

ENVIRONMENT

2015

1. The Namami Gange and National mission for clean Ganga (NMCG) programmes and causes of mixed results from the previous schemes. What quantum leaps can help preserve the river Ganga better than incremental inputs?

2014

2. Should the pursuit of carbon credit and clean development mechanism set up under UNFCCC be maintained even through there has been a massive slide in the value of carbon credit? Discuss with respect to India's energy needs for economic growth.
3. Environmental impact assessment studies are increasingly undertaken before project is cleared by the government. Discuss the environmental impacts of coal-fired thermal plants located at Pitheads.

2013

4. What are the consequences of illegal mining? Discuss the ministry of environment and forests' concept of "GO AND NO GO" zones for coal mining.
5. Enumerate the National Water Policy of India. Taking river Ganges as an example, discuss the strategies which may be adopted for river water pollution control and management. What are the legal provisions for management and handling of hazardous wastes in India?
6. What do you understand by run of the river hydroelectricity project? How is it different from any other hydroelectricity project?

2012

7. Explain the concepts "Environmental Sustainability" and "Sustainable Development of People".
8. Explain briefly the "Clean Development Mechanism" as provided under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
9. What is Permaculture? Give at least three common examples where permaculture concepts are being put to use.
10. Given the accelerated pace of development and demand for energy, would you consider renewable energy as a viable option for India's future?
11. Analyse critically the interlinkages between the Convention on Biological Diversity and FAO Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
12. Examine the causes and the extent of 'desertification' in India and suggest remedial measures.
13. In the context of the growing demands for the ban of Endosulfan in the country, critically examine the issues involved. What, in your view, should be done in the matter?
14. The issue of tourism in core areas of tiger reserve forests in the country is a subject matter of debate. Critically examine various aspects of this issue, keeping in view relevant recent judicial pronouncements.

2011

15. The impact of climate change on water resources in India.
16. Phase-IV of the tiger monitoring programme in India.
17. The diminishing population of vultures
18. 'Billion Acts of Green'

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