VISION IAS

SECURITY PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS 2013-2023 (SYLLABUS-WISE)

Linkages between development and spread of extremism, Role of external state & non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security

- Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues gest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism. (2022 15 marks)
- Analyse the multidimensional challenges posed by external state and non-state actors, to the internal security of India. Also discuss measures required to be taken to combat these threats. (2021 15 Marks)
- The banning of 'Jammat-e-Islami' in Jammu and Kashmir brought into focus the role of over-ground workers (OGWs) in assisting terrorist organizations. Examine the role played by OGWs in assisting terrorist organizations in insurgency affected areas. Discuss measures to neutralize influence of OGWs. (2019 10 Marks)
- Indian Government has recently strengthened the anti-terrorism laws by amending the unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967 and the NIA act. Analyze the changes in the context of prevailing security environment while discussing the scope and reasons for opposing the UAPA by human rights organizations. (2019 15 Marks)
- What are the determinants of left-wing extremism in Eastern part of India? What strategy should Government of India, civil administration and security forces adopt to counter the threat in the affected areas? (2018 15 Marks)
- 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. (2018 10 Marks)
- The North-Eastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyze the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region. (2017 10 Marks)
- The persisting drives of the Government for development of large industries in backward areas have resulted in isolating the tribal population and the farmers who face multiple displacements. With Malkangiri and Naxalbari foci, discuss the corrective strategies needed to win the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) doctrine affected citizens back into the mainstream of social and economic growth. (2015 12.5 Marks)
- Article 244 of the Indian Constitution relates to administration of scheduled areas and tribal areas. Analyse impact of non-implementation of the provisions of the Fifth schedule on the growth of Left Wing extremism. (2013 10 Marks)

Challenges to internal security through communication networks, Role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, Basics of cyber security

- What are the different elements of cyber security ? Keeping in view the challenges in cybersecurity, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy (2022 15 marks).
- Keeping in view India's internal security, analyse the importance of cross-border cyber attacks. Also discuss defensive measures against these sophisticated attacks. (2021 10 Marks)
- Discuss different types of cybercrimes and measures required to be taken to fight the menace. (2020 10 Marks)
- What is CyberDome Project? Explain how it can be useful in controlling internet crimes in India. (2019 10 Marks)

- Data security has assumed significant importance in the digitized world due to rising cybercrimes. 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? (2018 15 Marks)
- Discuss the potential threats of Cyber-attack and the security framework to prevent it. (2017 10 Marks)
- Mob violence is emerging as a serious law and order problem in India. By giving suitable examples, analyse causes and consequences of such violence. (2017 15 Marks)
- Use of internet and social media by non-state actors for subversive activities is a major security concern. How have these been misused in the recent past? Suggest effective guidelines to curb the above threat. (2016 12.5 Marks)
- Discuss the advantages and security implications of cloud hosting of servers vis-a-vis in-house machine-based hosting for government businesses. (2015 12.5 Marks)
- Religious indoctrination via digital media has resulted in Indian youth joining the ISIS. What is ISIS and its mission? How can ISIS be dangerous to the internal security of our country? (2015 12.5 Marks)
- Considering the threats cyberspace poses for the country, India needs a "Digital Armed Forces" to prevent crimes. Critically evaluate the National Cyber Security Policy, 2013 outlining the challenges perceived in its effective implementation. (2015 12.5 Marks)
- What are social networking sites and what security implications do these sites present? (2013 10 Marks) Cyber warfare is considered by some defense analysts to be a larger threat than even Al Qaeda or terrorism. What do you understand by Cyber warfare? Outline the cyber threats which India is vulnerable to and bring out the state of the country's preparedness to deal with the same. (2013 10 Marks)

Money-laundering and its prevention

- Discuss how emerging technologies and globalization contribute to money laundering. Elaborate measures to tackle the problem of money laundering both at national and international levels. (2021 10 Marks)
- Money laundering poses a serious security threat to a country's economic sovereignty. What is its significance for India and what steps are required to be taken to control this menace? (2013 10 Marks)

Security challenges and their management in border areas; Linkages of organized crime with terrorism, Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate

- Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels (2022, 10 marks).
- What are the maritime security challenges in India ? Discuss the organisational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve the maritime security (2022, 10 marks).
- Analyse the complexity and intensity of terrorism, its causes, linkages and obnoxious nexus. Also suggest measures required to be taken to eradicate menace of terrorism. (2021 15 Marks)
- For effective border area management, discuss the steps required to be taken to deny local support to militants and also suggest ways to manage favourable perception among locals. (2020 10 Marks)
- Analyse internal security threats and transborder crimes along Myanmar, Bangladesh and Pakistan borders including Line of Control (LoC). Also discuss the role played by various security forces in this regard. (2020 15 Marks)
- Cross-Border movement of insurgents is only one of the several security challenges facing the policing of the border in North-East India. Examine the various challenges currently emanating across the India-Myanmar border. Also, discuss the steps to counter the challenges. (2019 15 Marks)
- India's proximity to the two of the world's biggest illicit opium growing states has enhanced her internal security concerns. Explain the linkages between drug trafficking and other illicit activities such as gunrunning, money laundering and human trafficking. What counter measures should be taken to prevent the same? (2018 15 Marks)
- The scourge of terrorism is a grave challenge to national security. What solutions do you suggest to curb this growing menace? What are the major sources of terrorist funding? (2017 15 Marks)
- The terms 'Hot Pursuit' and 'Surgical Strikes' are often used in connection with armed action against terrorist attacks. Discuss the strategic impact of such actions. (2016 12.5 Marks)
- 'Terrorism is emerging as a competitive industry over the last few decades." Analyse the above statement. (2016 12.5 Marks)

- Border management is a complex task due to difficult terrain and hostile relations with some countries. Elucidate the challenges and strategies for effective border management. (2016 12.5 Marks)
- Human right activists constantly highlight the view that the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) is a draconian act leading to cases of human rights abuses by the security forces. What sections of AFSPA are opposed by the activists? Critically evaluate the requirement with reference to the view held by the Apex Court. (2015 12.5 Marks)
- "The diverse nature of India as a multi-religious and multi-ethnic society is not immune to the impact of radicalism which is seen in her neighbourhood." Discuss along with strategies to be adopted to counter this environment. (2014 12.5 Marks)
- International civil aviation laws provide all countries complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above their territory. What do you understand by 'airspace? What are the implications of these laws on the space above this airspace? Discuss the challenges which this poses and suggest ways to contain the threat. (2014 12.5 Marks)
- How does illegal transborder migration pose a threat to India's security? Discuss the strategies to curb this, bringing out the factors which give impetus to such migration. (2014 12.5 Marks)
- In 2012, the longitudinal marking for high-risk areas for piracy was moved from 65 degrees east to 78 degrees east in the Arabian Sea by the International Maritime Organization. What impact does this have on India's maritime security concerns? (2014 12.5 Marks)
- China and Pakistan have entered into an agreement for development of an economic corridor. What threat does this pose for India's security? Critically examine. (2014 12.5 Marks)
- How far are India's internal security challenges linked with border management particularly in view of the long porous borders with most countries of South Asia and Myanmar? (2013 10 Marks)