

# NDA (II) 2017 POST-MORTEM

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### *NDA-II\_2017 Lecture Series 1\_ Polity + Economics + Current Affairs*

Today, we are glad to announce our much required and innovative initiative, '**INDUS NDA (II) 2017 POST-MORTEM SERIES**' where our Academic Experts and Mentors will be providing detailed analysis – “**what, why, how, when**” – of UPSC NDA/CDSE/AFCAT questions asked on the basis of five parameters.

**Objective of the lecture series:** “*To let the aspirants know why that particular question was asked in paper*”. Generally, numerous current affairs news is covered in 6-7 months’ timespan but what are the reasons behind only few questions being asked. **Here comes the role of Mentor and Training Institutes.**

There are numerous academies which will tell you to read current affairs but none will let you know what exactly you need to study and what to skip. None of the institutes will guide you about insight/logic behind a certain question being asked in exam. Connecting the dots helps you to look at an issue from multi dimensions. Apart from understanding an issue separately, you can also connect various other relevant/related issues to the one under consideration.

#### **How is INDUS ANALYSIS different and most trusted by candidates?**

Each Question in the “POST-MORTEM” series will be analyzed through five dimensions.

**News/Issue:** Was there any question relevant issue in news in last 6 months?

**Background information about an issue:** Any specific reason/importance?

**Context of syllabus:** What is the relative weight age of that topic/issue in UPSC syllabus?

**Connecting the Dots:** Why the question was asked? Was the question tough/easy?

**Valid link for issue and Trend:** We will share link for the issue in news as well as general trend.

The significance of Current Affairs in UPSC Examination has only increased over the years. Going through the previous and recent year’s NDA/CDSE papers, one can easily understand the relevance of it. However, the most important thing to consider is “**Why the given question was asked in exam**” and “**How to prepare for UPSC NDA/CDSE in recent context**”?

Q. No	GAT QUESTIONS PAPER-II	TOPIC / SUB TOPIC <i>Reason why it was asked</i>	REMARKS	SOURCE OF QUESTION <i>[Was it in news? Trend analysis?]</i>
1	Which one of the following was set as a target of average growth of GDP of India over the plan period 2012-2017 by the Approach Paper to	Planning commission mentioned in NDA syllabus.  <i>Why the question was asked?</i>	Tricky + factual approach is the key word.  Many coaching institutes marked 8% as answer which is	News Source: <a href="http://www.businessstoday.in/current/economy-politics/9percent-growth-feasible-with-tough-decision-pm/story/18068.html">http://www.businessstoday.in/current/economy-politics/9percent-growth-feasible-with-tough-decision-pm/story/18068.html</a> .  Planning commission GDP

	<p>the Twelfth Five Year Plan?</p> <p>(a) 7 %          (b) 8 %          (c) <b>9 %</b>          (d) 10 %</p>	<p>One question is asked from Planning commission in every NDA paper.</p>	wrong.	<p>targets was in news after demonetization when Manmohan Singh criticized the step as loot and then many experts talked about 3 times review of GDP targets after approach paper was passed in 2012 during UPS rule.</p>
2	<p>Which one of the following is not a subject that has been devolved to the Panchayati Raj Institutions by the II<sup>1</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India?</p> <p>(a) Non-conventional energy resources          (b) Roads          (c) <b>Higher education</b>          (d) Libraries</p>	<p>PRI &amp; local govt. Local government is exclusively there in NDA syllabus.</p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>          One question is asked from Planning commission in every NDA paper.</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> schedule/73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment has already been asked in NDA exam.</p> <p>One question is asked from PRI's &amp; Local governance in every UPSC exam.</p> <p>Factual/Tough. But can be guessed. Although, it's tough to answer this question by a class 12th average student as one can't cram complete 28 subjects in list but one can eliminate by using IQ also.</p>	<p>New Education policy in news.</p> <p>News Source:  <a href="http://ijar.org.in/stuff/issues/v2-i2(5)/v2-i2(5)-a009.pdf">http://ijar.org.in/stuff/issues/v2-i2(5)/v2-i2(5)-a009.pdf</a></p>
3	<p>Who among the following can attend the meetings of both Houses of Parliament while not being a member of either House?</p> <p>(a) The Solicitor General of India          (b) The Vice-President of India          (c) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India          (d) <b>The Attorney General of India</b></p>	<p>Basic functions of Indian parliament + Person in News + Indian polity + Current Affairs.</p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>          K. K. Venugopal has been appointed as new Attorney General of India on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.</p>	<p>It was basically current affairs related question.</p> <p>One of the easiest questions in Polity.</p>	<p>This question has already been asked in all Sarkari exams of India ranging from clerical to UPSC exams.</p> <p>Already asked in UPSC civil service / CDSE / SCRA/ NDA.</p> <p>News Source:  <a href="http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/k-k-venugopal-to-be-new-attorney-general/articleshow/59391370.cms">http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/k-k-venugopal-to-be-new-attorney-general/articleshow/59391370.cms</a></p>
4	<p>Who among the following is the winner of the Singapore Open Superseries Badminton Men's Singles title 2017?</p> <p>(a) Kidambi Srikanth          (b) Lin Dan          (c) <b>B. Sai Praneeth</b></p>	<p>Current Affairs Person in News is specifically mentioned in NDA (UPSC syllabus).</p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>          This was</p>	Expected one!	<p><b>Mentioned in our GK booklet.</b></p> <p>News Source:  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/sai-praneeth-rallies-to-down-srikanth-wins-maiden-super-series-title/article18071466.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/sport/other-sports/sai-praneeth-rallies-to-down-srikanth-wins-maiden-super-series-title/article18071466.ece</a></p>

	(d) Kento Momota	Praneeth's first title and that too by defeating Indian Kidambi Srikanth who had won Australian Open men's single 2017 !!		
5	Koradi Thermal Power Station is located in (a) Nagpur (b) Raipur (c) Mumbai (d) Secunderabad	<b>Indian Geography + Current Affairs</b>	Industrial & Economic Geography is always important for UPSC Exams.	PM Modi dedicated 1980 MW of the Koradi super-critical thermal power project of state-run Mahagenco near Nagpur in Maharashtra (14-Apr-17 News)  News Source: <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/pm-to-visit-nagpur-on-april-14/article17856527.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/pm-to-visit-nagpur-on-april-14/article17856527.ece</a>
6	Which one of the following is the theme of the International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day) 2017? (a) The Heritage of Sport (b) Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism (c) Past and Present Heritage (d) Heritage and Science	<b>Current Affairs</b>  <i>Why the question was asked?</i> Although seems to be a fact question but, of course, there was an agenda behind the question being asked - inclusion of "Ahmedabad" in list of world heritage city! Ahmedabad is the first Indian city to be declared world heritage city on 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017.	UPSC had started asking question based on Themes / Rankings /Index etc. in UPSC Civil service /IES as well as CDSE exam.  Could have been guessed also.	News Source: <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/ahmedabad-declared-indias-first-heritage-city-by-unesco/article19244478.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/ahmedabad-declared-indias-first-heritage-city-by-unesco/article19244478.ece</a>  <a href="http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/city-stepwells-vie-for-attention/articleshow/58230583.cms">http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/city-stepwells-vie-for-attention/articleshow/58230583.cms</a>
7	In April 2017, USA dropped MOAB (Massive Ordnance Air Blast, popularly known as the <b>Mother of All Bombs</b> ) in the suspected hideouts of militants in which one of the following countries? (a) Iran (b) Syria (c) Afghanistan (d) Somalia	<b>Current Affairs</b>  <i>Why the question was asked?</i> MOAB was exclusively in news and was discussed in our class notes.	It was easy, straight forward and expected question! It was an expected question in civil service exam also.  MOAB: It is largest Non-nuclear Bomb!!	The news was widely published worldwide. We covered the news in our booklet also.  News Source: <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/all-you-need-to-know-about-uss-mother-of-all-bombs/article18016601.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/all-you-need-to-know-about-uss-mother-of-all-bombs/article18016601.ece</a>

8	<p>Who among the following is the Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Committee constituted recently by the Government of India to examine framework for virtual currencies?</p> <p>(a) Secretary, Department of Financial Services          (b) Special Secretary, Department of Revenue          (c) <b>Special Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs</b>          (d) Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India</p>	<p><b>Current Affairs in news</b></p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>  <b>Bit coins / Digital currency / Virtual currencies had already been asked in UPSC CSE / IES exams. So, any step / committee / scheme of Government towards virtual currency (In News) was certainly important.</b></p>	<p>Although a tough question for NDA class 12 student but here comes the role of mentor /coaching Institute experience.</p>	<p>Why the Question was asked?          This was the Indian Government's <u>first step</u> to examine framework for virtual currencies (Bit coin in news for last 2 years).</p> <p>News Source:  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/waking-up-to-bitcoins-virtual-currencies-govt-sets-up-panel-to-recommend-regulations/article17951305.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/waking-up-to-bitcoins-virtual-currencies-govt-sets-up-panel-to-recommend-regulations/article17951305.ece</a></p> <p><a href="http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=160923">http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=160923</a></p>
9	<p>SAMPADA scheme is being implemented by</p> <p>(a) the Ministry of Finance          (b) Housing and Urban Affairs          (c) <b>Food Processing Industries</b>          (d) Earth Sciences</p>	<p><b>Current Affairs in News in April 2017.</b></p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>  <b>Schemes in News based questions are frequently asked ones in last 2-3 year paper since BJP Govt. came to power.</b></p>	<p>SAMPADA -- or the Scheme for Agro-Marine Produce Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters.</p> <p>Vision of the proposed National Food Processing Policy which is to position India as a World Food Factory.</p>	<p><b>Brief description was given in our Current Affairs booklet.</b></p> <p>News Source:  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/revamped-national-food-processing-mission-to-be-launched-soon/article17927976.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/revamped-national-food-processing-mission-to-be-launched-soon/article17927976.ece</a></p> <p><a href="http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=161512">http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=161512</a></p>
10	<p>The Indian Railways have gone in for qualitative improvements since independence. Which of the following have taken place in recent years?</p> <p>1. Gauge conversion          2. Track electrification          3. Automatic signals</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the codes given below:          (a) <b>1 and 2 only</b>          (b) 2 and 3 only          (c) 1 and 3 only          (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	<p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>  <b>1) Railway related (Geography)</b>  <b>2) "All Metre Gauge lines will be converted into Broad Gauge phase-wise."</b>  <b>Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu said in the Lok Sabha during Question Hour. Suresh Prabhu presented a report on this in Parliament.</b></p>	<p>In NDA paper, every time one question is asked in UPSC.</p> <p>Railways are always important for UPSC exam.</p> <p>Tough question to answer but can be guessed. Automation of signals has not been done yet. We still have railway crossing gates in rural belt.</p>	<p>News Source:  <a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/india/electrification-of-rail-lines-to-be-fast-tracked-suresh-prabhu-4606610/">http://indianexpress.com/article/india/electrification-of-rail-lines-to-be-fast-tracked-suresh-prabhu-4606610/</a></p>

11	<p>According to the Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) 2017 released by the World Economic Forum, among the 136 economies across the world, India ranked</p> <p>(a) 50<sup>th</sup>  (b) 40<sup>th</sup>  (c) 30<sup>th</sup>  (d) 20<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Current Affairs</b></p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>  India improved in TTCI index and it was proudly announced by Tourism ministry and PIB.</p>	<p>Indexes/ report and Ranking are the recent Trend in UPSC Exams especially CSE /CDSE/ IES exam.</p>	<p>News Source:  <a href="http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=160715">http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=160715</a>  <a href="http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/spain-tops-the-travel-and-tourism-competitiveness-list-2017/articleshow/58248937.cms">http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/spain-tops-the-travel-and-tourism-competitiveness-list-2017/articleshow/58248937.cms</a></p>
12	<p>Which one of the following is the theme of the World Health Day, 2017 celebrated by the World Health Organization?</p> <p>(a) Diabetes  (b) Food Safety  (c) <b>Depression: Let's Talk</b>  (d) Ageing and Health</p>	<p><b>Current Affairs</b></p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>  President of India inaugurates first NIMCARE World Health Day Summit 2017.</p>	<p>Depression is major problem now a days which has been raised seriously by WHO. In fact, President of India spoke on the issue.</p>	<p><b>Mentioned in our GK Booklet.</b></p> <p>News Source:  <a href="http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=160693">http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=160693</a>  <a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/world-health-days-2017-theme-is-depression-lets-talk-4602070/">http://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/world-health-days-2017-theme-is-depression-lets-talk-4602070/</a>  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/WHO-targets-depression-with-%E2%80%98Lets-talk%E2%80%99-campaign/article17083881.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/WHO-targets-depression-with-%E2%80%98Lets-talk%E2%80%99-campaign/article17083881.ece</a></p>
13	<p>Which one of the following Ministries has launched a new programme on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (ICPS) to foster and promote R&amp;D?</p> <p>(a) Ministry of Earth Sciences  (b) <b>Ministry of Science and Technology</b>  (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  (d) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy</p>	<p><b>Current affairs</b></p> <p><i>Why the question was asked?</i>  The scheme was launched in December 2016.</p>	<p>So NDA current Affairs extended its range beyond 6 months!! Time to learn.</p> <p>Factual Question</p> <p>Can be guessed by word “Physical system.”</p> <p>Keep in mind that MEITY don't take care of computing.</p>	<p>News Source:  <a href="http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=155883">http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=155883</a>  <a href="http://dst.gov.in/interdisciplinary-cyber-physical-systems-icps-division">http://dst.gov.in/interdisciplinary-cyber-physical-systems-icps-division</a></p>
14	<p>The creation of the institution or Lokpal was first recommended by</p>	<p><b>Major Institutions of Democracy in News</b></p>	<p>Tough.  Completely factual.</p>	<p>News Source:  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/all-you-need-to-know-about-the-lokpal-">http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/all-you-need-to-know-about-the-lokpal-</a></p>

	(a) Law Commission (b) Santhanam Committee (c) Shah Commission (d) <b>Administrative Reforms Commission</b>	<i>Why the question was asked?</i> There was a complete detailed news about LOKPAL in The Hindu on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017		<a href="http://www.thehindu.com/bill/article18254568.ece">bill/article18254568.ece</a>
15	The term 'Probiotic' is applied to (a) Organic food (b) Antacid (c) Antibiotic (d) <b>Live microbial food supplement</b>	<b>Biology Question!</b> <i>Why the question was asked?</i> Food fortification + child nutrition related article in news which mentioned "probiotic" term!	Although Nutrients is in syllabus but this was general knowledge question.	News Source: <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/A-stomach-for-gut-research/article17109591.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/A-stomach-for-gut-research/article17109591.ece</a>  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/this-probiotic-beer-boosts-immunity/article19183264.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/this-probiotic-beer-boosts-immunity/article19183264.ece</a>  <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/meet-the-bacteria-that-save-babies/article19526055.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/meet-the-bacteria-that-save-babies/article19526055.ece</a>
16	Which one of the following is the scientific name of the causal organism of elephantiasis ? (a) <i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i> (b) <i>Culex pipiens</i> (c) <b><i>Wuchereria bancrofti</i></b> (d) <i>Fasciola hepatica</i>	<b>Bio fact!</b> <b>Common epidemics in syllabus.</b> <i>Why the question was asked?</i> TOI News July after Delhi Dengue & Chickengunya epidemic	<b>Lymphatic Filariasis:</b> Also known as Elephantiasis, <i>lymphatic filariasis</i> is an infection that attacks the lymphatic system and causes painful, swollen limbs. There are 3 parasitic filarial worms that can cause this disease, of which the <i>Wuchereria Bancrofti</i> is responsible for almost 90% cases. These parasites can be carried by different kinds of mosquitoes and are transmitted to humans through a bite.	News Source: <a href="http://m.timesofindia.com/india/Govt-steps-up-fight-against-filariasis/amp_articleshow/2918364.cms">http://m.timesofindia.com/india/Govt-steps-up-fight-against-filariasis/amp_articleshow/2918364.cms</a>

**All the best!**

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