

12 Eco – Critical Thinking Questions

- Q 1.** What is demonetization? Has it really eradicated corruption in India?
- Q 2.** Explain strategies to promote sustainable development.
- Q 3.** State true/ false for the following statements with valid reasons.
- Since independence the benefits of increased economic growth have trickled down to the bottom of the population pyramid.
 - Shift from subsistence farming to commercial farming has not been a suitable proposition for the Indian farmers.
 - There exists negative correlation between infrastructural growth and national income.
- Q 4.** During the British colonial rule, despite being the occupation of about 85% of India's population, the agriculture sector continued to experience stagnation and, not infrequently, unusual deterioration. Agricultural productivity became low. Do you agree with the above statement? Give valid reasons in support of your answer
- Q 5.** How far the land reforms in the agriculture sector in India were successful in their implementation? Explain?
- Q 6.** Since 1991 every year, the government fixes a target for disinvestment of PSEs. Do you think selling a part of the properties of government companies is the best way to improve their efficiency?
- Q 7.** The present day fast industrial growth in China can be traced back to the reforms introduced in 1978. Defend or refute the above statement.
- Q 8.** Define Human Capital Formation. What are the sources/Factors of human capital formation? Explain.
- Q 9.** "The three dimensional attack on poverty adopted by the government has not succeed in poverty alleviation in India". Comment.
- Q 10.** What are the major problems/drawbacks of health sector in India? Explain
- Q 11.** How does environment crisis affect avoidable opportunity cost of development?
- Q 12.** The Process of Globalization has been a mixed blessing. Comment.
- Q 13.** Agriculture sector appears to be adversely affected by the reform process done under NEP. Explain any four reasons for the same.
- Q 14.** Explain the similarities between India, Pakistan and China in their developmental strategies.
- Q 15.** Industrialization leads to environmental degradation, do you agree? Justify your answer.
- Q 16.** How does environment crisis affect avoidable opportunity cost of development?
- Q 17.** Are the following statements true or false? Give reasons for your answers.
- During colonial period, balance of trade remained unfavourable.
 - During period of mid-1960s, the focus of agricultural strategy shifted from land reforms to technology.
 - Rural people largely work as landless agricultural labourers.
 - Physical capital creates private benefit only while human capital creates private as well as social benefits.
- Q 18.** India's rural credit structure faces some very serious problems. Comment.
- Q 19.** Analyse the recent trends in status wise distribution of workforce in India:

Trends in Employment Pattern (Sector wise), 1993-2012 (in %)

Sector	1993-94	1999-2000	2011-2012
Self-employed	54.6	52.6	52
Regular Salaried	13.6	14.6	18
Casual Wage Labourers	31.8	32.8	30

- Q 20.** "The opportunity costs of negative environmental impact are high". Explain the statement.
- Q 21.** Monthly Per Capita Expenditure method of determining Poverty line is criticised due to various reasons. Comment.
- Q 22.** Compare Pakistan, India and China on the basis of
- People below poverty line
 - Growth rate of population
 - Maternal mortality rates
 - Level of Urbanisation.
- Q 23.** "Atamirbhar Bharat" had been at the roots of the Indian planning process in the form of "self-reliance" as an objective of the planning process. Do you agree with the given statement? Justify the rationale of the given statement.
- Q 24.** "Medical tourism is becoming a great source of foreign exchange earnings for India". Defend the statement with valid arguments.
- Q 25.** Critically evaluate the role of the rural banking system in the process of rural development in India.

- Q 26.** Do you think in the last 50 years employment generated in the country is commensurate with the growth of GDP in India? How?
- Q 27.** Explain growth with equity as a planning objective.
- Q 28.** Discuss briefly any two major steps taken by the Government of India in "Trade and Investment Policy" under the Economic Reforms of 1991.
- Q 29.** What is jobless growth? Analyse the trend of Growth of Employment and Gross Domestic Product in India from 1990-2012.
- Q 30.** 'In spite of the increase in public health expenditure Indian Health System is an ailing system in itself'. Defend the statement citing any three major problems of health sector in India.
- Q 31.** Monthly Per Capita Expenditure method of determining Poverty Line is criticized due to various reasons. Comment.
- Q 32.** "Human capital formation gives birth to innovation, invention and technological improvements." Do you agree with the given statement? Support your answer with valid arguments.
- Q 33.** "Indian Rupee (₹) plunged to an all-time low of ₹ 82.29 against the US Dollar (\$)". In light of the above report, discuss the impact of the situation on Indian Imports.
- Q 34.** Critically examine the results of Poverty Alleviation Programmes implemented in India since Independence.
- Q 35.** "Ujjwala Yojana has been a game changer for rural India." State any three conventional fuels being targeted under the LPG cylinder distribution scheme (Ujjwala Yojana).
- Q 36.** "The Indian Health System needs a stronger dose of public expenditure to cure itself." Justify the given statement with valid arguments.
- Q 37.** "India is often called as 'Outsourcing Destination' of the world. Discuss the prime reasons for this name given to India".
- Q 38.** "The Prime Minister urged to increase the rural income by increasing non-farm activities." Explain how non-farm activities can lead to rise in income of people in rural sector.
- Q 39.** Explain, how does 'Investment in Human Capital' contribute to growth of an economy.
- Q 40.** State any 7 issues faced by Power Sector in India. Discuss in detail any three major problems faced by power sector in India.
- Q 41.** State the meaning of 'Agricultural Marketing'. Explain some policies of Indian government for Agricultural Marketing & discuss its impacts
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