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## QUESTION WISE ANALYSIS OF 2018 GS 3 MAINS

#	Questions asked in GS 3 – 2018	Area in Mains Syllabus	Nature of question	Why asked?
1	“Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). “Comment on the progress made in India in this regard.	Indian Economy: Growth and Development	Current Affairs	Current Affairs
2	Comment on the important changes introduced in respect of the Long-term Capital Gains Tax (LCGT) and Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) in the Union Budget for 2018-2019.	Government Budgeting	Current Affairs	Changes in Union Budget 2018
3	What do you mean by Minimum Support Prize (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low income trap?	Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices	Current Affairs	Announcement in Union Budget 2018
4	Examine the role of supermarkets in supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate number of intermediaries?	Food processing and related industries in India – Supply Chain Management	Static	Static
5	Discuss the work of ‘Bose-Einstein Statistics’ done by Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose and show how it revolutionized the field of Physics.	Achievements of Indians in S & T	Current Affairs	125 <sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Satyendra Nath Bose
6	What are the impediments in disposing huge quantities of discarded solid wastes which are continuously being generated? How do we remove safely the toxic wastes that have been accumulating in our habitable environment?	Environmental Pollution and Degradation	Static	Static

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7	What is wetland? Explain the Ramsar concept of 'wise use' in the context of wetland conservation. Cite two examples of Ramsar sites from India.	Environmental Conservation	Current Affairs	Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules
8	Sikkim is the first 'Organic State' in India. What are the ecological and economical benefits of Organic state?	Environmental Conservation	Current Affairs	Issue on the Sustainability Model of Organic Farming
9	The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is viewed as a cardinal subset of China's larger 'One Belt One Road' initiative Give a brief description of CPEC and enumerate the reasons why India has distanced itself from the same.	Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security	Current Affairs	Belt and Road Initiative of China
10	Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is showing a downward trend, but still affects many parts of the country. Briefly explain the Government of India's approach to counter the challenges posed by LWE.	Linkages between development and spread of extremism	Current Affairs	Current Affairs
11	How are the principles followed by the NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile Planning Commission in India.	Indian Economy: Issues related to Planning	Static	Static
12	How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India.	External Sector	Current Affairs	Trade War between China and the USA

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13	Assess the role of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms how far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?	Major crops and cropping patters in various parts of the country	Static	Static
14	How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption?	Major crops and cropping patterns in various parts of the country	Current Affairs	National Year of Millets
15	Why is there so much activity in the field of biotechnology in our country? How has this activity benefitted the field of biopharma?	Awareness in the field of Biotechnology	Static	Static
16	With growing energy needs should India keep on expanding its nuclear energy programmes? Discuss the fact and fears associated with nuclear energy.	Indigenization of technology and development of new technology	Current Affairs	Issues regarding the installation of new nuclear power plants
17	How does biodiversity vary in India? How is the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 helpful in conservation of flora and fauna?	Environmental Conservation	Static	Static
18	Describe various measures taken in India for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) before and after signing 'Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-2030)'. How is this framework different from 'Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005'?	Disaster and Disaster Management	Static	Static

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19	Data security has assumed significant importance in the digitized world due to rising cyber crimes. The Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee Report addresses issues related to data security. What, in your view, are the strengths and weaknesses of the Report relating to protection of personal data in cyber space?	Basics of Cyber Security	Current Affairs	B N SriKrishna Committee Report
20	India's proximity to two of the world's biggest illicit opium-growing states has enhanced her internal security concerns. Explain the linkage between drug trafficking and other illicit activities such as gunrunning, money laundering and human trafficking. What counter measures should be taken in prevent the same?	Linkages of organized crime	Static	Static

## OVERALL TREND ANALYSIS

### Trends in Economy

- The number of Questions from Economy has reduced from 6 to 4. This is the lowest proportion for the Subject in the last three years.
- 3 out of 4 questions were derived from Current Events including one question from the Union Budget.

### Trends in Agriculture

- Agriculture retains 4 questions as asked in the previous year.

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- There has been at least one question related to Cropping patterns in the last four years.

## **Trends in Environment**

- Environment with five questions has the highest number in 2018 GS Paper III.
- Questions from Conservation and Disaster Management have consistently appeared in the last four years.
- Surprisingly, Static portions were more when compared to Current Affairs Section under Environment.

## **Trends in Science and Technology**

- Science and Technology has 3 questions similar to the previous three years.
- This is the first time in three years that a question has been asked from Core Science (Physics). The influence of Current Affairs in Science and Technology continues to be dominant.
- Unlike other Subjects the Variance in S & T is high as questions are asked from multiple domains in each subsequent year.

## **Trends in Internal Security**

- The number of questions remains four same as the last three years.
- The questions are heavily dependent by Current Events

## **Overall**

- 12 out of the 20 questions were related to Current Events

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- Environment holds the most number of questions surpassing Economics which was the dominant subject in the last three years.











