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Questions only**UPSC Mains 2026 GS III**

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Answer key at the end of this PDF

Attempt the paper first. After the last question, this pack closes with a compiled answer key: official letters in boxed exam order, then a question-wise list with Solution links to WRAP Exams.

Q1 · 10 marks

What do you mean by Digital Rupee? In this context, explain the working and progress of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q2 · 10 marks

Examine the view that financial inclusion is an integral part of social and economic inclusion in a country like India. Also throw light on the usefulness of the RBI's Financial Inclusion Index.

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q3 · 10 marks

Describe the various Technology Missions initiated in Indian agriculture and examine their role in food security.

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

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Q4 · 10 marks

Explain the factors responsible for inefficiency of agri-produce marketing. How does e-commerce help to reduce inefficiency of agri-produce marketing? Explain.

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q5 · 10 marks

Explain by giving two examples, how biotechnology has helped the Indian farmers in processing their perishable crops.

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

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Q6 · 10 marks

Differentiate between a Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) and a thermal nuclear reactor. In the context of first indigenously developed prototype FBR at Kalpakkam, explain the term 'criticality'. What are its implications for clean energy future of our country?

Topic · Infrastructure

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Q7 · 10 marks

Discuss how the contradiction between 'rapid infrastructure development' and 'disaster-risk reduction' in ecologically-sensitive areas of India can be managed, with suitable examples.

Topic · Disaster Management

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Q8 · 10 marks

Discuss the aim and goals of Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework. Mention India's commitments and initiatives to achieve the goals and targets of this framework giving suitable examples.

Topic · Environment and Conservation

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Q9 · 10 marks

Explain how fake news and disinformation pose threat to Internal Security and Public Order in Indian context? In this regard, discuss salient features of amendments in respect of Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021.

Topic · Cyber Security and Money Laundering

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Q10 · 10 marks

Ladakh is strategically located between China and Pakistan. As a measure to win hearts and minds of locals, discuss the Border Area Development Programmes (BADP) by the Central Government and civic actions by the Army. Also discuss demand of promulgation of provision of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution for Ladakh.

Topic · Border Security and Organised Crime

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Q11 · 15 marks

Explain the key challenges for India's energy security. What measures do you suggest for ensuring energy security along with economic growth and sustainability?

Topic · Infrastructure

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Q12 · 15 marks

How are startups in India promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and employment? Discuss the global and domestic challenges in their working and suggest suitable measures to overcome these challenges.

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q13 · 15 marks

In which manner has Indian agriculture been transformed from food scarcity to food-surplus level? Describe the various government policies implemented for diversification of Indian agriculture.

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

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Q14 · 15 marks

Discuss the different types of subsidies and supports provided by the Government of India to agricultural sector. Examine the related issues pertaining to Agreement on Agriculture of World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Topic · Crops, Irrigation and Marketing

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Q15 · 15 marks

Mention salient features of 'Mission Drishti'. Discuss the imaging techniques used in the satellite launched on 3rd May 2026. Why is it being considered world's first satellite of its kind?

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q16 · 15 marks

What is Agentic Artificial Intelligence (AI)? Explain its working. Describe its applications with suitable examples. Discuss the advantages, risks and challenges associated with agentic AI systems.

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q17 · 15 marks

What are the challenges to solid waste management in India? Discuss the governmental policy framework on solid waste management. Discuss the success/failure cases of Delhi and Indore cities highlighting the salient features of their solid waste management initiatives.

Topic · Indian Economy

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Q18 · 15 marks

"Community participation is the cornerstone of effective disaster management." Analyse this statement with suitable examples from India. Also discuss the challenges to community participation and measures to strengthen it.

Topic · Disaster Management

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Q19 · 15 marks

Separatist movements have been one of the major factors contributing to militancy and instability in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). Bring out actions taken by the Government to bring J&K into national mainstream. Discuss pre and post abrogation status of Articles 370 and 35A. Also bring out positive impacts of abrogation of both articles in mainstreaming the state.

Topic · Internal Security and Extremism

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Q20 · 15 marks

Discuss counterfeit currency and money laundering as major sources of terror funding in India. State the actions being taken at International level to check these menaces. Highlight the role of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and methods of compliance by its member states in preventing terror funding.

Topic · Cyber Security and Money Laundering

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Compiled answer key

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Q9 10 marks	Q10 10 marks	Q11 15 marks	Q12 15 marks
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Q17 15 marks	Q18 15 marks	Q19 15 marks	Q20 15 marks

Question-wise key

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