

Vajiram & Ravi Test Series

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UPSC 2024 paper 1		VTS test series & AWP
1. A, map questions		
b, Discuss the basis of various explanations for the formation of Shiwalik. 10	Theme area	Explain the topographical and structural characteristics of the Siwalik range. (10 marks) (AWP dated 15/08/24)
C, Conservation and breeding centres are important components of the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation, 2020-2025. Why? 10Marks		
D, North-Eastern States of India are geopolitically sensitive and strategically significant. Explain. 10Marks		Examine the significance of the North-East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) in promoting holistic development of the region and national security. (15) (VTS FLT 2)
2 A, Institutional factors are playing a dominant role in controlling the agricultural prosperity in India. Justify with evidences. 20Marks		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discuss the role of institutional factors in shaping the pattern of Indian agriculture. (15 marks) (AWP dated 02/07/24)2. Discuss the role of infrastructure factors and institutional factors in determining the cropping pattern in India. (15 marks) (AWP dated 02/07/24)
B, The Indian Space Policy, 2023 supports the commercial presence in space. In what ways will it benefit the socio-economic development and security of India? 15Marks	VTS 2023 test series	

<p>C, Discuss the process of formation of conurbations in India and describe their problems. 15Marks</p>		<p>Discuss the factors contributing to Conurbation in India and the associated challenges. Discuss the proper planning strategies for sustainable development of conurbation hubs. (15) (VTS test 2)</p>
<p>3. A, India has wide-ranging regional disparities in economic development. Explain the patterns, implications and challenges. 20Marks</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine the reasons and patterns of development disparity in the world and ways to address it. (15) (VTS TEST 2) 2. "Geographical diversity, regional imbalances and regionalism are at the heart of Indian federalism." Discuss (15) (VTS FLT 2) 3. "Geographical traits lead to regional imbalance." Examine. (15 marks) (AWP dated 20/07/24) 4. The environmental issues are not adequately addressed in the regional planning. Comment. (15 M) (AWP dated 22/07/2024)
<p>B, Discuss the variations in nature of glaciers in India and the emerging issues due to climate change. 15</p>	<p>Theme Class notes</p>	<p>Discuss the impact of global warming on polar regions and its implications for global climate. (15 marks)</p>
<p>C, Domestic tourism in India has immense local resource potential. Discuss the reasons and its various dimensions. 15</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss how tourism acts as a major driver of economic growth for certain regions and ecosystems in India. Examine the challenges for sustainable tourism and Suggest measures for sustainable tourism. (15) (VTS FLT 2) 2. Explain how eco-tourism activities could be important livelihood options in the Himalayan and North-Eastern regions of the country. (10 marks) (AWP dated 06/07/2024)
<p>4. A, Migration is the reflection of regional disparities. What socio-economic and demographic consequences</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyse the role of interstate migration in regional disparity in India. (15) (AWP dated 13/07/2024)

<p>are experienced at the place of origin and destination? 20</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. International migration addresses the challenges of demographic attributes and socio-economic, political characteristics of source and destination countries. Analyse challenges faced by Indian international migrants and measures by government to address these challenges. Examine the geopolitical implications associated with international migration. (20) (VTS FLT 2) 3. Give an account on intra state migration in India. Examine the influence of rural-urban migration on the growth of informal settlements in India. (15) (VTS FLT 1) 4. Explain distress migration and its causes. Discuss the contemporary distress migration and how it can be prevented? (15) (VTS test 2)
<p>B, In spite of various tribal area development programmes in India, tribal areas still lag behind. Discuss critically with examples. 15</p>		<p>The diversity of tribals in India makes it difficult to formulate policies for their problems. Discuss how to address these problems.(10) (VTS test 2)</p>
<p>C, Water-scarcity is an important cause of disputes and conflicts in India. Suggest innovative methods for location-based solutions. 15</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a geographical account of water scarcity in India and measures in achieving water security in urban areas of India. (15) (VTS FLT 1) 2. Bring out factors contributing to the international river water disputes between India and neighbouring countries. (15) (VTS test 4)
<p>5. A, How are geographic factors influencing the distribution of high annual rainfall in certain parts of India?</p>		<p>a) Physiographic region of India plays a major role in distribution of Indian monsoon. Analyze. (15) (VTS TEST 3)</p>
<p>B, Indian population belongs to large number of races. Discuss the spatial distribution of major races.</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the genesis of ethnic and racial diversities in India. (10) (AWP dated) 2. Discuss how Geographical and non-geographical factors create the Racial and ethnic diversity of India? (15) (VTS test 2)

C, Examine the transitional role of technology on Indian agriculture sector.		a) Evaluate the impact of Information technology and communication in India's agriculture development and addressing urban – rural divide. (20) (VTS test 1)
D, Describe the area-specific strategies for the development of drought-prone areas in India.		a) Critically analyze the importance of irrigation practices in improving agricultural productivity in drought-prone areas of India (15) b) Explain the significance of dry farming in drought-prone areas of India. (10 Marks) (AWP dated 03/07/2024)
E, Examine the relationship between seaports and regional development in India.	Theme	Examine the role of multimodal transport network in India's regional development with suitable examples. (15) (VTS TEST 1)
6. A, Industrial waste is diversified. Discuss the potentials and challenges associated with it. 20		
B, How is cultural background of States of India reflected in the attributes of sex and age structure? 15		1. Discuss the geographical and non-geographical causes for increasing sex ratio in India? Explain the demographic consequences associated with increasing sex ratio. (20) (VTS test 2) 2. Analyze the spatial variations in age sex structure across different states of India. Discuss the implications of a high dependency ratio for India. (15) (VTS FLT 2) 3. Discuss the factors influencing the distribution of sex ratio in India. (10 Marks) (AWP dated 12/07/24) 4. "Age-Sex pyramid is representative of the history of a region." Explain. (10) (AWP dated 12/07/24)
C, Discuss the targets of focused interventions of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the	Theme	1. Discuss the role of the Jal Jeevan Mission and role of digital connectivity in bridging regional disparities in India. (10)

Rain, 2024 in rural and urban areas. 15		
7. A, India is playing a very significant role in world affairs. Examine the stands taken by India in important global and regional summits. 20		<p>a) Indian is global power in Indian ocean realm region. Evaluate the geopolitical challenges and opportunities for India in the region. (20) (VTS test 4)</p> <p>b) Analyze the geopolitical significance of India's 'Neighbourhood First', 'SAGAR' policies and importance of island states for India. Discuss the role of these policies in addressing the economic and security challenges of the Indian Ocean region (15)</p>
B, The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act devolved functions, finances and functionaries for planning of rural areas in India. Discuss the major achievements with examples. 15		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success of rural development programmes depends on participatory approach and Panchayati raj system. Discuss (20) (VTS test 2) 2. Decentralised planning is essential for geographically diverse India. Comment (15) (VTS test 2) 3. Discuss the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), decentralized planning in the planning and implementation of integrated rural development programmes. (10) (VTS FLT 2) 4. Critically examine how the Panchayati Raj system is a catalyst in decentralized planning in India. (15) (AWP dated 20/07/2024)
C, How do small and fragmented landholdings affect the agro-ecological system in rural India? What are the resilient steps needed to overcome this issue? 15		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With falling agricultural landholding sizes over the years, increase in small and marginal farmers in India, cooperative farming plays a major role in ensuring food security. Analyse. (20) (VTS FLT 1) 2. Land reform is a key to modern agriculture in India. Describe various measures taken in this direction after Independence. (15 marks) (AWP dated 2/07/2024)

<p>8. A, How can morphology of Indian towns be described historically? Discuss the major features of the first planned city in India after independence. 20</p>		<p>Examine the morphological factors that influence the origin and growth of towns. (10 M)</p>
<p>B, Health is the outcome of interaction between physical setting, cultural traits and ecological connection. Explain. 15</p>		<p>Describe the regional variations of health indicator among Indian states (10) (AWP dated 11/07/2024)</p>
<p>C, What are the major regional rapid transit systems developed in India? How are urban problems being addressed by them? 15</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine the role of multimodal transport network in India's regional development with suitable examples. (15) (VTS test 1) 2. Integrated development of road and rail networks in a complementary framework is a prerequisite for regional development. Explain with reference to the North-Eastern region of India. (15 marks) (AWP dated 08/07/2024) 3. Assess the growing importance of air transport in India and examine its role in the regional development of the country. (15) (AWP dated 08/07/2024)