

Dialectics IAS

For One-To-One Mentorship

UPSC: Previous Years' Questions

Paper I 6. Work and Economic Life

Paper II C. (iii) Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India

Q. Do you think that forced displacement of labourers has caused their deprivation and resultant inequalities during the recent past years? Elaborate. (2025/20)

Q. Discuss the trend of urbanization in India. Do you think that Industrialization is the only precondition of urbanization? Give your arguments. (2025/20)

Q. Critically analyze the sociological significance of informal sector in the economy of developing societies. (2025/10)

Q. What are the major problems faced by the labour migrants while working in informal sectors of Indian States? Discuss. (2025/10)

Q. Do you think that law has been able to abolish child labour in India? Comment. (2025/10)

Q. Examine with suitable examples the recent trends in the growth of urban settlements in India. (2024/10)

Q. Is there a connection between labour migration and informal sector? Justify your answer with reference to Indian context. (2024/10)

Q. Are slums the manifestations of industrialisation and urbanisation in India? Explain. (2024/10)

Q. Define the concept of 'gig' economy and discuss its impact on the labour market and workers' social security net. (2024/20)

Q. Critically assess the impact of technological advancement and automation on the nature of work and employment. (2024/10)

Q. Describe the differing principles of work organization in feudal and capitalist societies. (2024/10)

Q. Explain how economic globalization has brought changes in the patterns of employment in the 21st century. (2023/20)

- Q. What is Taylorism? Analyze its merits and demerits. (2023/20)
- Q. What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India? (2023/10)
- Q. Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples. (2023/10)
- Q. Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums. (2022/10)
- Q. How do you view the growth of informal sector in India? (2022/10)
- Q. Explain the implications of feminization of work in the developing countries. (2022/10)
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- Q. Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums. (2022/10)
- Q. Explain the emerging challenges in establishing gender equality in the informal sector. (2021/10)
- Q. Elucidate the main problems and challenges faced by the migrant labourers in the recent 'Lockdown Period'. (2021/20)
- Q. How has the idea of 'Work From Home' forced us to redefine the formal and informal organisation of work. (2021/20)
- Q. Urban slums are sites of social exclusion. Explain. (2021/10)
- Q. Urban settlements in India tend to replicate its rural caste-kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons. (2021/20)
- Q. Point out the main causes of 'child labour' in India. How far the State policies have succeeded in its elimination? (2020/10)
- Q. Elaborate the causes, consequences and other concerns of growth of urban settlements in India. (2020/20)
- Q. Discuss the new labour codes and their impact on formal and informal labour in India. (2020/20)
- Q. Capitalism has brought increasing informalization of work in society. Substantiate your answer. (2020/20)
- Q. What is 'social security'? Examine recent security measures adopted by the Government in India. (2019/10)
- Q. What is 'informal labour'? Discuss the need for and challenges in regulating informal labour in the post-industrial society. (2019/20)
- Q. Elaborate urbanism as a way of life. (2019/10)

- Q. Elucidate the concerns of growing urban displacement dynamics in India. (2019/10)
- Q. Do you think that 'demonetization' has accelerated the economic growth in India? How do you understand the in formalization of labour, underemployment and gender discrimination in this context? (2019/20)
- Q. Discuss the nature of social organization of work in capitalist society with reference to the 'Limits of the working day'. (2018/20)
- Q. What is labour commitment? Discuss it with reference to studies of manufacturing industry. (2018/20)
- Q. How do you relate the growth of development of metropolis and its impact on the mental and social life of people in India. (2018/20)
- Q. Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development (IHSD) programme provided for the urban poor. (2018/10)
- Q. What do you understand by 'informalization of labour'? Write your answer with special reference to India. (2017/10)
- Q. Trace the changing nature of organization of work in capitalist society over the years. (2017/20)
- Q. Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting. (2017/10)
- Q. Do you agree that the issue of child labour raises questions about and beyond the informal sector? Give reasons. (2017/10)
- Q. Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention. (2017/20)
- Q. Examine the impact of heritage tourism on urban socio-spatial patterns in India. (2017/20)
- Q. Describe the nature of social organization work in industrial society. (2016/10)
- Q. "Globalization has pushed the labour into informal organization of work." Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. (2016/20)
- Q. Write a detailed note on the effects of growing slums in urban areas. (2016/20)
- Q. Discuss the changing nature of problems of working class in the informal sector of the economy. (2016/20)
- Q. Issues relating to the informal labour market in urban India. (2015/10)
- Q. The increasing importance of the tertiary sector has weakened the formal organization of work in recent times. Examine the statement. (2015/20)
- Q. Discuss the impact of globalization on the workers in the Informal sector. (2014/10)

- Q. Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor. (2014/20)
- Q. Examine the social impact of globalization on labour and society. (2013/20)
- Q. Distinguish between formal and informal sectors in India. (2013/20)
- Q. Examine the influence of industrialisation on caste. (2013/15)
- Q. Write an analytical note on slums in cities. (2013/15)
- Q. Write short note on the following from a sociological perspective: Industrial Democracy (2012/20)
- Q. Write short note on the following from a sociological perspective: Child labour (2012/20)
- Q. How do formal and informal organization of work influence labour's mobility? Explain with examples. (2012/20)
- Q. Discuss the factors which contributed to industrial modernization in India. What are the salient features of new industrial class structure? (2012/20)
- Q. Have the new economic policy and economic reforms led to weakening of labour class movements? Explain your views with examples. (2012/30)
- Q. Write short note on Self-Help Group (SHG) as an informal organization from a sociological perspective (in about 150 words). (2011/12)
- Q. What is formal organization? "The growth of bureaucracy has resulted in extreme concentration of power at larger levels of social organization." Discuss. (2011/20)
- Q. What are the linkage points between globalization and the growth of the informal sector? How have these affected the nature and functioning of the working class? (2011/30)
- Q. Rapid urbanization and sustainable development do not go together. Discuss with arguments. (2011/20)
- Q. "Work in capitalism is reduced to mere labour in which the individual does not develop freely his physical and mental energy and mortifies his body and ruins his mind." Critically evaluate the assertion. (2010/30)
- Q. Write short note on Feminisation of labour in Informal Sector (2010/15)
- Q. Write short note on Human Relations School of Thought by Elton Mayo as a social organization of work process in industry. (2010/15)
- Q. Analyse the social impact of market economy on traditional societies. (2010/15)
- Q. Evaluate the policy of SEZ (special economic zones) and the nature of social response to it. (2010/30)
- Q. From a sociological perspective, examine the effects of the BPO industry on the youth. (2010/20)

- Q. Comment on the sociological impact of globalization on people working in the Informal sector. (2009/30)
- Q. What is the impact of Globalization on the structure and mobilization of the working class in India? (2008/60)
- Q. Write short note: Informal sector in the urban economy in India (2008/20)
- Q. Discuss the social consequences of economic reforms like liberalization, privatization and globalization. (2007/60)
- Q. Write short note: Market economy and its social consequences (2007/20)
- Q. Write short note: Programmes for urban development (2007/20)
- Q. Indicate social determinants of economic development. Discuss any one sociological perspective analyzing backwardness and poverty in the developing societies. (2007/60)
- Q. Write short note: Features of Pre-Industrial economic system (2007/20)
- Q. Write short note: Social Consequences of Privatization (2006/20)
- Q. Describe various aspects of urban environment in India and assess the impact of urban development programmes on it. (2005/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social determinants of economic development (2005/20)
- Q. Examine in detail the impact of new global economy on work organization and family structure in India. (2004/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social Consequences of Globalization (2004/20)
- Q. Discuss how occupational diversification has affected the pattern of social stratification in India. (2003/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social determinants of Economic Development (2003/20)
- Q. Write short note: Industrialization and social change (2002/20)
- Q. Write short note: Problems of child labour in India (2002/20)
- Q. Write short note: Types of Exchange (2001/20)
- Q. Write short note: Emerging pattern of sex-roles in modern society (2001/20)
- Q. Write short note: Privatization and globalization (2001/20)
- Q. Do you agree with the view that slums are areas of darkness and despair? Give reasons in support of your answer. (2000/60)
- Q. Write short note: Consequences of globalization for India (2000/20)
- Q. Write short note: Social determinants of economic development (2000/20)

- Q. Slums are scars on the social fabric. How can these scars be removed? (1999/60)
- Q. What is meant by privatization and how could it effect economic reforms in India? (1999/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social consequences of unplanned urban growth (1998/20)
- Q. Assess the impact of market economy on the traditional rural economic structure. (1998/60)
- Q. Write short note: Features of pre-industrial economic system (1998/20)
- Q. Write short note: Industrialization and social change (1997/20)
- Q. Write short note: Social profile of slums (1997/20)
- Q. Write short note: Urban neighbourhoods (1996/20)
- Q. Write short note: Social consequences of market economy (1996/20)
- Q. Write short note: Types of exchange (1996/20)
- Q. Write short note: Social consequences of economic development (1995/20)
- Q. Discuss the salient features of urbanization in India. What steps would you suggest to tackle the negative aspects of urbanization? (1995/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social basis of trade unions (1995/20)
- Q. Write short note: Industrialization and occupational diversification (1995/20)
- Q. Evaluate the role of state in social and economic reconstruction of Indian Society since independence. (1994/60)
- Q. Discuss the functions of traditional economic institutions in India. Analyse the factors responsible for change in them. (1994/60)
- Q. 'The market cannot function without State'. Critically examine the statement within the Indian context. (1992/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social consequences of market economy (1992/20)
- Q. Privatization of economy can often result in growing social inequalities, exploitation and corruption. How far are these fears justified in the Indian context? (1991/60)
- Q. What are the main social determinates of economic development in India? Examine this question with special reference to the growth of entrepreneurship and the rise of business houses in India. (1990/60)
- Q. Examine the social consequences of economic development with special reference to India. (1989/60)
- Q. Write short note: Pre-industrial Economic System (1989/20)

- Q. Write short note: Industrialization and Caste (1988/20)
- Q. Write short note: Formal organization (1988/20)
- Q. Write short note: Urban decay: the culture of overcrowded neighbourhoods and slums in industrial cities (1986/20)
- Q. What is the link between industrialization and urbanization? What happens when urbanization outstrips industrialization? Answer with reference to India. (1985/60)
- Q. Write short note: Social aspects of Industrial economic system (1984/20)
- Q. Write short note: Changing concept of property (1984/20)
- Q. Discuss the social consequences of economic development in India. Do you share the view that it has increased economic inequality and failed to promote social justice? (1984/60)
- Q. Discuss industrialization and urbanization as interrelated factors of social change in India. (1982/60)
- Q. What are the features of economic development? Outline the social determinants and consequences of economic development in India. (1982/60)

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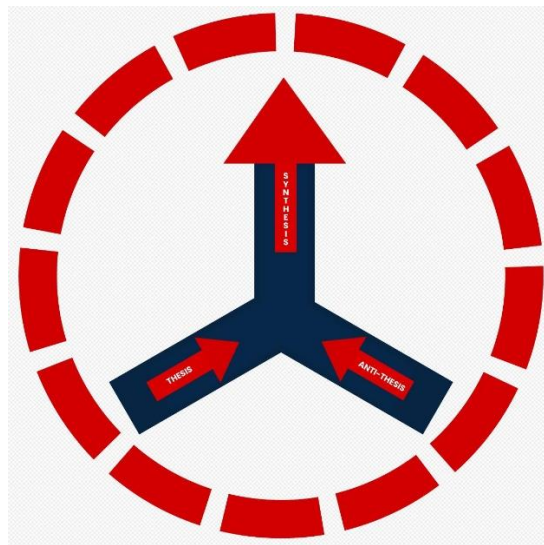
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