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IASbaba's UPSC Mains 2025 Hit Ratio

Dear Aspirants,

The **UPSC Civil Services Mains Examination 2025** has just concluded. As always, it proved to be a true test of not only **knowledge and analytical ability**, but also of an aspirant's **stamina, determination, and composure** over several days of rigorous writing.

Overall, this year's papers were of **moderate difficulty**, though certain sections demanded **deeper conceptual clarity and sharper articulation**, making them relatively tougher. Such a design is in line with UPSC's intent of rewarding those who combine preparation with consistent practice and clear thinking.

Hit Ratio Analysis

- We are proud to share that IASbaba has once again maintained an impressive **50–60% hit ratio in the General Studies (GS) papers** of Mains 2025.
- This overlap is visible not just in broad themes but also in the **specific framing, orientation, and content requirements** of the questions. Aspirants who have been part of our programs would have experienced a strong sense of familiarity in the exam hall — a confidence that comes from repeated, exam-aligned practice.

Source of Alignment

The questions and themes reflected in Mains 2025 directly align with content from IASbaba's flagship initiatives:

1. **Mains Exclusive Mentorship Program (MEP)**
 - Structured modules, model answers, and one-on-one guidance ensured aspirants mastered exam-relevant areas.
2. **TLP – Think, Learn, Perform (Daily Answer Writing Initiative)**
 - Both **online and offline (Sankalp/TLP)** formats nurtured consistency in writing.
 - The practice of tackling diverse and exam-oriented questions daily sharpened articulation and structure.
3. **Gurukul Advanced**
 - Our most intensive mentorship ecosystem, combining **holistic preparation, advanced answer writing, and continuous feedback**.
 - Designed to replicate exam conditions, it allowed aspirants to practice at the highest standards.
4. **Test Series & Synoptic Notes**
 - Carefully curated test papers mirrored the tone and demand of UPSC questions.
 - Concise yet comprehensive notes ensured coverage and quick revision.

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The Rigorous Process Behind the Success

The strong alignment with UPSC Mains 2025 is the result of IASbaba's **systematic and research-driven approach**:

- **Trend Mapping:** Yearly analysis of shifting UPSC patterns and evolving focus areas.
- **Expert Faculty Inputs:** Questions and answers crafted with precision by subject specialists.
- **Current-Static Integration:** Seamlessly linking contemporary issues with foundational knowledge.
- **Iterative Review:** Multiple layers of review to ensure clarity, quality, and exam readiness.

Why This Matters for Aspirants

- **Boosts Confidence:** Encountering familiar themes and questions eases exam-day pressure.
- **Efficient Preparation:** Students' effort is channelled toward areas that truly matter.
- **Answer-Writing Edge:** Regular practice under **TLP, Gurukul Advanced, MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM , and Sankalp** ensures mastery over both content and presentation.

The **50–60% hit ratio in UPSC Mains 2025** is not an accident but a reflection of IASbaba's **rigorous processes, foresight, and student-first approach**. Through programs like **TLP, Gurukul Advanced, MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM , and Sankalp**, we remain committed to equipping aspirants with the **skills, resilience, and clarity** required to succeed in UPSC. This achievement reaffirms that when preparation

General Studies I Mains Hit ratio

UPSC Q. No.	UPSC Question	Question From IASBABA	Overlap	Link/ Reference /Program
01	Discuss the salient features of the Harappan architecture. (150 words, 10 marks)	What insights do the archaeological remains of the Indus Valley Civilization provide about the evolution of religious and artistic traditions in early India? How are they still relevant to modern times? (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program https://iasbaba.com/2025/06/day-8-q-2-what-insights-do-the-archaeological-remains-of-the-indus-valley-civilization-provide-about-the-evolution-of-religious-and-artistic-traditions-in-early-india-how-are-they-still-relevant-t
04	How are climate change and sea level rise affecting the very existence of many island nations? Discuss with examples. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Discuss the threat of submergence of coastlines worldwide in the context of sea-level rise. Critically evaluate the findings of the latest IPCC report on this issue and its implications for coastal regions, especially in developing countries like India.	Similar Question	Iasbaba's mains Exclusive Program General Studies 1 Booklet
07	What are Tsunamis? How and where are they formed? What are their consequences? Explain with examples. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Discuss the tectonic and oceanographic conditions that make the Indian Ocean relatively more prone to destructive tsunamis than the Atlantic Ocean.	Similar Question	Gurukul Advanced Test 9 Geography

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08	How does smart city in India address the issues of urban poverty and distributive justice? (150 words, 10 marks)	Urbanisation in India has often overlooked the needs of the poor. Examine the key challenges faced by the urban poor and suggest practical solutions for inclusive urban development. (150 words, 10 marks)	Same Topic	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program <u>Day 37 - Q. 3. "Urbanisation in India has often overlooked the needs of the poor. Examine the key challenges faced by the urban poor and suggest practical solutions for inclusive urban development." (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba</u>
08	How does smart city in India address the issues of urban poverty and distributive justice? (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	With increasing urbanization, Indian cities are facing a crisis of liveability and resource management. Critically assess the role of smart cities and urban planning reforms in addressing these issues.	Similar Question	ILP Geography Module 3 Test. Q. No. 5
11	Mahatma Jotirao Phule's writings and efforts of social reforms touched issues of almost all subaltern classes. Discuss. (250 words, 15 marks)	Discuss the role of Jyotirao Phule in challenging caste-based hierarchies in 19th-century India. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program <u>https://iasbaba.com/2025/06/day-9-q-3-discuss-the-role-of-jyotirao-phule-in-challenging-caste-based-hierarchies-in-19th-century-india-150-words-10-marks/</u>
12	Trace India's consolidation process during early phase of independence in terms of polity, economy, education and international relations. (250 words, 15 marks)	"The integration of princely states was a testament to both diplomacy and force." Critically analyze this statement in the context of India's post-independence consolidation. (150 words, 10 marks)	Same Topic	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program <u>Day 12 - Q.1. "The integration of princely states was a testament to both diplomacy and force." Critically analyze this statement in the context of</u>

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				India's post-independence consolidation? (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
		"The integration of princely states was a testament to both diplomacy and force." Critically analyze this statement in the context of India's post-independence consolidation. (150 words, 10 marks)	Same Topic	Gurukul Advanced Mock Test 6 – GS 1
13	The French Revolution has enduring relevance to the contemporary world. Explain. (250 words, 15 marks)	To what extent did the French Revolution lay the ideological foundations for modern democratic systems across the world? Examine its impact beyond the borders of France. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program Day 12 - Q.3. To what extent did the French Revolution lay the ideological foundations for modern democratic systems across the world? Examine its impact beyond the borders of France. (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
14	Give a geographical explanation of the distribution of off-shore oil reserves of the world. How are they different from the on-shore occurrences of oil reserves? (250 words, 15 marks)	Petroleum refineries in developing countries like India are often located away from crude oil-producing regions. Examine the geographical and economic factors responsible for such spatial patterns. (150 words, 10 marks)	Same Topic	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program Day 40 - Q. 1. Petroleum refineries in developing countries like India are often located away from crude oil-producing regions. Examine the geographical and economic factors responsible for such spatial patterns. (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
18	How do you account for the growing fast food industries given that there are increased health	Discuss the importance of integrating structured food and nutrition education in India's school curriculum. How can it help address the	Same Topic	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM-2025 FULL LENGTH TEST-2 GS-2 SYNOSIS

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	concerns in modern society? Illustrate your answer with the Indian experience. (Answer in 250 words)	dual challenge of malnutrition and childhood obesity?		
20	Does tribal development in India centre around two axes, those of displacement and of rehabilitation? (250 words, 15 marks)	What are the major challenges faced by tribal communities in contemporary India, particularly in the context of displacement, identity, and development? Evaluate the effectiveness of government measures in addressing these issues. (250 words, 15 marks)	Similar Question	TLP/Sankalp Daily Answer writing Program <u>Day 36 - Q. 5. What are the major challenges faced by tribal communities in contemporary India, particularly in the context of displacement, identity, and development? Evaluate the effectiveness of government measures in addressing these issues. (250 words, 15 marks) IASbaba</u>

Total Question Hit	10 markers	15 Markers	Total Marks
10	4	6	130

General Studies II Mains Hit ratio

UPSC Q. No.	UPSC Question	Question From IASBABA	Overlap	Link / Reference / Program
01	Discuss the 'corrupt practices' for the purpose of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Analyze whether the increase in the assets of the legislators and/or their associates, disproportionate to their known sources of income, would constitute undue influence and consequently a corrupt practice. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Discuss the grounds for disqualification of elected representatives under the Representation of People Act, 1951. Do you think these provisions are sufficient to ensure political accountability? (150 words, 10 marks)	Same Topic	https://iasbaba.com/2025/06/day-19-q-2-discuss-the-grounds-for-disqualification-of-elected-representatives-under-the-representation-of-people-act-1951-do-you-think-these-provisions-are-sufficient-to-ensure-political-account/
		The Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides disqualification provisions to uphold the integrity of the electoral process. Discuss these provisions and examine the challenges in their enforcement. Suggest reforms to ensure greater accountability.	Same Topic	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 41)
02	Comment on the need of administrative tribunals as compared to the court system. Assess the impact of the recent tribunal	Tribunalization of justice was introduced to ensure specialized and speedy resolution of disputes. Critically	Similar Question	https://iasbaba.com/2025/06/day-20-q-5-tribunalization-of-justice-was-introduced-to-ensure-specialized-and-speedy-resolution-of-disputes-critically-examine-the-

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	reforms through rationalization of tribunals made in 2021.	examine the role of tribunals in India, the key challenges they face today, and suggest reforms to enhance their effectiveness. (250 words, 15 marks)		role-of-tribunals-in-india-the-key-challenges-they-face-today/
		Tribunals were envisaged to reduce the burden on the regular judiciary and ensure speedy justice, yet concerns over their independence and effectiveness persist. Examine.	Related Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 51)
05	"The Attorney General of India plays a crucial role in guiding the legal framework of the Union Government and ensuring sound governance through legal counsel." Discuss his responsibilities, rights and limitations in this regard. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Do you think the role of the Attorney General of India should be redefined to enhance its independence from the executive? Discuss with reference to constitutional provisions and conventions. (250 words, 15 marks)	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM 2025 TEST-IB2001(GS 2) Q. No. 15
06	Women's social capital complements in advancing empowerment and gender equity. Explain. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Can microfinance through women-led Self-Help Groups serve as an effective tool to break the interlinked cycle of gender inequality, poverty, and malnutrition? Substantiate with examples.	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 62)

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07	e-Governance projects have a built-in bias towards technology and back-end integration rather than user-centric designs. Examine. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	"The success of e-governance in India hinges more on inclusion than on innovation." Discuss with reference to the digital divide and the challenges of last-mile delivery. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	https://iasbaba.com/2025/07/day-46-q-1-the-success-of-e-governance-in-india-hinges-more-on-inclusion-than-on-innovation-discuss-with-reference-to-the-digital-divide-and-the-challenges-of-last-mile-de/
		Implementation of information and Communication Technology (ICT) based Projects / Programmes usually suffers in terms of certain vital factors. Identify these factors, and suggest measures for their effective implementation.		MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 78)
08	Civil Society Organizations are often perceived as being anti-State actors rather than non-State actors. Do you agree? Justify. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Do Civil Society Organisations and NGOs serve as viable complements to state-led welfare delivery systems in India? Examine their role and key challenges in scaling impact.		MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 56)
09	India-Africa digital partnership is achieving mutual respect, co-development and long-term institutional partnerships. Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	India's advocacy for Africa's inclusion in the G20 marks a shift in its global engagement strategy. Critically examine the advantages and challenges of India's increasing political and economic outreach to Africa.		MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 94)

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11	<p>"Constitutional morality is the fulcrum which acts as an essential check upon the high functionaries and citizens alike." In view of the above observation of the Supreme Court, explain the concept of constitutional morality and its application to ensure balance between judicial independence and judicial accountability in India. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks</p>	<p>'Constitutional Morality' is rooted in the constitution itself and is founded on its essential facets. Explain the doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' with the help of relevant judicial decisions. (150 words, 10 marks)</p>	<p>Similar Question</p>	<p>https://iasbaba.com/2025/06/day-15-q-3-constitutional-morality-is-rooted-in-the-constitution-itself-and-is-founded-on-its-essential-facets-explain-the-doctrine-of-constitutional-morality-with-the/</p>
12	<p>Indian Constitution has conferred the amending power on the ordinary legislative institutions with a few procedural hurdles. In view of this statement, examine the procedural and substantive limitations on the amending power of the Parliament to change the Constitution. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks</p>	<p>The Basic Structure Doctrine acts as a constitutional check on Parliament's amending powers. In the context of this, assess the role of the judiciary in preserving the identity of the Constitution.</p>		<p>MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 9)</p>
13	<p>Discuss the evolution of collegium system in India. Critically examine the advantages and disadvantages of the system of appointment of the Judges of the Supreme Court of India and that of</p>	<p>Discuss the factors that led to the evolution of the collegium system in India. Has it strengthened or weakened judicial independence in recent times?</p>		<p>MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 22)</p>

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	the USA. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks			
14	Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations in the context of planned development in India. How far have the recent reforms impacted the fiscal federalism in India? (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	India's fiscal federalism is facing growing strain due to limited revenue autonomy of States and rising dependence on the Union. Analyse the challenges in this context and suggest measures to strengthen fiscal devolution. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	https://iasbaba.com/2025/06/day-16-q-2-indias-fiscal-federalism-is-facing-growing-strain-due-to-limited-revenue-autonomy-of-states-and-rising-dependence-on-the-union-analyse-the-challenges-in-this-context-and-sugge/
		While the Central government emphasizes uniform national policies, several State governments demand greater fiscal and administrative autonomy. Comment in the light of recent inter-governmental tensions.		MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 12)
17	"In contemporary development models, decision-making and problem-solving responsibilities are not located close to the source of information and execution, defeating the objectives of development." Critically evaluate. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	The real test of decentralisation lies not in constitutional provisions but in the effective functioning of local bodies. Discuss the key factors affecting their functionality in contemporary India.	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM (General Studies 2 Q&A Booklet Q. 18)
18	The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has to address the challenges faced by children in the digital era.	The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) plays a crucial role in safeguarding child	Similar Question	https://iasbaba.com/2025/07/day-44-q-5-the-national-commission-for-protection-of-child-rights-ncpcr-plays-a-crucial-role-in-safeguarding-child-rights-in-india-critically-assess-its-mandate-functioning-and-limitations-in/

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	Examine the existing policies and suggest measures the Commission can initiate to tackle the issue. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	rights in India. Critically assess its mandate, functioning, and limitations in ensuring justice and welfare for children. (250 words, 15 marks)		
20	The reform process in the United Nations remains unresolved, because of the delicate imbalance of East and West and entanglement of the USA vs. Russo-Chinese alliance. Examine and critically evaluate the East-West policy confrontations in this regard. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	India's aspiration for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council reflects both its growing global stature and the need for a more representative multilateral system. Critically examine the prospects and challenges of UNSC reform in this context. (250 words, 15 marks)	Same Topic	https://iasbaba.com/2025/07/day-48-q-4-indias-aspiration-for-a-permanent-seat-in-the-united-nations-security-council-reflects-both-its-growing-global-stature-and-the-need-for-a-more-representative-multilateral-syste/
		Do recurring deadlocks in the UN Security Council erode the UN's legitimacy? Discuss the case for Security Council reform with reference to India's aspirations and global equity. (250 words, 15 marks)	Same Topic	Mains Exclusive program TEST-IB2002 (GS 2) Q. No. 18

Total Question Hit	10 markers	15 Markers	Total Marks
14	7	7	185

General Studies III Mains Hit ratio

UPSC Q. No.	UPSC Question	Question From IASBABA	OVERLAP	Link/ Reference /Program
02	What are the challenges before the Indian economy when the world is moving away from free trade and multilateralism to protectionism and bilateralism? How can these challenges be met? (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	“Rising protectionist tendencies in the United States pose both challenges and opportunities for India’s trade and technology sectors.” Examine. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	Day 48 - Q. 3. “Rising protectionist tendencies in the United States pose both challenges and opportunities for India’s trade and technology sectors.” Examine. (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
		The rise of trade wars and protectionist policies globally poses new challenges for emerging economies. Examine their implications for India’s exports, investment flows, and macroeconomic stability.	Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q.29
04	Elaborate the scope and significance of supply chain management of agricultural commodities in India. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	Evaluate the key constraints in the storage and transportation of agricultural produce in India. How do these affect farmers’ income, and what measures have been taken to address them? (250 words, 15 marks)	Related Question	Day 23 - Q. 5. Evaluate the key constraints in the storage and transportation of agricultural produce in India. How do these affect farmers’ income, and what measures have been taken to

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				address them? (250 words, 15 marks) IASbaba
		Discuss how strengthening rural agri-logistics and cold chain infrastructure can improve India's food processing and supply chain management.	Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. 62
09	Terrorism is a global scourge. How has it manifested in India? Elaborate with contemporary examples. What are the counter measures adopted by the State? Explain. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	In light of the recent Pahalgam terror attack on pilgrims in Jammu and Kashmir, examine the evolving nature of terrorism in the region. How can India strengthen its intelligence, coordination, and preventive response to such targeted civilian attacks? (250 words, 15 marks)	Similar Question	Day 51 - Q. 5. In light of the recent Pahalgam terror attack on pilgrims in Jammu & Kashmir, examine the evolving nature of terrorism in the region. How can India strengthen its intelligence, coordination, and preventive response to such targeted civilian attacks? (250 words, 15 marks) IASbaba
		Examine the global counter-terrorism framework and analyze why it inadequately addresses India's terrorism concerns. Discuss key shortcomings and suggest reforms to make it more effective. Terrorism today operates through transnational linkages and digital networks. Analyse the emerging trends in global terrorism and suggest how India can strengthen its	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM FLM 2 GS3 Q. 10 Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q.59

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		internal security architecture.		
10	The Government of India recently stated that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be eliminated by 2026. What do you understand by LWE and how are the people affected by it? What measures have been taken by the government to eliminate LWE? (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	<p>Discuss the progress made in addressing Left Wing Extremism in India. How can development and governance interventions help transform former conflict zones into sustainable growth corridors?</p> <p>Discuss the changing nature of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in India with a focus on its geographic contraction from the 'Red Corridor' to select tri-junction areas. Examine the role of government policies and operations in enabling this shift.</p>	<p>Similar Question</p> <p>Similar Question</p>	<p>MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM FLM 1 Q. 18</p> <p>Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q.61</p>
12	Discuss the rationale of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. What are its achievements? In what way can the functioning and outcomes of the scheme be improved? (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	<p>"India's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme is an attempt to transform the manufacturing ecosystem and reduce import dependence." Discuss the rationale behind the PLI scheme and critically analyze its impact on industrial growth, innovation, and job creation. (250 words, 15 marks)</p>	Similar Question	<p>Day 25 - Q. 4.</p> <p>"India's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme is an attempt to transform the manufacturing ecosystem and reduce import dependence."</p> <p>Discuss the rationale behind the PLI scheme and critically analyze its impact on industrial growth,</p>

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				innovation, and job creation. (250 words, 15 marks) IASbaba
		The government's strategy to use PLI as a magnet for global investment aligns with its 'Make in India' vision. Evaluate the progress made and the challenges that remain.	Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. 24
13	Examine the factors responsible for depleting groundwater in India. What are the steps taken by the government to mitigate such depletion of groundwater? (250 words, 15 marks)	With over-extraction of groundwater threatening agricultural sustainability, assess the role of PMKSY and Atal Bhujal Yojana in groundwater management. Discuss the role of integrated watershed development in improving groundwater recharge and water-use efficiency in semi-arid and drought-prone regions.	Similar Question Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. 33 Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. 38
14	Examine the scope of the food processing industries in India. Elaborate the measures taken by the government in the food processing industries for generating employment opportunities. (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	The food processing sector plays a critical role in enhancing farmer incomes and reducing post-harvest losses. Elaborate on its significance and examine the major upstream and downstream challenges in developing an efficient supply chain ecosystem. (250 words,	Similar Question	Day 24 - Q. 5. The food processing sector plays a critical role in enhancing farmer incomes and reducing post-harvest losses. Elaborate on its significance and examine the major upstream and downstream challenges in

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		15 marks)		developing an efficient supply chain ecosystem. (250 words, 15 marks) IASbaba
		Food processing holds immense potential for reducing post-harvest losses and ensuring price stability for farmers. Evaluate the impact of government initiatives in this regard.	Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. No. 45
15	How does nanotechnology offer significant advancements in the field of agriculture ? How can this technology help to uplift the socio-economic status of farmers in India? (Answer in 250 words) – 15 marks	Discuss the applications of nanotechnology in agriculture and healthcare. Highlight the key challenges in its widespread adoption in (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	Day 51 - Q. 1. "Discuss the applications of nanotechnology in agriculture and healthcare. Highlight the key challenges in its widespread adoption in India." (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
		How can nanotechnology contribute to precision farming and crop productivity in India? Illustrate with examples of nano-fertilizers and nano-pesticides.	Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. 92
16	India aims to become a semiconductor manufacturing hub. What are the challenges faced by the sector in India? Mention the salient features of the India Semiconductor Mission. (250 words, 15 marks)	The recent reforms in SEZ rules aim to boost high-tech manufacturing and attract investment in sectors like semiconductors. Analyse the key changes and their implications for India's industrial growth and integration into global value chains.	Similar Question	Mains Exclusive Program Q&A Booklet Q. 18

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18	Write a review on India's climate commitments under the Paris Agreement (2015) and mention how these have been further strengthened in COP26 (2021). In this direction, how has the first Nationally Determined Contribution intended by India been updated in 2022? (250 words, 15 marks)	The IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6 Synthesis, 2023) emphasises narrowing the remaining carbon budget, accelerating climate mitigation, and strengthening adaptation measures. Discuss the key findings of this report and evaluate India's policy response in areas like NDC enhancement, renewable energy scale-up, and resilience-building.	Similar Question	Mains Program Booklet Q. 99 Exclusive Q&A
19	What are the major challenges to internal security and peace process in the North-Eastern States? Map the various peace accords and agreements initiated by the government in the past decade. (250 words, 15 marks)	The ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur has exposed vulnerabilities in India's internal security. Analyse how external state and non-state actors can exploit such fault lines to destabilise the region.	Related Question	Mains Program Booklet Q.63 Exclusive Q&A

Question Hit	10 markers	15 Markers	Total Marks
11	4	7	145

General Studies IV (Ethics) Mains Hit ratio

UPSC Q. No.	UPSC Question	Question From IASBABA	OVERLAP	Link/Reference /Program
01(a)	In the present digital age, social media has revolutionised our way of communication and interaction. However, it has raised several ethical issues and challenges . Describe the key ethical dilemmas in this regard. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	In the digital age, how do social media and internet platforms shape public attitudes, and what ethical challenges arise from their influence? Suggest measures to promote positive and responsible behaviour through these platforms. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	Day 2 - Q.4. In the digital age, how do social media and internet platforms shape public attitudes, and what ethical challenges arise from their influence? Suggest measures to promote positive and responsible behaviour through these platforms. (150 words , 10 marks) IASbaba
		Constitutional morality goes beyond the written text of the Constitution and involves the commitment to its underlying principles and values. Discuss the significance of constitutional morality in sustaining democracy and upholding the rule of law in India. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet Q.25
1(b)	"Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment but a product of civil education and adherence to the rule of law." Examine the significance of constitutional morality for public servants, highlighting its role in promoting good governance and ensuring accountability in public administration. (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	"A civil servant's commitment to constitutional morality must outweigh political loyalty." Critically examine this statement in the context of rising politicization of bureaucracy. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	Day 4 - Q.1. "A civil servant's commitment to constitutional morality must outweigh political loyalty." Critically examine this statement in the context of rising politicization of bureaucracy. (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba

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3(b)	“The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes.” – William James (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	“Attitude shapes our behaviour”. In this context, examine the relationship between attitude and behaviour. What factors can lead to divergence between them? (150 words, 10 marks)	Essence of the quote is reflected.	Day 2 - Q.5. “Attitude shapes our behaviour”. In this context, examine the relationship between attitude and behaviour. What factors can lead to divergence between them? (150 words , 10 marks) IASbaba
		Attitude plays a crucial role in influencing human thought and behavior. Discuss the nature of attitude and explain how it shapes decision-making and actions in personal and professional life. How can a positive attitude contribute to ethical conduct and effective leadership?	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet Q. 62
3(c)	“The strength of a society is not in its laws, but in the morality of its people.” – Swami Vivekananda (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	“In law a man is guilty when he violates the rights of others. In ethics he is guilty if he only thinks of doing so.” – Immanuel Kant	The quote Captures the Law Vs Ethics Theme.	Day 6 - Q.1.What do you understand by this quote? Bring out its significance in the present context of ethical governance. (150 words, 10 Marks) “In law a man is guilty when he violates the rights of others. In ethics he is guilty if he only thinks of doing so.” – Immanuel Kant IASbaba
5(a)	“One who is devoted to one’s duty attains highest perfection in life.” Analyse this statement with reference to sense of responsibility and personal fulfilment as a civil servant.	Dedication to public service goes beyond duty; it demands personal sacrifice and initiative. Evaluate this statement by citing examples of civil servants who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service. (150 words, 10 marks)	Related question	Day 4 - Q.4. Dedication to public service goes beyond duty; it demands personal sacrifice and initiative. Evaluate this statement by citing examples of civil servants who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service. (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
6(a)	It is said that for an ethical work culture, there must be a	“While laws regulate conduct, a code of ethics	Similar Question	Day 32 - Q. 1. "While laws regulate conduct, a code

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	code of ethics in place in every organisation. To ensure value-based and compliance-based work culture, what suitable measures would you adopt in your workplace? (Answer in 150 words) – 10 marks	elevates it". Discuss the role of a code of ethics in shaping public servant behaviour beyond legal obligations. How can ethical conduct be effectively inculcated in public service? (150 words, 10 marks)		of ethics elevates it." Discuss the role of a code of ethics in shaping public servant behavior beyond legal obligations. How can ethical conduct be effectively inculcated in public service? (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
		"Work culture in public institutions significantly influences the ethical standards and overall performance of the organization." (a) Analyze the relationship between ethics and work culture in the context of public administration.		MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet GS4 Q. 8 MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet Q.59
6(b)	India is an emerging economic power of the world as it has recently secured the status of fourth largest economy of the world as per IMF projection. However, it has been observed that in some sectors, allocated funds remain either under-utilised or misutilised . What specific measures would you recommend for ensuring accountability and proper utilisation of public funds?	Corruption in public fund utilization undermines both development and public trust. Examine the institutional mechanisms to prevent leakages and their limitations. (150 words, 10 marks)	Similar Question	Day 31 - Q. 4. "Corruption in public fund utilization undermines both development and public trust." Examine the institutional mechanisms to prevent leakages and their limitations. (150 words, 10 marks) IASbaba
		"Efficient utilization of public funds is crucial for sustainable development and public trust in governance." Differentiate between under-utilization, mis-utilization, and effective	Similar Question	MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet Q. 91

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		utilization of public funds with suitable examples.		
7	<p>Vijay was Deputy Commissioner of a remote district of a hilly Northern State of the country for the last two years. In the month of August heavy rains lashed the complete state followed by cloud burst in the upper reaches of the said district. The damage was very heavy in the complete state especially in the affected district. The complete road network and telecommunication were disrupted and the buildings were damaged extensively. People's houses have been destroyed and they were forced to stay in open. More than 200 people have been killed and about 5000 were badly injured. The Civil Administration under Vijay got activated and started conducting rescue and relief operations. Temporary shelter camps and hospitals were established to provide shelter and medical facilities to the homeless and injured people. Helicopter services were pressed in, for evacuating sick and old people from remote areas. Vijay got a message from his hometown in Kerala that his mother was seriously sick. After two days Vijay received the unfortunate message that his mother has expired. Vijay has no close relative except one elder sister who was US citizen and staying there for last several years. In the meantime, the situation in the affected district deteriorated further due to messages coming on his mobile from his hometown to reach at</p>	<p>Following a period of intense rainfall, the district experienced severe weather disruptions. As the District Commissioner, Manav enforced restrictions on vehicular movement along the ghat section road that serves as a vital link between two major cities. Despite these measures, an unfortunate accident occurred involving a truck that veered off the road. On receiving the report, Manav rushed to the site and found a significant landslide had deposited a massive pile of mud into the river below. It was confirmed that the truck driver remained trapped inside the vehicle.</p> <p>Further investigation revealed that the driver came from an economically disadvantaged background. He was the only earning member of his family, supporting two young children and an elderly mother. The body could not be retrieved promptly due to the volume and weight of the debris. The driver's family voiced concerns that the administration was not making adequate efforts to recover the body.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Manav was personally under immense stress, as his wife had been hospitalized for childbirth. Though his team had been working tirelessly, morale was low due to the lack of public and media recognition. To complicate matters, the government of the neighboring state criticized the administration for not doing enough to recover the body.</p> <p>Based on the situation described above, answer the following:</p>		<p>MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet Q. 2 (Case Studies)</p>

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	<p>the earliest for performing last rites of his mother.</p> <p>(a) What are the options available with Vijay?</p> <p>(b) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Vijay?</p> <p>(c) Critically evaluate and examine each of these options identified by Vijay.</p> <p>(d) Which of the options, do you think, would be most appropriate for Vijay to adopt and why?</p>	<p>a) Who are the key stakeholders involved in this case?</p> <p>b) What ethical dilemmas does Manav encounter in his role as a public servant?</p> <p>c) If placed in Manav's position, how would you inspire your subordinates to persevere in such difficult conditions?</p> <p>d) What measures would you implement to address the concerns raised by the driver's family and the public, while maintaining your team's motivation and morale? [20M]</p>			
11	<p>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Program, MGNREGA was earlier known as National Rural Employment Scheme, NREGA. It is an Indian Social Welfare Program that aimed at fulfilling the "Right to Work" provisions made in the Constitution. MGNREGA was launched in 2006 under Rural Employment Sector by the Ministry of Rural Development.</p> <p>Main objective of the program is to give legal guarantee of wage employment to the adult members of rural households who are willing to do unskilled manual labour work subject to a maximum of 100 days per year for every household. Every rural household has the right to register under the scheme, job card is issued to the registered, Job Card holder can seek employment; State Government shall pay 25% of minimum wage</p>	<p>Maya Patel, a young IAS officer, has been posted as the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) in Bharatpur, a drought-affected district in Rajasthan. The region has been experiencing severe water scarcity for the past three years, leading to massive crop failures and farmer suicides. The state government has allocated ₹500 crores for drought relief, including water tanker distribution, employment generation under MGNREGA, and compensation to affected farmers. Maya discovers that</p>	<p>Corruption in Welfare Schemes. (MGNREGA)</p>	<p>Day 34 - Q.2. Maya Patel, a young IAS officer, has been posted as the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) in Bharatpur, a drought-affected district in Rajasthan. The region has been experiencing severe water scarcity for the past three years, leading to massive crop failures and farmer suicides. The state government has allocated ₹500 crores for drought relief, including water tanker distribution, employment generation under MGNREGA, and compensation to affected farmers. Maya discovers that the local MLA, Vikram Singh, who belongs to the ruling party, has been systematically diverting drought relief funds to</p>	

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<p>for the first 30 days as compensatory daily unemployment allowance to the families and of wage for remaining period of the year. MGNREGA work was undertaken by various Gram Panchayats.</p> <p>You have been appointed as an Administrator In-charge of the District. You have been given the responsibility of monitoring MGNREGA work undertaken by various Gram Panchayats. You are also given the authority to give technical sanctions to all MGNREGA works.</p> <p>In one of the Panchayats in your jurisdiction, you notice that your predecessor has mismanaged the Program in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Money not disbursed to actual job-seekers. (ii) Muster Rolls of the Labourers not properly maintained. (iii) Mismatch between the work done and payments made. (iv) Payments made to fictitious persons. (v) Job Cards were given without looking into the need of person. (vi) Mismanagement of funds and to the extent of siphoning of funds. (vii) Approved works that never existed. <p>(a) What is your reaction to the above situation and how do you restore the proper functioning of</p>	<p>the local MLA, Vikram Singh, who belongs to the ruling party, has been systematically diverting drought relief funds to his construction business through shell companies.</p> <p>Additionally, water tankers meant for remote villages are being redirected to urban areas where the MLA has business interests. When Maya investigates further, she finds that several senior district officials are complicit in this scheme, receiving kickbacks for their silence. The MLA learns about Maya's investigation and invites her for a 'friendly discussion.' He offers her a substantial bribe and a lucrative posting in the state capital. When she refuses, he threatens to have her transferred to a remote tribal area and warns that her family's safety could be at risk. He also argues that his construction projects are creating employment and contributing to the region's long-term development,</p>	<p>his construction business through shell companies. Additionally, water tankers meant for remote villages are being redirected to urban areas where the MLA has business interests. When Maya investigates further, she finds that several senior district officials are complicit in this scheme, receiving kickbacks for their silence. The MLA learns about Maya's investigation and invites her for a 'friendly discussion.' He offers her a substantial bribe and a lucrative posting in the state capital. When she refuses, he threatens to have her transferred to a remote tribal area and warns that her family's safety could be at risk. He also argues that his construction projects are creating employment and contributing to the region's long-term development, claiming that a 'small compromise' would benefit everyone. Maya realizes that taking action against such a powerful political figure could end her career and potentially endanger her family, while remaining silent would perpetuate the suffering of thousands of drought-affected farmers. Questions</p> <p>What are the competing</p>
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	<p>MGNREGA Program in this regard?</p> <p>(b) What actions would you initiate to solve the various issues listed above?</p> <p>(c) How would you deal with the above situation?</p> <p>(Answer in 250 words) – 20 marks</p>	<p>claiming that a 'small compromise' would benefit everyone.</p> <p>Maya realizes that taking action against such a powerful political figure could end her career and potentially endanger her family, while remaining silent would perpetuate the suffering of thousands of drought-affected farmers.</p> <p>a. What are the competing ethical obligations Maya faces in this situation?</p> <p>b. How can she effectively combat corruption while ensuring her personal safety and career security?</p> <p>c. What systemic reforms are needed to protect honest civil servants from political interference and intimidation? (250 words, 20 marks)</p>	<p>ethical obligations Maya faces in this situation? How can she effectively combat corruption while ensuring her personal safety and career security? What systemic reforms are needed to protect honest civil servants from political interference and intimidation? (250 words, 20 marks) IASbaba</p>
		<p>Upon his recent appointment as District Commissioner, Naveen received a warm welcome from his subordinates, colleagues, and even the local Member of</p>	<p>MAINS EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM Booklet Q. No. 20 (Case Studies)</p>

Parliament (MP), who hosted a grand function in his honor. Feeling optimistic about serving the public and making a positive impact on development, Naveen was eager to address the pressing issues faced by the villagers.

When villagers approached him about water scarcity in their village, Naveen empathized with their plight and sought to resolve the issue promptly. Naveen proposed utilizing funds from the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for a water program initiative in the affected village.

However, upon reviewing MPLADS projects in the district, Naveen discovered that nearly 95% of the funds had already been allocated and projects supposedly completed well before the mid-year mark. His investigation revealed that many of these sanctioned projects existed only on paper, with funds being misappropriated. Shockingly, the funds had been fully disbursed even though the work was not completed, pointing to systemic manipulation.

Upon further inquiry, one of Naveen's subordinates disclosed that the misappropriation involved collusion between the local MP, officials from the DC office, and previous district commissioners. The MP had

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significantly increased his wealth and acquired properties in his family members' names using these funds. Additionally, a retired engineer from the Public Works Department and a Deputy Conservator were also implicated in the misuse of MPLADS funds. (20M)

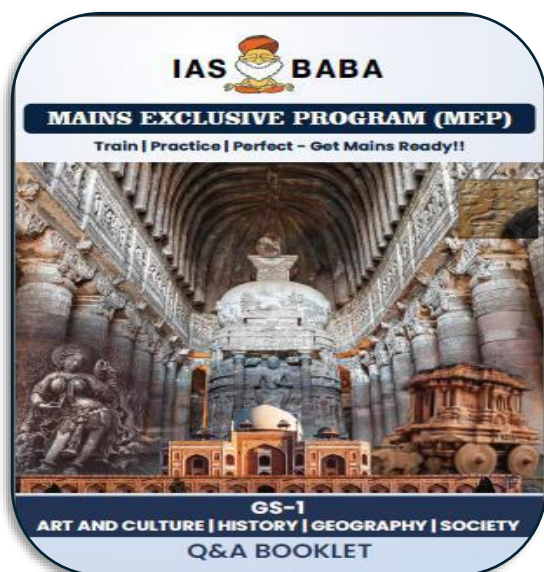
In light of the above situation, answer the following questions:

- Identify the stakeholders involved in the case along with the associated issues.
- Evaluate the options that are available to Naveen in the given case. Which of these options should Naveen choose and why?
- What will be the long-term measures you will take to prevent such an incident from occurring in the future?

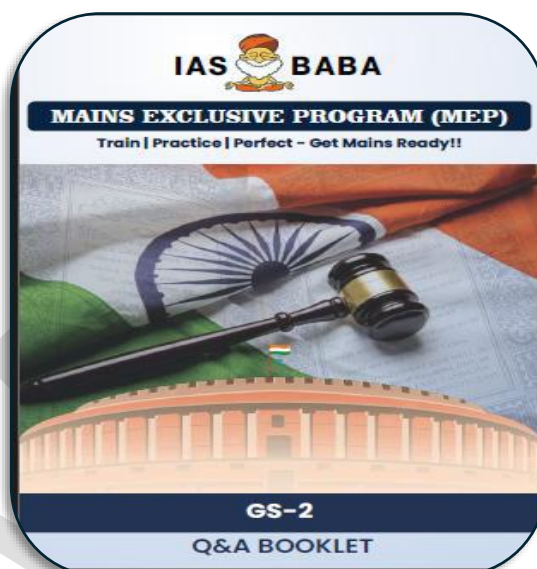
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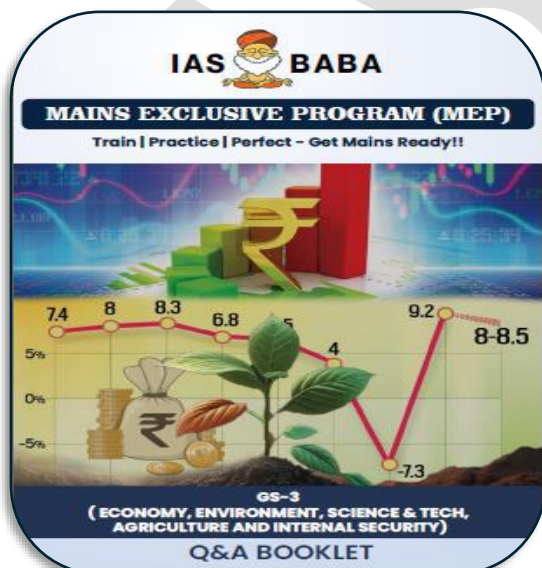
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