

Think Learn and Perform (TLP) - 2017 Mains



Full Length Mock

GS-III

Instructions

There are 20 questions. All questions are compulsory.
All questions carry 12.5 marks each.
The duration for the test is 180 minutes.
The answers must not exceed 200 words.
Content is more important than the number of words.
Calm down, take deep breaths before you start writing your answers.

1. Demonetisation and GST have proved to be dual shocks for the economy. Do you agree? Critically examine with special focus on small businesses.
2. The obsession with growth rates doesn't augur well for an economy which has the highest number of poor in the world. Economic growth has very limited impact on the quality of life of the poor. Do you agree? Critically examine.
3. What is FTA? Why an FTA with the EU has remained elusive till date? Examine the recent developments on this front.
4. Has Digital India succeeded? Critically examine. Did demonetisation give a fillip to the objective of a cashless and less cash economy? Analyse.
5. Is India suffering from jobless growth? What can be the possible reasons? Critically analyse.
6. The macro-economic indicators in India have stabilised in the last few years providing the much needed breather for monetary easing. What has been the trend in the last few quarters on this front? Analyse.
7. Examine the recent steps taken by the government to reform agriculture marketing in India. Do you think lacklustre response from states towards reforms has caused the farm sector to underperform in India? Critically examine.
8. The objective of doubling farmers' income by 2022 is a noble idea but the fact remains that India is suffering from severe agrarian crisis. What are the factors behind the ongoing crisis? Suggest measures to address the same.
9. High speed bullet trains aren't really needed in a lower middle income economy like India. The decision to introduce bullet trains defies economic logic and financial prudence. Do you agree with this assessment? Critically examine.
10. India's energy sector has witnessed a turnaround with India becoming a net exporter of electricity. What are the factors behind this transformation? Analyse.
11. The Sagarmala project shouldn't only be seen as a strategic imperative to counter Chinese adventurism in the Indian Ocean regime but also as a much needed boost to coastal infrastructure. Elucidate.
12. Train accidents have become too frequent and require a comprehensive strategy to tackle the same. In this light, examine the recommendations of the High Level Safety Review Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar.
13. What are the uses of HFCs? Why are they harmful for the environment? Examine the importance of Kigali Agreement to address the adverse effects of HFCs.
14. What is hyper loop transportation? Who are the major players in this technology? Does it have a potential in India? Examine.
15. India is in dire need of formulating a domestic defence manufacturing policy. Do you agree? Substantiate.
16. What are your views on the Rohingya issue. Do they pose a security challenge for India? Examine. How should India approach this issue? Give your opinion.
17. To fight the menace of naxalism in India, a mix of tactical, strategic and administrative response is the need of the hour. Elucidate.

18. The Doklam standoff and the Chinese advances along the eastern the border have exemplified the ned of upgrading the border security infrastructure. Elucidate.
19. Fake news can be a serious internal security challenge if not addressed properly. Do you agree? Substantiate. What role can media play on this front? Examine.
20. Terrorism has changed in reach, scale and methodologies, thereby exacerbating its threat. Comment.