

FEW QUESTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF CIVIL SERVICES INTERVIEW

INTRODUCTORY

1. Kindly introduce yourself to the Board.
2. Can you tell something about yourself?
3. What important development has taken place today in the state you come from?
4. How have you come from your place to meet us? What have been carbon footprints of this journey?
5. Is interview right method to judge one's personality?
6. What should be the ideal method to select persons for civil services?
7. There are many countries where there is no examination for selection to civil services? Does it make a difference?
8. How has your gender helped in reaching this place?
9. Which is your favourite topic and why?
10. Why is it most of the people choose the optional you have chosen? (for optionals such as Public Ad)
11. Why did you not choose the optional from the subject of study at graduation or postgraduation level?
12. Are you comfortable in the dress you are wearing? Why tie?

INTRODUCTORY

1. What is historical significance of your date of birth?
2. You were born in -----? What is significance of this place?
3. You hail from --- state. What is contribution of this state in the freedom struggle?
4. You hail from-----? Why was this in news recently?
5. You come from a family of business persons? Why are you thinking of becoming an entrepreneur?
6. Why are you thinking from shifting from a high paid job to a job where you will be paid, say 1/3rd of your present salary?
7. Is it proper to spend 4-5 years of your life to try for a job? Is it not an inequality as many persons can not afford this luxury?
8. You are already in civil services. Is it not unfair with the present service as you are spending your energies to get out of the service?
9. Why did you opt for an optional which you did not study till post graduation?
10. What attracts persons such as you to civil services – status, power or cosy life?
11. You can afford to do service through an NGO. Why Civil services? What type of service will you do as part of ED?
12. How is your present job? Why do you dislike the same?

GENERAL STUDIES (COVID)

1. Kindly name five types of vaccines available for COVID.
2. How do the scientists evaluate the efficacy of a vaccine?
3. Should you go for the vaccine when none assures you that you will not have covid after having the vaccine?
4. Covid vaccines have been made available in a record less time. Is it good for the system? In which other scenarios, you will recommend such shortcuts?
5. Are you okay with the way the vaccines are being administered? What are two areas of concern?
6. Is not the system of vaccination tilted towards the rich? What will you do as future Collector to tilt the same more towards the poor?
7. Has WHO been able to find out the root cause of spread of COVID? If yes, kindly brief us about the same. If no, why so?
8. Have we been able to handle COVID effectively? List three areas where we excelled and three areas where we failed.
9. How is COVID handling different from the way we handled the small pox?
10. Some states had very high incidence of COVID while some others had much less incidence. Why?
11. COVID is again spreading? What wrong did we do?
12. Why incidence of deaths due to COVID is less in India than in Europe

GENERAL STUDIES (COVID & HEALTH)

1. Has the Union Budget adequately provided for health? List some salient feature of the budget in this regard.
2. Has the recent epidemic taken our focus away from the existing diseases such as tuberculosis?
3. How did Ayushman Bharat performed during COVID times? Did it help the poor persons during this epidemic?
4. Lately there are news that the ventilator manufacturers have suffered heavy losses? Why so? What could be done to save oneself from such situations?
5. What benefits accrued to the businesses concerned with health in the past one year? Should such profits be left with these firms?
6. How did our basic health infrastructure perform in last one year? List down five salient points.
7. What was the role of AYUSH in the situation of epidemic? What medicines were recommended by AYUSH for use in COVID?
8. What was the main Act used by the State Governments to stop the spread of COVID?
9. It was for the first time that National Disaster Management Act was used? What have been pros and cons of its use?
10. "Indian Administration works well in emergent situations". How will you evaluate this statement in relation to COVID management.
11. COVID testing rates have fallen considerably. Was it justified for the Government to fix higher rates and then wait for SC scolding to reduce the same? Whom do you blame for the same?
12. Who performed better in health sector- politician or bureaucrat? Why?

GENERAL STUDIES (BUDGET 2021)

1. List five salient features of Union Budget 2021.
2. What is the difference between duty and cess? Why did the Union Government reduce duty on petroleum products and increased the cess? Is it a good example of co operative federalism?
3. How have the employees suffered financially during the last one year? When are they going to get all benefits? Has any other country also taken similar steps?
4. It is alleged that over the years budget exercise has become more political. What is there to substantiate such allegations?
5. Govt of India, it is stated, has used the situation of adversity to carry out major changes? What are the changes made?
6. How much money has been provided for Atmanirbhar Bharat? How has it helped the businesses?
7. What has Budget provided for MSMEs? What more should have been done?
8. What is the outlay for MGNREGA in the budget? Is it sufficient?
9. What is planned expenditure on infrastructure? How does it help in reducing poverty?
10. What has the Union Budget done to address the issue of increasing inequalities?
11. What is the vision of Union Budget 2021. List down six pillars. Why are these called pillars?
12. Custom duties have been hiked in the Union Budget 2021. Is it true? How does it help the domestic businesses?
13. What are the benefits of budget presentation on Feb 1 instead of Feb 28/29.

GENERAL STUDIES (BANKING, FINANCE AND RELATED)

1. What is the main role of RBI? Evaluate the role of RBI during FY 2020-21.
2. How have banks suffered during FY 2020-21? What solace has been provided by the Government and RBI?
3. What do you understand by NPAs? Have these increased during the last one year? Why? What steps have been taken to mitigate the same?
4. List the banks which failed in the recent past? Why did these fail? What steps have been taken to revive the same?
5. Who are high value defaulters? What steps have been taken to deal with them? How much money banks have lost due to the same?
6. Define terms such as bank rate, repo rate, cash reserve ratio? How did these change during FY 2020-21 and why?
7. Why is the Government thinking of creating a Bad Bank? What steps have been taken in this regard?
8. It is alleged that Union Government is not paying the states the amount as promised in GST Act? Is it true? If yes, why so?
9. It is sometimes alleged that the Government has created maximum fear in the minds of businessmen. Is it the right policy? Your comments please.
10. What is NFRA? Who has constituted this body and why?
11. What is SEBI? What new changes have been brought by SEBI to regulate stock market?
12. Computer system of NSE broke down? How did it hurt the financial system? Who is the concerned regulator in this regard?

GENERAL STUDIES (FARM LAWS AND AGITATION)

1. Name the three farm laws which were passed by Parliament in 2020. Why is there controversy about these?
2. Are the farmers protests justified? Why is the issue not getting resolved?
3. What is the effect of farmers agitation on the economy of the country?
4. Where did the Govt go wrong in passing the Farmers Laws when these are for the benefit of the farmers?
5. How will three farm laws expected to increase income of the farmers?
6. What are the concerns of the farmers? What is the Government stand on the same?
7. Why do the farmers not take the promise of the Government regarding MSP on its face value? Why are they insisting on law?
8. What is MSP? How is it determined? Are the farmers produce sold at less than MSP price?
9. What is Swaminathan Report? List five salient points. How is it quoted in farmers agitation?
10. Is it good to stop road or rail movement during agitation? Should it be allowed in a democracy?
11. Why Government has not taken strict action against the farmers who have stopped main roads?
12. What do you know about Artihyas? Do they perform any significant role? Are they necessary part of the procurement system?

GENERAL STUDIES (UN)

1. Name five important UN organisations. Are these performing any useful purpose? Which organisation was mostly in news during FY 2020-21?
2. Who is the present Secretary General of the UN? What has been his role during the pandemic?
3. Which is the UN body concerning human rights? Where is it based? What does it have to say about human rights in India?
4. Where is ILO based? What are important functions of ILO? How does it impact Indian business?
5. Is India presently member of UNSC? What are the impediments in India becoming a permanent member of UNSC?
6. What are the languages of UN? Can somebody speak in some other language? What needs to be done in this regard? Should Indian PM speak in Hindi or English? What are pros and cons of the same?
7. Can you name five UNESCO heritage sites in India? What are the benefits and losses of a site becoming an UNESCO heritage site?
8. What is UNCDF? Who has been appointed Executive Secretary of this organisation?
9. Which Indian city has been recognised as tree city of the world and by which organisation?
10. Do the organisations such as BRICS or SAARC work under the ambit of UN?
11. Which country contributes maximum to UN peace keeping force and why?
12. Is UN a bureaucratic organisation or a political organisation?

GENERAL STUDIES (CENTRAL GOVERNMENT)

1. What are your comments on centre state relations? Is centre highly powerful? Why so?
2. What is difference between a Ministry and a Department? Can a Ministry become a department? Any example.
3. Who is administrative head of a department in Govt of India? Does he/she report to Cabinet Secretary?
4. What have been recent changes in Railway Administration? Any comments on the same.
5. Is Railway budget presented separately? If yes, why and if no, why? What are the benefits of integration?
6. What is the role of PMO? Is PMO very powerful and why? If PMO is weak, who will perform those roles?
7. A bureaucrat has said that the Bureaucracy is not able to function because of five Cs. Which are these five Cs? Do you agree?
8. What has present Government done to reduce the corruption in Bureaucracy?
9. What is the role of Regulatory and Statutory bodies in the Governance?
10. What do you mean by lateral entry into the civil services? List a few pros and cons.
11. How can MP play a significant role in improving governance in his/her area?
12. How is Union Govt able to influence decisions in the Courts? What is the role of Attorney General in this regard?
13. Any important decision taken by the Central Govt concerning regulatory bodies and effect of the same.

GENERAL STUDIES (INDIAN CULTURE)

1. What is contribution of Swami Vivekanand to the spread of Indian culture?
2. What do you understand by Buddhist circuit? What is its importance? What other circuits can be created on similar lines?
3. How has present Government spread the Yoga in the world? How does it help Indian economy?
4. What is full form of AYUSH? How has it progressed during the last 6-7 years?
5. Have you heard about Dr Moxraj? List a few achievements.
6. Narrate briefly Sabarimala Temple issue? What will you suggest as a future district collector of the area?
7. Name five places which show the diversity in Indian culture. Can we say that there has been a significant fusion of cultures?
8. Name three temples with distinct and unique architectural styles. How was it possible at the time these temples were constructed?
9. Why do we have less habit of recording the events? Is it related to some principles of Hinduism?
10. What are important dance forms? How are these related to spiritual progress?
11. Which is the tallest statue in the world? How many persons have visited to see this statue?
12. Which are the three Indian languages which are fastest growing foreign languages in US. Why?

GENERAL STUDIES (STATE GOVERNMENTS)

1. What will be the effect of one nation one election on the autonomy of the State Governments?
2. Which state has recently passed a law reserving jobs for its domiciles? Is it a step in right direction?
3. How is financial health of the States and list reasons for the same, say of your state?
4. What are MDGs? Which States have done better? Who monitors at the Central level?
5. Why are many States involved in water disputes? What steps are being taken to resolve the same expeditiously?
6. How can the Union Govt meddle in the elections of a State? Do you think the present Union Govt influence the way the West Bengal Elections are being conducted?
7. Which states have done better in Ease of Doing Business and why?
8. It is alleged that State Legislatures are not performing their roles. Most of the State Laws get passed without any discussion? What are the reasons?
9. Who is administrative head of a State? It is alleged that he is now only in name. Who exercises the real power?
10. How can Governor of a State improve the governance of that state?
11. A State recently got divided into two Union Territories. What is the effect on governance at local level?
12. Who is more powerful – mayor of a town or MLA of that town? Why?

GENERAL STUDIES (MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA)

1. Which social media platform recently announced that it will label the fake news and remove harmful data shared on its platform? Any strong action taken by this platform in last six months?
2. How does the social media affect the working of district administration?
3. Is social media a friend or a foe? What learnings need to be done by an aspiring bureaucrat in this regard?
4. The Central Govt has issued some guidelines for social media. List five salient features of the same. Some allege that it is an attack on freedom of expression. Do you agree?
5. Why certain media are termed as GODI media? Why this term? Are the allegations true?
6. A large number of You Tube news channels have appeared on the scenario? Why so? What are pros and cons?
7. What are harmful effects of social media? What is society or the Government doing in this regard?
8. Which social media will you use in your district to tackle an agitation such as farmers agitation?
9. Whatsapp wants to bring some changes in its privacy policy. Why is there a fuss about the same?
10. Which international agencies have expressed concern on press freedom in India? Why so? Do you agree?
11. Which media is more important: print media, electronic media or social media? Explain
12. There are allegations of social media being wrongly used for influencing elections? Name a few instances. Can it be stopped completely?

GENERAL STUDIES (ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE CHANGE)

1. The Prime Minister has been conferred with many awards for his contribution to protecting environment. Name the same.
2. What significant steps have been taken by the Government to reduce carbon content?
3. What is latest on Paris Climate Accord? Has USA rejoined the same?
4. What is ISA? What has been the contribution of India to promote ISA?
5. Though climate change is becoming important, but it did not get the focus it deserved during the last four years. Why? Explain.
6. Australia experienced large fires in last one year? How are these linked with climate change? What is the way out?
7. Which capital city experienced eruption of volcano less than 50 kms away? What has been the reasons of eruption? What is its effect?
8. Which country experience explosion due to a meteor recently? How much was the damage?
9. What is Kyoto Protocol? Is it dead?
10. Sea water level is rising? Why? Name 3-4 countries which are suffering immensely because of this phenomenon.
11. What is Sentinel-6? What is it going to do as regards climate change?
12. Who is Greta Thunberg? Why was she in news recently?
13. What steps the Govt has taken for converting Indian economy from linear to circular?

GENERAL STUDIES (ETHICS)

1. What has the Government done to reduce corruption in the last 5 years? What institutions are working in this area?
2. Why has Lokpal not become an effective institution of checking corruption in the country?
3. What do you understand by ethics in data management and governance?
4. What will you do as district collector to bring strong ethics in district administration?
5. What should be ethical pillars of a good administration? Why have we not able to give shape to the same?
6. How has Right to Information helped in better governance in the country? Will the recent changes strengthen the same?
7. What is Euthanasia? Should it be recognised? Is it not already recognised in Indian culture?
8. What are various forms of inequalities? What steps are being taken to reduce the same?
9. What are ethical issues involved in becoming surrogate mother? Do such ethical issues arise in other cases?
10. Will you like to rate OSHO as a philosopher? Why? What is his take on ethics?
11. We hear many stories of unethical practices in private health institutions? What can be done in this regard?
12. How do you teach human values to the children? What is being done in this regard?

GENERAL STUDIES (SCIENCE)

1. How is India performing in field of space? List three significant achievements. Why are French companies interested in investing in space field?
2. What is half life time? What is half life time of uranium? How does it make Uranium as nuclear fuel?
3. How is nuclear waste handled in India? What are roles of BARC and NPCI in this regard?
4. Which are two important Bio tech commercial firms? Why can India be a leading force in Bio Tech?
5. What has been done by the Modi Government for giving primacy to science?
6. What is DRDO? What has been done by this organisation?
7. What is a superconductor? What is their importance?
8. How is nano technology related to better health?
9. Who got Nobel awards for physics and chemistry in the year 2020 and why?
10. Is the Universe expanding? How is it measured?
11. Where is IISc located? Who collaborated to make it possible? Name two important contributions of IISc.
12. What does IISER stand for? How many IISERs have been set up and where?

GENERAL STUDIES (TECHONOLOGY)

1. What has Indian Government done recently for giving fillip to advancement of Technology?
2. Which association has tied up with NITI AAYOG to take AI to schools? What is importance of this association?
3. Which Indian City used drones to sanitise areas in view of COVID? Any thing more about this city?
4. Which smart phone maker launched the first 5G enabled smartphone of India? How have china captured this space?
5. Data is the new Gold. Is it true? Explain through two examples>
6. What has Government done to promote AI? How is AI different from machine learning?
7. What is EV? By what time, you will have at least 10% vehicles as EV vehicles. What is the Govt. doing to propagate EVs?
8. With which country is India talking regarding sale of missile technology?
9. What is a Floating solar farm? Which country has gone for the same and why?
10. Which two countries have agreed to set up ILRS? What are the implications for India?
11. Can we wish away Bitcoins? Is it possible in the globalised technology environment?
12. Has India developed its own GPS? What are the benefits of the same?

GENERAL STUDIES (GEOGRAPHY)

1. Kindly explain as to how the Geography affects the politics. Give three examples.
2. Are you aware of new connectivity with Bangladesh. Which Indian state will be greatly benefitted and how?
3. Which place gets highest rainfall in India and why? Why North east region is important vis a vis climate change sensitivity?
4. Where is Nathu La located? What is its importance?
5. Which is the highest mountain of India? In which State is it located? Which are the nearest rivers?
6. Who is called father of Indian Geography and why?
7. Which state experienced flash floods in which many lives were lost? What can be done to stop these?
8. Have you heard of SVAMITVA? What does it intend to do? What are pros and cons?
9. What is Kaleshwaram? Why does NGT wish to have a relook on the project?
10. Kindly explain geographical location of India. How has it affected its port development? Why do Sri Lanka ports do better than India, while India is much bigger in size?
11. What is difference between a wildlife sanctuary and National park? Name three sanctuaries and National Parks located near your place of birth?
12. Which is the tunnel linking Manali and Leh? What is its strategic importance?

GENERAL STUDIES (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

1. Why has SAARC become non functional? What alternative regional blocs have been started by India? Are there chances of SAARC revival?
2. What is Vaccine diplomacy? Some experts that it is not of much use? Why?
3. List three important features of Indo US relations.
4. China and USSR are getting closer. What are implications for India?
5. Why is Army back in Myanmar? What was the issue with Aung San Suu Kyi?
6. Bangladesh economy is growing better than India? What are effects on Indo Bangladesh relations?
7. Why do we not have relatively that good relationship with Nepal? What recent actions by Nepal are real irritants?
8. What is RCEP? Was it beneficial for India to opt out of RCEP? Name 10 Asian nations.
9. What is OBOR? How is China exerting its influence through the same? What is Indian alternative to OBOR?
10. Why did China enter our territories in Ladakh region? What is the final outcome?
11. What is QUAD? Was a meeting held of this group? What was the outcome?
12. Why Japan is very important country for us in present international set up?
13. Why did a Lady President call it a day after 18 years? Why did it happen?

GENERAL STUDIES (SPORTS)

1. Should a country such as India spend on Olympic medals or should concentrate on sports as preventive health care and building team spirit?
2. Should not be Yoga made compulsory in educational institutions seeing its health benefits?
3. Our sports infrastructure is highly unutilised. What can be done in this regard?
4. Why states such as Haryana do significantly better than other states in sports?
5. Which five sports disciplines, India is fairing better and why?
6. Are we better in individual sports or team sports? Why?
7. What has various premier leagues done to improve the quality of sports in the country?
8. Academics is always the first priority in the country. Should sports get the primacy?
9. How much is contribution of sports to GDP? This contribution is seeing very high growth. Why?
10. All top personalities such as film stars and business persons are involved in promotion of sports? Why?
11. Is it proper for promotion of sports that business persons control sports.
12. List three steps which you as district collector will take to improve sports culture in your district.

GENERAL STUDIES (GENDER)

1. Give two instances to show that Indian population lacks in gender sensitisation.
2. What will you do as a district collector to integrate transgenders into the main society?
3. Even after 75 years of independence, we see increasing violence against women. Where are we going wrong?
4. You come from----- state. What has been done by your state for women empowerment?
5. Can it be said with certainty that women officers will be able to look after women cause in a better way?
6. What are the provisions relating to sexual harassment of women at work place? How are these observed?
7. What is Nirbhaya Fund? Where has it been used? Is it proper to use the way it has been used?
8. What is gender based budgeting? Which Ministry has been given duty to ensure the same?
9. At what level the work of gender sensitisation shall start and how?
10. Do movies such as Manikarnika help in women cause? Incidentally why was it in news recently?
11. List three pros and cons of women being in Armed forces.
12. It has been noticed that countries led by women did better in COVID Pandemic. Is there any correlation?

GENERAL STUDIES (ECONOMY)

1. What change is being made by RBI regarding perpetual bonds being issued by Banks?
2. How is inflation doing? Why? What steps are being taken by the RBI in this regard?
3. What is new DFI the Union Govt is creating and for what purpose? List three salient features which will make it distinct from present banks?
4. Job sector is the major problem area. What has the Governments done in this regard?
5. It is alleged that the Govt is not releasing important data. Are these allegations true? Comment briefly.
6. We have record reserves of foreign exchange. Why? How does it benefit us? Any cons?
7. Economy is going down and Exchange indices are up. How do you explain?
8. Cryptocurrency is here to stay? What steps are we taking in this regard?
9. What are Sovereign Wealth Funds? Why are these investing in India? Name three such Funds which have heavily invested in India?
10. What part of world market pertaining to manufacture of smartphones has been captured by India? Can we overtake China?
11. What was unique about Union Budget this time? Any thing unique about Economic Survey?
12. What is meant by V shaped, U shaped or K shaped recoveries? How has India recovered or recovering?

GENERAL STUDIES (SOCIAL SECURITY)

1. Which are the two main organisations dealing with social security issue? What is their role? One such institution is only in a few countries. Why?
2. What are gig workers? Why are they so called? What is Govt doing for providing social security to these workers?
3. What major changes are being introduced through new Social Security Code?
4. Budget in July 2014 talked of making the society pensionable. What has been done to make it realise?
5. How much is the corpus as regards social security? How does it compare with other countries such as Japan and Canada?
6. What is the major difference between the social security scheme of India and USA? Are we on the right track?
7. What is Provident Fund? What is difference between PPF, GPF and EPF? Any change in rules in Union Budget regarding the same?
8. What is percentage of old age persons in the country? What new schemes have been launched by GOI regarding the same?
9. How is EPFO able to give such a high return on the contributions made by employees? Is it better than what government employees get?
10. Who is an international worker? How is his social security taken into consideration? Name five countries with which India has already signed SSAs.
11. What is latest about Employees Pension Scheme? What is minimum pension under this scheme?
12. What is EDLI? What benefits are given to the employees under this scheme?

GENERAL STUDIES (INFRASTRUCTURE)

1. What steps have been taken by the Union Govt to increase expenditure in infra sectors?
2. What do you know about North south Corridor, East West Corridor and Golden Quadrilateral. How have these helped the Indian economy? What are new such schemes of MoRTH?
3. What steps are being taken by Railway Ministry to attract private investment in Railways?
4. What has been done in Civil Aviation sector to get private investment?
5. Where is Pimpri? What its Municipal Corporation done for the first time?
6. What has the Govt of India done to increase road network in North East. List three important things which have happened?
7. Why have various airlines started services to even smaller towns?
8. What steps have been taken to attract private investment in the shipping sector?
9. What are tool rooms? Which Ministry manages them? What has been done ?
10. Which type of industrial parks have come in private sector? How has it helped Indian economy?
11. What is meant by HAM project? NHAI is mainly floating HAM projects. Why?
12. What is there for Infra in Atamnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan