

## Essay Engineering Module

Topics	Year
<p><b>SECTION A</b></p> <p>1. Wisdom finds truth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself.</b></li> <li><b>It always seems impossible until it's done.</b></li> </ul> <p>2. Values are not what humanity is, but what humanity ought to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Humans have Human Rights by the fact of being human.</b></li> </ul> <p>3. Best for an individual is not necessarily best for the society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Being idealistic in the realistic world is always difficult.</b></li> </ul> <p>4. Courage to accept and dedication to improve are two keys to success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In a gentle way, you can shake the world.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>SECTION B</b></p> <p>5. South Asian societies are woven not around the state, but around their plural cultures and plural identities</p> <p>6. Neglect of primary health care and education in India are reasons for its backwardness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Should "Social Reforms precede Political Reforms" or "Political Reforms precede Social Reforms"?.</b></li> <li><b>If you were to reform the Indian Education System?.</b></li> </ul> <p>7. Biased media is a real threat to Indian democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Role of youtubers in Social Change.</b></li> <li><b>"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."... Voltaire.</b></li> </ul> <p>8. Rise of Artificial Intelligence: the threat of jobless future or better job opportunities through reskilling and upskilling</p>	2019

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Is India prepared for Industry 4.0?</b></li> <li>• <b>"Gig Economy" the future of India's workforce.</b></li> <li>• <b>Moral &amp; Ethical Dilemmas of Emerging Technologies.</b></li> </ul>		2018
<p><b>Our Essay Test Questions - 2018</b> <b>Test: No: 4 - Qn. no. C (Sec A)</b> c) Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.</p> <p><b>Our Predicted Essays - Topic 9</b> Resilience of Indian agriculture to climate change <b>Test : No: 1 - Qn. no. C (Sec A)</b> c) A scientifically nurtured society is definitely bound to crack.</p> <p><b>Our Predicted Essays - Topic 8</b> Importance of values in Education</p>	<p><b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question - 2018</b> <b>Qn. no. 3 (Sec A)</b> Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere</p> <p><b>Qn. no. 1 (Sec A)</b> Alternative technologies for a climate change resilient India</p> <p><b>Qn. no. 3 (Sec A)</b> A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both</p>	
<p><b>SECTION - A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alternative technologies for a climate change resilient India</li> <li>2. A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge</li> <li>3. Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere</li> <li>4. Management of Indian border disputes – a complex task</li> </ol> <p><b>SECTION - B</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Customary morality cannot be a guide to modern life</li> <li>2. "The past" is a permanent dimension of human consciousness and values</li> <li>3. A people that values its privileges above its principles loses both</li> <li>4. Reality does not conform to the ideal, but confirms it</li> </ol>		2017
<p><b>Our Essay Test Questions - 2017</b> <b>Test : No: 2 - Qn. no. B (Sec A)</b> b) Globalization through 'gender lens'.</p> <p><b>Our Predicted Essays - Topic 1</b></p>	<p><b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question - 2017</b> <b>2017</b> Qn. no. 2 (Sec B) Fulfillment of 'new woman' in India is a myth.</p>	

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Women Leadership: A man's perspective		
<b>Our India &amp; World Book + Class Notes -</b> <b>Page : No: 26</b> <b>Same topic with all necessary side headings given</b> Our India & World Book + Class Notes - Stress ed a lot for potent ial Essay topic.	<b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question -</b> <b>2017</b> Qn. no. 4 (Sec A) Has the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world?	
<b>Our Essay Test Questions - 2017</b> <b>Test : No: 1 - Qn. no. A (Sec B)</b> a) Laws cannot change what is in people's hearts or minds. <b>Test : No: 2 - Qn. no. C (Sec A)</b> c) Humans have Human Rights by the fact of being human.	<b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question -</b> <b>2017</b> Qn. no. 3 (Sec B) We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws..	
<b>Our Predicted Essays - Topic 3</b> Impact of Social Networking sites	<b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question -</b> <b>2017</b> Qn. no. 4 (Sec B) Social media is inherently a selfish medium.	
<b>Our Essay Test Questions - 2017 - Indirect Relation only</b> <b>Test : No: 2 - Qn. no. C (Sec B)</b> C) Right to Education Act – Success	<b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question -</b> <b>2017</b> Qn. no. 3 (Sec A) Destiny of a nation is shaped	

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or Failure?

**Test : No: 1** - Qn. no. C (Sec B)

B) Nationalism .vs. Patriotism

in its classrooms.

### UPSC MAINS 2017 ESSAY QUESTION PAPER

#### Section - A

1. Farming has lost the ability to be a source of subsistence for majority of farmers in India.
2. Impact of the new economic measures on fiscal ties between the union and states in India.
3. Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classrooms.
4. Has the Non- Alignment Movement (NAM) lost its relevance in a multipolar world?.

#### Section - B

1. Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.
2. Fulfillment of 'new woman' in India is a myth.
3. We may brave human laws but cannot resist natural laws.
4. Social media is inherently a selfish medium.

#### Our Essay Test Questions -

2016

**Test : No: 2** - Qn. no. C (Sec A)  
DIDR in Development Industry – an urgent issue that needs priority in Policy making.

**Test : No: 3** - Qn. no. A (Sec B)  
Federalism and Water Management in India.

**Test : No: 2** - Qn. no. C (Sec B) A quarter-century of liberalization –

#### UPSC MAINS Essay Question -

2016

Qn. no. 1 (Sec A) If development is not engendered, it is endangered.

#### UPSC MAINS Essay Question -

2016

Qn. no. 3 (Sec A) Water disputes between States in federal India.

#### UPSC MAINS Essay Question -

2016

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Where are we now?.	Qn. no. 3 (Sec B) Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an outcome of economic reforms.	
<b>Test : No: 1</b> - Qn. no. C (Sec A) Digital Globalization - Policy challenges. Qn. no. C (Sec B) The Challenges before RBI. <u>These were slightly indirect topics but close to UPSC Topics.</u>	<b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question - 2016</b> Qn. no. 4 (Sec B) Digital economy: A leveller or a source of economic inequality.	
<b>UPSC Mains 2015 Essay Paper</b>		
<b>Instructions:</b> Write two essays, choosing one from each of the following Section A & B, in about 1000-1200 words. <b>Total Marks : 250</b>		
<b>Section-A: 125 Marks</b>		
1. If development is not engendered, it is endangered. 2. Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed. 3. Water disputes between States in federal India. 4. Innovation is the key determinant of economic growth and social welfare.		
<b>Section-B: 125 Marks</b>		
1. Cooperative federalism: Myth or reality. 2. Cyberspace and Internet: Blessing or curse to the human civilization in the long run? 3. Near jobless growth in India: An anomaly or an outcome of economic reforms. 4. Digital economy: A leveller or a source of economic inequality.		
<b>Our Essay Test Questions - 2015</b> <b>Test : No: 2</b> - Qn. no. 1 (Sec B) The best way to understand the character of Indian society is to examine the character of our leaders.	<b>UPSC MAINS Essay Question - 2015</b> Qn. no. 3 (Sec A) Character of an institution is reflected in its leader.	<b>2015</b>

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**Test : No: 3** - Qn. no. 3 (Sec B) In the end it all comes down to leadership.

**Test : No: 2** - Qn. no. 3 (Sec A) Educational institutions are meant to prepare students for lucrative careers.

**EXPECTED ESSAYS BOOK** - Topic. no. 5 Value Based Education.

### UPSC MAINS Essay Question - 2015

Qn. no. 4 (Sec A) Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil.

### UPSC Mains 2015 Essay Paper

**Instructions:** Write two essays, choosing one from each of the following Section A & B, in about 1000-1200 words.

**Total Marks : 250**

#### Section 'A'

1. Lending hands to someone is better than giving a dole.
2. Quick but steady wins the race.
3. Character of an institution is reflected in its leader.
4. Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man more clever devil.

#### Section B

1. Technology cannot replace manpower.
2. Crisis faced in India – moral or economic.
3. Dreams which should not let India sleep.
4. Can capitalism bring inclusive growth?.

#### **Section-A**

➤ **With greater power comes greater responsibility.**

- Is the growing level of competition good for the youth?
- Are the standardized tests good measure of academic ability or progress?
- Words are sharper than the two-edged sword.

#### **Section-B**

➤ **Was it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which**

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<p><b>slowed the growth of our country?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Is sting operation an invasion on privacy?</li> <li>➤ Fifty Golds in Olympics: Can this be a reality for India?</li> <li>➤ Tourism: Can this be the next big thing for India?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Write an essay on any one of the following topics, in not more than 2500 words. (250 marks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be the change you want to see in others (Gandhi)</li> <li>➤ <b>Is the Colonial mentality hindering India's Success?</b></li> <li>➤ GDP (Gross Domestic Product) along with GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) would be the right indices for judging the wellbeing of a country</li> <li>➤ Science and technology is the panacea for the growth and security of the nation.</li> </ul>	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the context of Gandhiji's views on the matter, explore, on an evolutionary scale, the terms 'Swadhinata', 'Swaraj' and 'Dharmarajya'. Critically comment on their contemporary relevance to Indian democracy.</li> <li>➤ Is the criticism that the 'Public-Private-Partnership' (PPP) model for development is more of a bane than a boon in the Indian context, justified?</li> <li>➤ <b>Science and Mysticism: Are they compatible?</b></li> <li>➤ Managing work and home – is the Indian working woman getting a fair deal?</li> </ul>	2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Creation of smaller states and the consequent administrative, economic and developmental implication.</b></li> <li>➤ Does Indian Cinema shape our popular culture or merely reflect it?</li> <li>➤ Credit – based higher education system – status, opportunities and challenges.</li> <li>➤ In the Indian context, both human intelligence and technical intelligence are crucial in combating terrorism</li> </ul>	2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Geography may remain the same; history need not</li> <li>➤ Should a moratorium be imposed on all fresh mining in tribal areas of the country?</li> </ul>	2010

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➤ <b>Preparedness of our society for India' global leadership role</b>	
➤ From traditional Indian philanthropy to the gates-buffet model-a natural progression or a paradigm shift?	
➤ Are our traditional handicrafts doomed to a slow death?	2009
➤ <b>Are we a soft state?</b>	
➤ The focus of health care is increasingly getting skewed towards the 'haves' of our society	
➤ Good fences make good neighbors	
➤ Globalization vs. Nationalism	
➤ <b>Role of media in good governance</b>	2008
➤ National identity and patriotism	
➤ <b>Special economic zone: boon or bane</b>	
➤ Discipline means success and anarchy means ruin	
➤ Urbanization and its hazards	
➤ Is an egalitarian society possible by educating the masses?	
➤ Independent thinking should be encouraged right from the childhood.	2007
➤ Evaluation of Panchayati Raj System in India from the point of view of eradication of power to people.	
➤ Attitude makes, habit makes character and character makes a man.	
➤ <b>Is Autonomy the best answer to combat balkanization?</b>	
➤ How has satellite television brought about cultural change in Indian mindsets?	
➤ BPO boom in India.	
➤ Women's Reservation Bill Would Usher in Empowerment for Women in India.	2006
➤ Protection of Ecology and Environment is Essential for Sustained Economic Development.	
➤ Importance of Indo-U.S. Nuclear Agreement.	
➤ "Education for All" Campaign in India: Myth or Reality.	
➤ Globalization Would Finish Small-Scale Industries in India.	
➤ Increasing Computerization Would lead to the Creation of a Dehumanized Society.	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Justice must reach the poor</li> <li>➤ The hand that rocks the cradle</li> <li>➤ If women ruled the world</li> <li>➤ What is real education?</li> <li>➤ Terrorism and world peace</li> <li>➤ Food security for sustainable national development</li> </ul>	<b>2005</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ India's role in promoting ASEAN cooperation</li> <li>➤ Judicial activism and Indian democracy</li> <li>➤ Whither women's emancipation</li> <li>➤ Globalization and its impact on Indian culture</li> <li>➤ The lure of space</li> <li>➤ Water resources should be under the control of the central government</li> </ul>	<b>2004</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The masks of new imperialism</li> <li>➤ How far has democracy in India delivered the goods</li> <li>➤ How should a civil servant conduct himself?</li> <li>➤ As civilization advances culture declines</li> <li>➤ There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so</li> <li>➤ Spirituality and scientific temper</li> </ul>	<b>2003</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Modern technological education and human values</li> <li>➤ Search for truth can only be a spiritual problem</li> <li>➤ If youth knew, if age could</li> <li>➤ The paths of glory lead but to the grave</li> <li>➤ Privatization of higher education in India</li> <li>➤ Responsibility of media in democracy</li> </ul>	<b>2002</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What have we gained from our democratic set-up?</li> <li>➤ My vision of an ideal world order</li> <li>➤ The march of science and the erosion of human values</li> <li>➤ Irrelevance of the classroom</li> <li>➤ The pursuit of excellence</li> <li>➤ Empowerment alone cannot help our women</li> </ul>	<b>2001</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Why should we be proud of being Indians?</li> <li>➤ The cyber world : its charm and challenges</li> <li>➤ The country's need for a better disaster management system</li> <li>➤ Indian culture today: a myth or a reality?</li> <li>➤ The implications of globalization for India</li> <li>➤ Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values</li> </ul>	<b>2000</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Women's empowerment: challenges and prospects</li> <li>➤ The youth culture today</li> <li>➤ Mass media and cultural invasion</li> <li>➤ Resource management in the Indian context</li> <li>➤ Value-based science and education</li> <li>➤ Reservations, politics and empowerment</li> </ul>	<b>1999</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The composite culture of India</li> <li>➤ Woman is god's best creation</li> <li>➤ The misinterpretation and misuse of freedom in India</li> <li>➤ India's contribution to world wisdom</li> <li>➤ The language problem in India: its past, present and prospects</li> <li>➤ The world of the twenty-first century</li> </ul>	<b>1998</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What we have not learnt during fifty years of Independence</li> <li>➤ Judicial activism</li> <li>➤ Greater political power alone will not improve women's plight</li> <li>➤ True religion cannot be misused</li> <li>➤ The modern doctor and his patients</li> <li>➤ Urbanization is blessing in disguise</li> </ul>	<b>1997</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Literacy is growing very fast but there is no corresponding growth in education</li> <li>➤ Restructuring of the UNO to reflect present realities</li> <li>➤ New cults and god men a threat to traditional religions</li> <li>➤ The VIP cult is a bane of Indian democracy</li> <li>➤ Need for transparency in Public Administration</li> <li>➤ Truth is lived, not taught</li> </ul>	<b>1996</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Politics without ethic is a disaster</li> <li>➤ The new emerging woman power: the ground realities</li> <li>➤ When money speaks, the truth is silent</li> <li>➤ Whither Indian democracy?</li> <li>➤ Restructuring of Indian education system</li> <li>➤ Disinterested intellectual curiosity is the life blood real civilization</li> <li>➤ Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds</li> </ul>	1995
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret</li> <li>➤ Indian Society at the crossroads</li> <li>➤ The Challenge before a civil servant today</li> <li>➤ Modernization and westernization are not identical concepts</li> <li>➤ A useless life is an early death</li> <li>➤ Politics, Business and Bureaucracy-a fatal triangle</li> <li>➤ Multinational Corporations-saviors or saboteurs</li> </ul>	1994
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ My vision of India in 2001</li> <li>➤ The emerging Global order, Political and Economic</li> <li>➤ "He who Reigns within himself and Rules his Passions, Desires and Fears, is more than a King"</li> <li>➤ Compassion is the basis of all Morality</li> <li>➤ Men have failed; let women take over</li> <li>➤ Economic growth without distributive justice is bound to breed violence</li> <li>➤ Ecological considerations need not hamper development</li> <li>➤ Computer: The harbinger of silent revolution</li> </ul>	1993