

## SMART PREDICTION GS MAINS-2014

Question No.	UPSC Mains 2014 Questions	Question No.	Smarts Mains Test Batch 2014 Questions
<b>GS Paper - I Predictions</b>			
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No. 2	Gandhara sculpture owed as much to the Romans as to the Greeks. Explain.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 5</u> 26.10.2014 Question No.12	What do you understand by Gandhara and Mathura schools of architecture?
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.3	Taxila university was one of the oldest universities of the world with which were associated a number of renowned learned personalities of different disciplines. Its strategic location caused its fame to flourish, but unlike Nalanda, it is not considered as a university in the modern sense. Discuss.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 5</u> 26.10.2014 Question No.17	Highlight the development of education and their centers in Ancient India.
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.10	The New Economic Policy – 1921 of Lenin had influenced the policies adopted by India soon after independence. Evaluate.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No 1</u> 23.11.2014 Question No. 11	What was the logic behind the establishment of socialistic pattern of economy after Independence?
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No. 14	Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 1</u> 06.12.2014 Question No. 15	Why the empowerment of Farm women is essential in India? Discuss some of the key aspects which involve the empowerment of Farm women.
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.15	How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the West?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 1</u> 14.09.2014 Question No.23	Explain how development is intrinsic to secularism in India?
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.16	Most of the unusual climatic happenings are explained as an outcome of the El-Nino effect. Do you agree?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No. 1</u> 14.09.2014 Question No.17 (a)	17(a) Discuss the impact of El-Nino on the Indian monsoon.
		<u>GS Full test No.1</u> 23.11.2014 Question No. 21	21. Explain how Indian Ocean Dipole has impact over Indian Monsoon.

<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No. 19	Tropical cyclones are largely confined to South China Sea, Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mexico. Why?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 1</u> 06.12.2014 Question No. 20 (b)	20(b) Conditions for the formation for tropical cyclones.
		<u>GS Full Test No 1</u> 23.11.2014 Question No. 23(b)	23(b) Discuss the causes for the frequent occurrence of the cyclone in the Bay of Bengal than in the Arabian Sea.
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.20	Bring out the relationship between the shrinking Himalayan glaciers and the symptoms of climate change in the Indian sub-continent.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No.1</u> 14.09.2014 Question No.16	Discuss the impact of global warming on water bodies and ice caps.
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.22	Why did the Green Revolution in India virtually by-pass the eastern region despite fertile soil and good availability of water?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No.1</u> 14.09.2014 Question No.25	Explain how agro-forestry would address the problems caused by the Green Revolution in India.
<b>GS Paper- I</b> Question No.23	Account for the change in the spatial pattern of the Iron and Steel industry in the world.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No.1</u> 23.11.2014 Question No.21	21. Identify the location of Iron Ore and Automobile Industries in India. Justify their locations.
		<u>GS Test No 5</u> 26.10.2014 Question No.21	21. Account for the location of Iron & Steel Industry in India.

**GS Paper - II Predictions**

<b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.1	Starting from inventing the 'basic structure' doctrine, the judiciary has played a highly proactive role in ensuring that India develops into a thriving democracy. In light of the statement, evaluate the role played by judicial activism in achieving the ideals of democracy.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 2</u> 06.12.2014 Question No.1	1. Role of the Supreme Court in Constitutionalism today. Discuss.
		<u>GS Test No 3</u> 12.10.2014 Question No. 9, 14	9. The Judiciary in general and the Supreme court in particular is functioning as the Purger of Indian politics. Elaborate with examples. 14. Where should the Judiciary draw the Lakshman Rekha with the other two organs?
		<u>GS Test No 2</u> 05.10.2014 Question No.24	24. The perspective of Supreme Court verdict on section 377 of IPC differs from the verdict of transgender as third gender. Elucidate.

<p><b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.2</p>	<p>Though the federal principle is dominant in our Constitution and that principle is one of its basic features, but it is equally true that federalism under the Indian Constitution leans in favour of a strong Centre, a feature that militates against the concept of strong federalism. Discuss.</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 2</u> 06.12.2014 Question No.3</p>	<p>3. With the emergence of one party rule in New Delhi, what would be the challenges to the Federal political structure in India?</p>
		<p><u>GS Test No 2</u> 05.10.2014 Question No.17, 20</p>	<p>17. Though the rationality behind imposing the Article 352 is to safeguard the sovereignty, integrity and security of the country, it converts the federal structure into a unitary one. Discuss. 20. Cooperative federalism in the India can be promoted by both constitutional and extra-constitutional means. Discuss.</p>
<p><b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.3</p>	<p>The 'Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and its Members' as envisaged in Article 105 of the Constitution leave room for a large number of un-codified and un-enumerated privileges to continue. Assess the reasons for the absence of legal codification of the 'Parliamentary privileges'. How can this problem be addressed?</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 3</u> 12.10.2014 Question No.1</p>	<p>Analyse the debate on the privileges of legislature in relation to judicial interpretations.</p>
<p><b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No. 4</p>	<p>The size of the cabinet should be as big as governmental work justifies and as big as the Prime Minister can manage as a team. How far the efficacy of a government then is inversely related to the size of the cabinet? Discuss.</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS- Test no.4</u> 19.10.2014 Question No. 23 <b>Also Refer:</b> "Governance" study material Page no - 7</p>	<p>How do you view the recent changes in the decision making process of prime importance to Prime Minister's Office (PMO) at the union level in the context of good governance?</p>
<p><b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.5</p>	<p>Instances of President's delay in commuting death sentences have come under public debate as denial of</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No 2</u> 23.11.2014 Question No.3</p>	<p>Though the scope for Judicial review is limited in Death penalty cases, the Supreme court is seeking to protect the rights of condemned prisoners. Discuss.</p>

	justice. Should there be a time limit specified for the President to accept/reject such petitions? Analyse.		
<b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.10	The penetration of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in rural areas in promoting participation in development programmes is facing socio-cultural hurdles. Examine.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 4</u> 19.10.2014 Question No.1	Despite of mushrooming the Self Help Groups (SHG), there are more challenges than prospects before Self help Groups (SHG). Discuss.
<b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.13	Should the premier institutes like IITs/IIMs be allowed to retain premier status, allowed more academic independence in designing courses and also decide mode/criteria of selection of students. Discuss in light of the growing challenges.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 4</u> 19.10.2014 Question No.8	The Indian Education system needs fresh ideas, not more institutions. Comment.
<b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.16	With respect to the South China Sea, maritime territorial disputes and rising tension affirm the need for safeguarding maritime security to ensure freedom of navigation and over flight throughout the region. In this context, discuss the bilateral issues between India and China.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test 2</u> 06.12.2014 Question No.21	At present the Indian Government is pursuing a new maritime doctrine to ensure Indo-Pacific safety and security. Discuss with the recent initiatives occurred in the past six months.
<b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.19	India has recently signed to become founding member of New Development Bank (NDB) and also the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). How will the role of the two Banks be different? Discuss the strategic significance of these two	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 4</u> 19.10.2014 Question No.10	Can a New Development Bank (NDB) created by the BRICS replace the World Bank and the IMF?

	Banks for India.		
<b>GS Paper- II</b> Question No.20	WTO is an important international institution where decisions taken affect countries in a profound manner. What is the mandate of WTO and how binding are their decisions? Critically analyse India's stand on the latest round of talks on Food Security.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No 2</u> 23.11.2014 Question No.23	India's tough stand in WTO risks its isolation from future Global Markets. Discuss.

## GS Paper - III Predictions

<b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.1	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-à-vis industry in the country? Can India become a developed country without a strong industrial base?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 6</u> 02.11.2014 Question No.11	11. Indian manufacturing is lagging in the face of stiff competition from other developing economies in Asia and elsewhere, both in domestic as well as global markets. What are the main reasons that can be attributed for this scenario? Suggest few remedies for the same.
		<u>GS Mock Test No 3</u> 07.12.2014 Question No.6	6. Despite of its huge contributions to the country's GDP, the MSME (Micro, small and Medium Enterprises) sector is facing enormous challenges. Explain.
<b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.2	"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.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 3</u> 07.12.2014 Question No.1	1. The campaign, 'Make in India' aimed at making India as a manufacturing hub, has both problems and prospects. Substantiate.
		<u>GS Mock Test No 3</u> 07.12.2014 Question No.6	6. Despite of its huge contributions to the country's GDP, the MSME (Micro, small and Medium Enterprises) sector is facing enormous challenges. Explain.

<p><b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.3</p>	<p>There is also a point of view that Agricultural 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.</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 3</u> 07.12.2014 Question No.9</p>	<p>Discuss the salient features of the APMC Act. Also highlight the limitations of the above said Act.</p>
<p><b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.5</p>	<p>The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 has come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014. What are the key issues which would get addressed with the Act in place? What implications would it have on industrialization and agriculture in India?</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No 3</u> 30.11.2014 Question No.11</p>	<p>Do you agree that the passage of the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill was one of the much needed land reforms in India? Justify.</p>
<p><b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.6</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No 3</u> 30.11.2014 Question No.6 <b>(Refer the Answer Key provided along with the Question)</b></p>	<p>With the rapid process of Globalization, the Informal Economy seems to be spreading in India. Critically analyse what are the reasons behind for the above said phenomenon?</p>
<p><b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.7</p>	<p>Explain how Private Public Partnership arrangements, 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?</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No 3</u> 30.11.2014 Question No.1</p>	<p>1. Despite of having the second largest road network, Road developing sector in India is facing much more obstacles. Argue in favour of the above statement.</p>
		<p><u>GS Test No 6</u> 02.11.2014 Question No.15</p>	<p>15. It has been observed that while PPP based infrastructure projects in some sectors have displayed good progress, several others achieved</p>

			only limited success. Substantiate. Also explain the various challenges that are being faced by the PPP based infrastructure projects.
		<u>GS Full Test no – 2</u> 23.11.2014 Question No. 14	14. Explain how PPP business model is an effective way to bring in Good Governance?
<b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.9	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?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 3</u> 07.12.2014 Question No.10	10. Discuss the recent initiatives by the Government on FDI liberalization Policy. What are the possible benefits that would be available to the country?
		<u>GS Test No – 7</u> 09.11.2014 Question No - 6	6. The present mode of Defence equipment procurement is dangerous for both economic and national security. Assess the threat from the current state of Defence equipment procurements in India.
<b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No.10	Scientific research in Indian universities is declining, because a career in science is not as attractive as are business professions, engineering or administration, and the universities are becoming consumer-oriented. Critically comment.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 4</u> 19.10.2014 Question No.8	8. The Indian Education system needs fresh ideas, not more institutions. Comment.
		<u>GS-Test No – 7</u> 09.11.2014 Question No – 2 <b>(Refer the Answer Key provided along with the Question)</b>	2. Among the many reasons, Innovation gap is a defining difference between developed and developing countries. Elucidate.
<b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No. 12	In a globalised world, Intellectual Property Rights assume significance and are a source of litigation. Broadly distinguish between the terms – copyrights, Patents and Trade Secrets.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS-Test no – 7</u> 09.11.2014 Question No – 13 and 15 respectively	1. Intellectual property rights is a challenge that comes in the form opportunity. Explain 2. Bring out the differences between Trademarks and Geographical indications. Explain the importance of this differentiation.
<b>GS Paper-III</b>	Environmental Impact	<b>Smarts Mains</b>	The Environmental Impact

Question No. 15	Assessment studies are increasingly undertaken before a project is cleared by the Government. Discuss the environmental impacts of coal-fired thermal plants located at coal pitheads.	<u>GS- Mock Test No -3</u> 07.12.2014 Question No - 18	Assessment process in India faces several critical challenges which undermines the very objective of the process. Evaluate the criticisms raised against EIA in India.
<b>GS Paper-III</b> Question No. 16	“The diverse nature of India as a multi-religious and multi-ethnic society is not immune to the impact of radicalism which is seen in her neighbourhood.” Discuss along with strategies to be adopted to counter this environment.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS-Full Test - 3</u> 30.11.2014 Question No - 21	Terrorism in India is not always emanating from across the borders. It can be home-grown also. Comment.

**GS Paper - IV Predictions**

<b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.1 (b)	What does ethics seek to promote in human life? Why is it all the more important in public administration?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 8</u> 16.11.2014 Question No -7	7. Do you agree that ethics is more important in public administration than in a private administration? Substantiate.
		<u>GS Full Test No 4</u> 30.11.2014 Question No.1	1. Discuss the salient aspects of ethics in the context of Public Administration.
<b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.2 (b)	What do you understand by ‘probity’ in public life? What are the difficulties in practicing it in the present times? How can these difficulties be overcome?	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No. 4</u> 30.11.2014 Question No - 7	7. Write short notes (a) Probity
<b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.3(a)	“Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, but knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.” What do you understand by this statement? Explain your stand with illustrations from the modern context.	<b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Full Test No. 4</u> 30.11.2014 Question No -4	What do you understand by Integrity in civil services? According to you what a civil servant must do and must not do to ensure the integrity in civil services?



<p><b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.3(b)</p>	<p>“Human beings should always be treated as ‘ends’ in themselves and never as merely ‘means’.” Explain the meaning and significance of this statement, giving its implications in the modern techno-economic society.</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 4</u> 07.12.2014 Question No – 9 (c)</p>	<p>9.c) “You ought to act in such a way that you would be willing to universalise the act” - Immanuel Kant</p>
<p><b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.4(b)</p>	<p>There is a heavy ethical responsibility on the public servants because they occupy positions of power, handle huge amounts of public funds, and their decisions have wide-ranging impact on society and environment. What steps have you taken to improve your ethical competence to handle such responsibility?</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Mock Test No 4</u> 07.12.2014 Question No -2</p>	<p>The concept of neutrality in public service ethically portrays the character of an ideal administrator in a democratic government. Explain?</p>
<p><b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.5(a)</p>	<p>The current society is plagued with widespread trust-deficit. What are the consequences of this situation for personal well-being and for societal well-being? What can you do at the personal level to make yourself trustworthy?</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 8</u> 16.11.2014 Question No -5</p>	<p>What is meant by value crisis? Discuss the presence of value crisis in the contemporary Indian society and analyze the causes for the same.</p>
<p><b>GS Paper-IV</b> Question No.6</p>	<p>What factors affects the formation of a person’s attitude towards social problems? In our society, contrasting attitudes are prevalent about many social problems. What contrasting attitudes do you notice about the caste system in our society? How do you explain the existence of these contrasting attitudes?</p>	<p><b>Smarts Mains</b> <u>GS Test No 8</u> 16.11.2014 Question No -3</p>	<p>3. Any change in Human behavior is possible only through a change in Attitude. Do you agree with the statement and substantiate your argument?</p>
		<p><u>GS Full Test No 4</u> 30.11.2014 Question No -3</p>	<p>3. Explain the terms "Values" and "Attitudes". Discuss the difference between Values and Attitudes with suitable examples?</p>