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| 82. Explain the term Merit Goods?   | (Civil Services Examination 2007)    |
| 83. What is the meaning and aim of Social Forestry, what are the main weaknesses noticed in Social Forestry Programme?                                    | (Civil Services Examination 2007)    |
| 84. Explain the concept of Trickle Down Theory?   | (Civil Services Examination 2007,01) |
| 85. What is Consolidated Fund?  | (Civil Services Examination 2007)    |
| 86. Meaning of Capital Output Ratio.  | (Civil Services Examination 2007)    |
| 87. What is Off Shore Currency Market?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 88. What is Forward Currency Market?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 89. What is Hundi?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 90. What is Laffer Curve?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 91. What are Nifty and the Nifty Junior?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 92. What is rolling settlement?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 93. What is Agri – Trade?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 94. What are the non – factor services in India's balance of payments?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 95. What is the main difference between free trade and common market?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 96. What is twin deficit?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 97. Discuss the role of public sector during the post reform period of Indian economy?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 98. What is Philips Curve?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 99. Describe the main source of Industrial Finance in India. How could India be benefitted from recent development in International Finance?              | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 100. What is disguised unemployment?  | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 101. What is the difference between Green Box subsidies and Blue Box subsidies?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 102. Discuss the importance of World Trade Organisation (WTO) to Indian economy in the light of various opportunities and challenges at the global level. | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 103. What are Euro bonds?   | (Civil Services Examination 2006)    |
| 104. What is the energy independence? Discuss how India can be transformed into an 'Energy – independent Nation'?   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 105. Second Green Revolution.   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 106. What is the role of external financial assistance in Indian economy?   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 107. What is green GDP?   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 108. The notion of development of under – development.  | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 109. What is cost push inflation.   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 110. What is Gandhian Economy?  | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 111. What are the reasons for industrial sickness in India? Suggest suitable remedies?  | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 112. What were the terms of references of the Abid Hussain Committee?   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 113. What is structural unemployment?   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 114. Explain Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Yojana.   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 115. What is IFC?   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 116. Crude oil price and Indian Economy.  | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |
| 117. MFN status to India by Pakistan.   | (Civil Services Examination 2005)    |

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118. Examine the functions of the European Free Trade Association.  
(Civil Services Examination 2005)
119. What is Enterprise Resource Planning?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
120. What is the main objective of Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
121. What is Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT)?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
122. What has been the policy of agricultural development during last two decades in India?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
123. What ails India's road transport economy? Suggest measures of remedy.  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
124. How is Human Development Index for life expectancy measured?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
125. Examine the effect of economic development on environmental degradation in India?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
126. What is deficit financing?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
127. Describe the recommendations of Narsimhan Committee regarding the banking sector in India?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
128. What is Cash Reserve Ratio?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004, 1999)
129. What does 'Priority Sector Lending' mean?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
130. What are the objectives of Twelfth Finance Commission?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
131. Distinguish between primary sector, secondary sector and tertiary sector. What is the change in the share of each sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during period of 1950 – 2000?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
132. Explain the necessity and role of controls in a mixed economy like India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
133. State the comprehensive structural reforms undertaken to improve the Indian economy since, 1991.  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
134. What is 'social justice' in the context of Indian economy?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
135. How is poverty level measured? Evaluate poverty eradication programmes in India?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
136. Elucidate Special Drawing Rights.  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
137. What are the major provisions of agreements on agriculture in the context of World Trade Organisation?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
138. What is Business Process Outsourcing?  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
139. Write brief note on OPEC.  
(Civil Services Examination 2004)
140. Why was Janashree Bima Yojana introduced?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
141. What were the major recommendations of the task force on direct taxes appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri Vijay L Kelkar?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
142. Highlight the main features of the policy relating to buy back of shares.  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
143. When was the idea of Agriculture Insurance Corporation mooted?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
144. Why did India have a surplus in current account balance in 2001 – 02 after a gap of 24 years?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
145. Name the two agencies that have helped to promote Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
146. What are the main objectives of the Competition Act, 2002?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)



147. What is the main thrust of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
148. Explain the essential features of different rate of interest scheme.  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
149. What is a Finance Commission?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
150. Write a note on the strategy of planning in India since, 1951? (Civil Services Examination 2003)
151. What are the 3 major items of expenditure of the Government of India on revenue account?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
152. What is Plan Holiday?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
153. Outline the important objectives of the Tenth Five Year Plan? (Civil Services Examination 2003)
154. What is the policy of the government with respect to child labour?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
155. Explain the objectives of National Health Policy, 2002. (Civil Services Examination 2003)
156. What are the main objectives of the 'Operation Blackboard' scheme?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
157. What are the essential features of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
158. What is Euro – control?  
(Civil Services Examination 2003)
159. Distinguish between ad – valorem tax and specific duties. (Civil Services Examination 2002)
160. What is the role of SEBI?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
161. What are 'Minimum Support Prices' in agricultural products? What are their objectives?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
162. What is meant by Most Favoured Nation Policy?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
163. What is peak rate of custom duty? What are its objectives in India?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
164. Elucidate 'Special Economic Zone'.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
165. Explain the provision of OGL.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
166. What is dumping? What is its objectives?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
167. The main thrust of Export – Import Policy 2002 – 07 is on creating a framework for enhancing India's export capability. In the light of this statement outline the salient feature of EXIM Policy 2002 – 07.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
168. Define zero – based budget.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
169. The Union Budget 2002 – 03 recommended some services to be taxed. Name any four of these services.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
170. Define fiscal deficit.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
171. Outline the main objectives and achievements of the policy of disinvestment in India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
172. What do you understand by capital convertibility of rupee? (Civil Services Examination 2002)
173. Explain RBI's automatic route in FDI's.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
174. Highlight salient features of 'National Highway Development Project'  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
175. What do you mean by providing industry status to agriculture in India?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
176. Outline the main targets fixed in the National Population Policy 2000. What have been the follow up measures to this policy?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
177. With what objectives was Annapurna scheme launched? (Civil Services Examination 2002)
178. Elucidate 'Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana'.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)



179. Define Sex ratio in the population of India. What is its present status?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
180. With what objectives was 'Essential Commodities Act, 1955' amended last year?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
181. Write brief note on MIGA.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
182. Write brief note on 'What do you mean by Uni – Polar World'? (Civil Services Examination 2002)
183. Write brief note on 'What do you mean by North – South dialogue'?  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
184. Write brief note on UNIDO.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
185. Write brief note on WIPO.  
(Civil Services Examination 2002)
186. Write notes on Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
187. Illustrate Lorenz Curve.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
188. Indian economy presents a paradox of high saving rate with low income and high saving rates with low growth rate. Analyse.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
189. Expand the term 'NASDAQ'?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
190. What do you understand by 'Current Account Convertibility of Rupee'?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
191. What is the CRISIL? What does it do?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
192. Elucidate 'Operation Flood'.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
193. What is 'Misery Index'?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
194. What is green GNP?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
195. What are the hurdles faced by the Finance Minister of India into lower the fiscal deficit below 3 – 4% of the GDP? Suggest steps to lower the fiscal deficit.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
196. Distinguish between a "Human Development Index and Gender related Development Index".  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
197. Liberalisation of Indian economy since, 1991 has led to excessive consumerism and over production 'of white goods'. Elucidate.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
198. Differentiate between 'galloping inflation' and 'run away inflation'.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
199. Distinguish between a 'hard currency' and a 'soft currency'.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
200. Explain rolling plan.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
201. What is the incidence of poverty in India? How should poverty alleviation programmes be constructed?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
202. Control over growth of population in India is an essential condition for the country's rapid economic development. Discuss.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001, 2000)
203. What is meant by 'couple protection ratio'?  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
204. Write brief note on UNCIP.  
(Civil Services Examination 2001)
205. Explain the per capita income as a measurement of economic growth.  
(Civil Services Examination 2000, 1998)
206. Write a note on MODVAT scheme of 1986?  
(Civil Services Examination 2000)
207. What is ICOR (Incremental Capital Output Ratio)?  
(Civil Services Examination 2000)
208. What do you mean by revenue deficit in Central Government budget?  
(Civil Services Examination 2000)
209. What are the objectives of New Economic Policy of the Government of India.  
(Civil Services Examination 2000)



210. Discuss the nature and the causes of the UTI crisis with particular references to US – 64. How does this UTI fiasco – affect the investment climate in India? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
211. What are the main objectives of NABARD? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
212. What do you know about Eleventh Finance Commission? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
213. What are the main objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan of the Government of India? **(Civil Services Examination 2000, 1997)**
214. India is rapidly emerging as an Information Technology superpower. Discuss some aspects of the growth of this sector in the Indian economy. What role can public play in further enhancing growth prospects in this sector? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
215. What is the Rationale for Mid Day Meal Scheme? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
216. What do you mean by ‘Parallel Economy’? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
217. Discuss the reasons for the failure of the Seattle millennium talks on the WTO. Discuss some implications of this failure of the Indian economy. **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
218. Write a note on Rao – Manmohan model of development? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
219. What has been the impact of the recent economic reforms programmes on the incidence of poverty in India? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
220. What is (Revised) Targeted Public Distribution System? What are its main features? **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
221. Discuss the economic effects of Black Economy (parallel economy) in Indian economy. **(Civil Services Examination 2000)**
222. Discuss the role of modern technological inputs on agricultural development in India. How would it be helpful for food security during 21st century? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
223. When and why was SEBI established? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
224. What is Tobin Tax? What are its main features? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
225. How is Revenue deficit different from Budgetary deficit? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
226. What is SIDBI? What are its function? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
227. What is new in India’s New Industrial Policy in 1991? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
228. What is Multilateral Agreement on Investment? How will it affect the economy of a developing country like India? **(Civil Services Examination 1999)**
229. What is the difference between Gross National Product (GNP) and Net National Product (NNP)? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
230. What is meant by Mutual Fund? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
231. What constitutes a Minor Irrigation Project? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
232. What is meant by ‘Quality of life’? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
233. “Infrastructure bottlenecks continue to stifle the economic growth in India”. Comment. **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
234. Comment on the view that monetary policy in India is used more as a stabilisation device rather than as a development tool. **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
235. “The past 50 years of development in India were characterised by planning but the next 50 years of development would be led by the market”. Comment. **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
236. What are the main reasons for industrial sickness in India? How can it be overcome? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
237. How is absolute poverty line measured? What are the important measures taken by the government to eradicate the rural poverty in India? **(Civil Services Examination 1998)**
238. Describe the use of ‘Command Area Development’ in India. **(Civil Services Examination 1997)**
239. Give your assessment on land reforms in India. **(Civil Services Examination 1997)**



240. Discuss the steps taken by the government in recent years to control inflation.  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
241. Discuss the advantage of alternative scheme of devolution suggested by Tenth Finance Commission of India?  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
242. Examine the important changes in India's Industrial Policy since the year 1991.  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
243. What are the objectives of social security?  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
244. How has the census (1991) defined the urban areas?  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
245. '20th century was century of Oil, 21st century would be the century of Natural gas'. Comment.  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
246. What are the objectives of Social Forestry?  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)
247. Define Dow Jones.  
(Civil Services Examination 1997)