

UPSC MAINS – 2017

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER – 1 QUESTION PAPER TREND ANALYSIS

Q.No.	Question	Syllabus Topic	Source	Analysis
1	How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times? (150 words)	Indian Culture - Art Forms	http://mrunal.org/2013/10/old-ncert-ancient-india-sources-of-history-paleography-epigraphy-numismatics-archeology.html#854 http://www.thehindu.com/entertainment/art/Minting-history/article17284166.ece	Numismatics is the study or collection of currency, including coins, tokens, paper money, and related objects
2	Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the specter of a fragmented polity. (150 words)	Modern Indian History From About The Middle Of The Eighteenth Century Until the Present - issues		
3	Why did the 'Moderates' failed to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century? (150 words)	The Freedom Struggle - its various Stages		
4	What problems are germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula? (150 words)	History Of The World - Decolonisation		

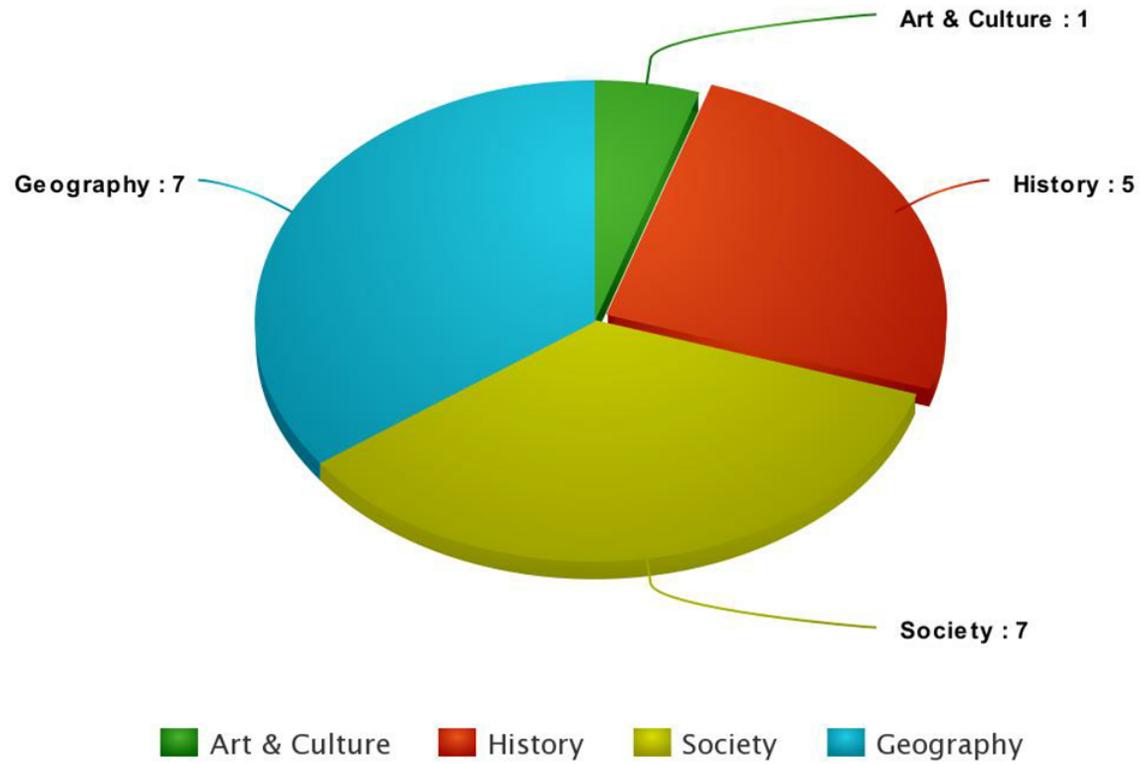
5	How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth? (150 words)	Important Geophysical Phenomena- effects of such changes	http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/juno-to-remain-in-current-orbit-around-jupiter-nasa/article17335489.ece https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/juno/overview/index.html https://www.missionjuno.swri.edu/origin/	Juno mission in news for quite long period of time, ample coverage through The Hindu's frequent News
6	"In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss (150 words)	Distribution of key natural resources across the world	http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/coal-is-still-the-secret-of-our-energy/article19781521.ece http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/coal-fired-projections/article19798909.ece	coal block allocation case in news coverage
7	Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulses because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by United Nations. (150 words)	Poverty and developmental issues	http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pulses-prices-crashed-production-government-policy-4837585/ http://www.fao.org/pulses-2016/about/en/	The year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by United Nations

8	How does the cryosphere affect global climate? (150 words)	Changes in critical geographical features	http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/A-station-in-Himalayas-to-study-climate-change/article14404854.ece	<p>The cryosphere is those portions of Earth's surface where water is in solid form, including sea ice, lake ice, river ice, snow cover, glaciers, ice caps, ice sheets, and frozen ground</p> <p>A station in himalayas was established to study the climate changes related to cryosphere</p>
9	In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your view point. (150 words)	Regionalism		
10	What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)? (150 words) (250 words)	Social empowerment	http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/Not-just-about-a-quota/article16974287.ece	Recent news related to caste discrimination and violence in college/university campuses, lack of tolerance.
11	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. (250 words)	Secularism		
12	Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (250 words)	Modern Indian History		

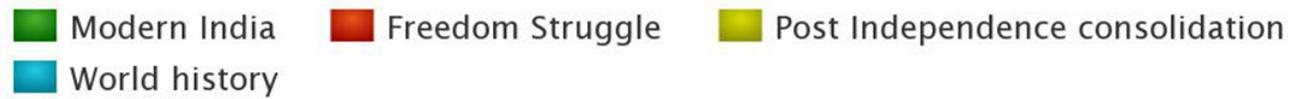
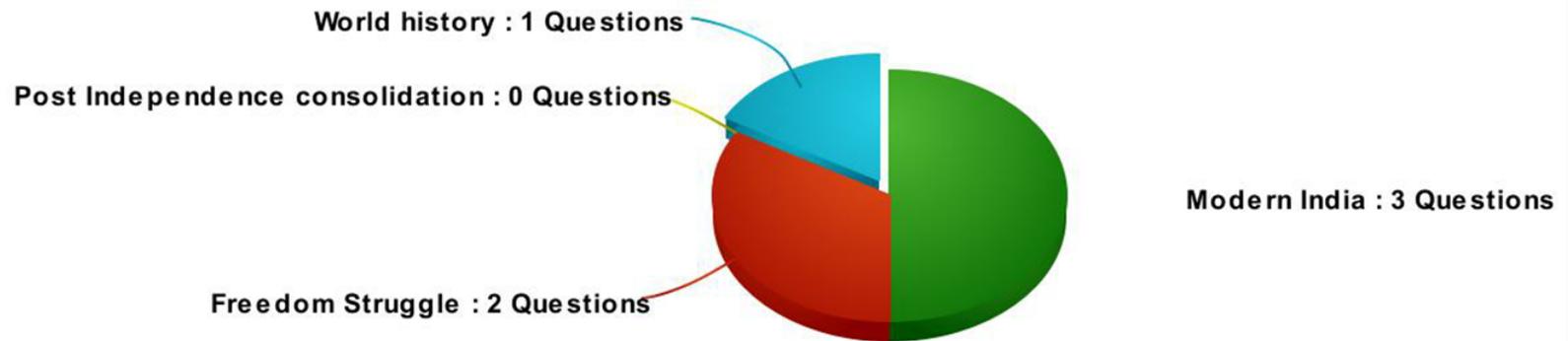
13	Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century. (250 words)	Freedom Struggle		
14	Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects. (250 words)	Geographical Features - Water Bodies	Certificate physical Geography book - Goh- Che Leong (Oceans)	
15	Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. (250 words)	Location of Industries	NCERT	
16	In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and allweather inland navigation in India? (250 words)	Important Geophysical Phenomena	NDMA	
17	What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia? (250 words)	Important Geophysical Phenomena	NDMA	

18	The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?(250 words)	Women & Womens Organisation	http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/technology/internet/Google-doodle-pays-tribute-to-social-reformer-Savitribai-Phule/article16982122.ece	Google doodle paid tribute to social reformer Savitribai Phule
19	Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (250 words)	Communalism		
20	The growth of cities as I.T. hubs has opened up new avenues of employment, but has also created new problems". Substantiate this statement with examples (250 words)	Globalisation		

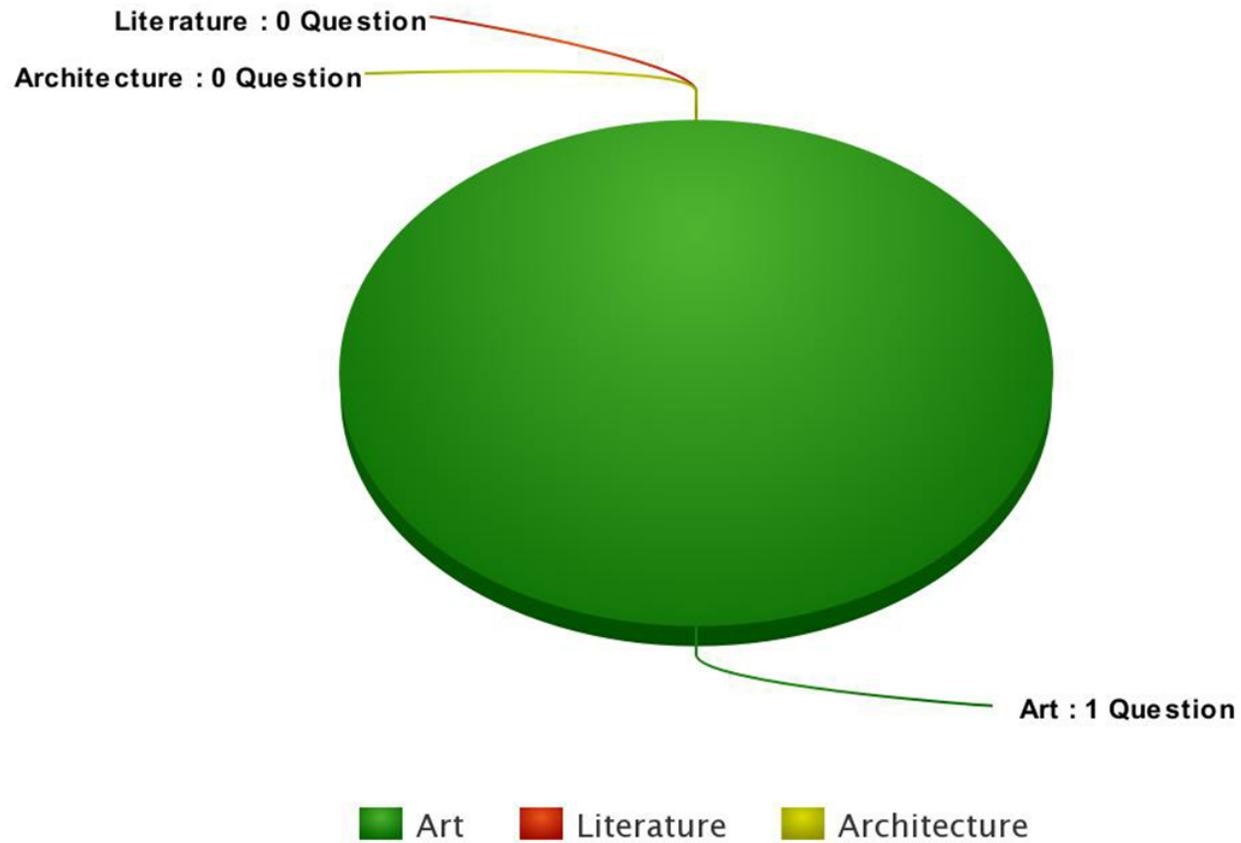
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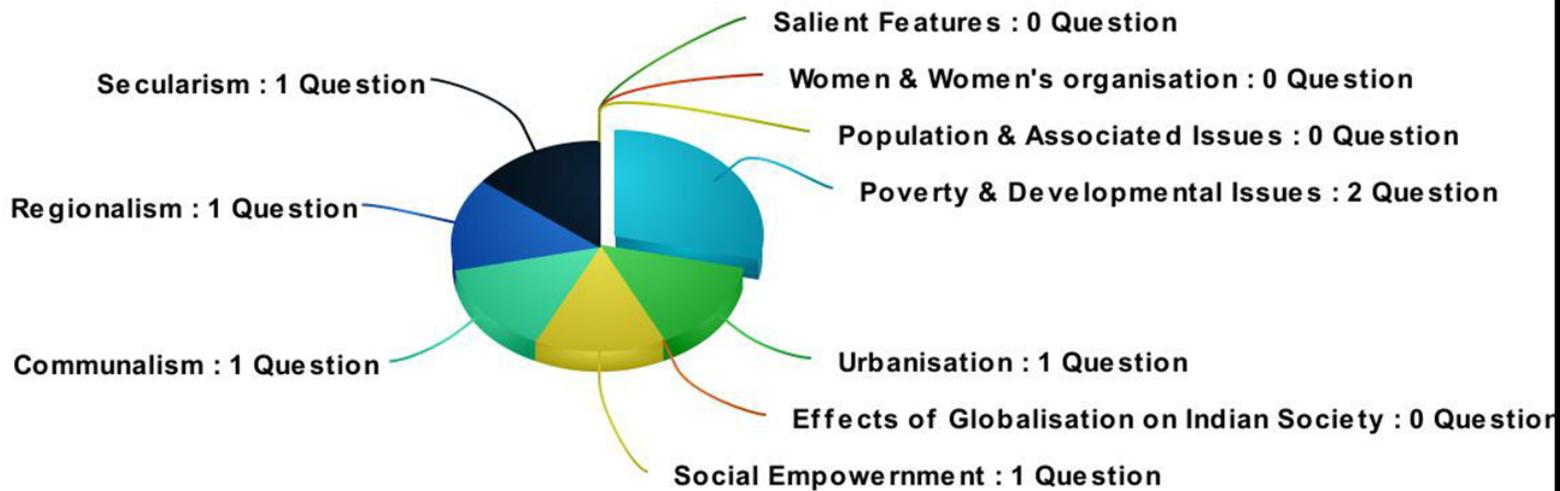
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- Salient Features
- Women & Women's organisation
- Population & Associated Issues
- Poverty & Developmental Issues
- Urbanisation
- Effects of Globalisation on Indian Society
- Social Empowerment
- Communalism
- Regionalism
- Secularism

Geography Micro Analysis
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