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Syllabus	General Studies-III - Indian Economy - Economic Development - Growth, Development, Poverty, Employment and Unemployment		
Issue	Indian economy		
LaEx Notes	<p><u>Editorial: Missing demand: on economic slowdown</u></p> <p>Context: Demand in the Indian economy has not been increasing in the Indian economy, the recent Index of Industrial production (IIP) also highlights this fact.</p> <p>Highlights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is IIP? The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is an index for India which details out the growth of various sectors in an economy such as mineral mining, electricity and manufacturing 2. What does the latest IIP say about the Indian economy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial vehicles has slid by 6% • IIP output fell 0.1% from a year earlier to a 21-month low • The capital goods sector shrank by 8.7% <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Factors that might cause further fall in demand are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising US-China tension • If monsoon fails, then It would lead to a further decrease • West Asia crises involving Iran <p>Takeaway point: Appropriate policy measures should be put in place to reinvigorate demand in the Indian economy</p>		
Previous Questions	# Previous UPSC Question	Year	Marks
	1 "Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". Comment on the progress made in India in this regard. (150 Words, 10 Marks)	2018	10
	2 How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect macroeconomic stability of India? (250 Words, 15 Marks)	2018	15
	3 Among several factors for India's potential growth, savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential? (Answer in 150 words)	2017	10

- 4 One of the intended objectives of Union Budget 2017-18 is to 'transform, energize and clean India'. Analyse the measures proposed in the Budget 2017-18 to achieve the objective. 2017 15
- 5 What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyze and suggest measures for inclusive growth. 2017 15
- 6 Among several factors for India's potential growth, savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential? 2016 13
- 7 What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyze and suggest measures for inclusive growth. 2016 13
- 8 The nature of economic growth in India is described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer. (200 words) 2015 13
- 9 Craze for gold in Indians have led to a surge in import of gold in recent years and put pressure on balance of payments and external value of rupee. In view of this, examine the merits of Gold Monetization Scheme. (200 words) 2015 13
- 10 "While we flaunt India's demographic dividend, we ignore the dropping rates of employability." What are we missing while doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain. (200 words) 2014 13
- 11 Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short-sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss. (200 words) 2014 13
- 12 With a consideration towards the strategy of inclusive growth, the new Companies Bill, 2013 has indirectly made CSR a mandatory obligation. Discuss the challenges expected in its implementation in right earnest. Also discuss other provisions in the Bill and their implications. (200 words) 10 marks 2013 10
- 13 Keeping in view the informal sector's share in the total workforce in the country, critically examine the relevant inclusive measures initiated by the Government of India and their effectiveness. (250 words) 15 marks 2012 30
- 14 Critically review the international concern in achieving the targets set for the Millennium Development Goals. 2012 30
- 15 Why is international trade perceived to have failed to act as an "engine of growth" in many developing countries including India? 2012 30
- 16 Assess the significance of coastal regions in the economic development of India. (150 words) 15 marks. 2009 30
- 17 Examine the status of urbanization among the states in India and bring out spatial inequalities. (150 words) 15 marks. 2009 30



1	Describe the main sources of Industrial finance in India. How	2006
8	could India be benefitted from recent developments in International finance? (250 words)	
1	How has the Indian State tackled the trade-off between	2005
9	environment and development? (150 words)	
2	What is PURA? Discuss the major objectives. (150 words)	2004
0		
2	What is the incidence of poverty in India? How should poverty	2001
1	alleviation programmes to constructed (250 words)	
2	Control over growth of population in India is an essential	2000
2	condition for the country's rapid economic development. Discuss. (250 words)	
2	Name the mega cities of India and mention their specific	1999
3	problems. (150 words)	30
2	What are the geo-economic causes of underdevelopment of	1998
4	various regions in India? (150 words)	
2	How is absolute poverty line measured? What are the important	1998
5	measures taken by the Government to eradicate rural poverty in India (About 250 words)?	
2	Infrastructure bottlenecks continue to stifle the economic	1998
6	growth in India. Comment. (150 words)	
2	Comment on the view that Monetary Policy in India is used more	1998
7	as a stabilisation device rather than as a development tool. (150 words)	
2	What has been the role of NRIs in the economic development of	1998
8	India in the recent past? (150 words)	
2	What are the geo-economic causes of underdevelopment of	1998
9	various regions in India? (150 words)	
3	Describe the changes that have taken place in the direction of	1998
0	international trade of India since independence. (150 words)	
3	What measures has the Government of India taken for the	1997
1	development of Tribal areas in India? (150 words)	
3	Discuss the steps taken by the government in recent years to	1997
2	control inflation. (150 words)	
3	What measures has the government taken to make women	1997
3	economically independent and self-reliant during the last decade? (150 words)	
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4	development of Tribal areas in India? (150 words)	
3	Briefly comment on the purpose and type of changes made in	1996
5	our tax structure in the context of liberalisation and structural reforms during the first half of the 1990s. (150 words)	
3	How is poverty-line defined in India? Briefly enumerate the	1996
6	measures undertaken by the Government in recent years to alleviate poverty (150 words)	
3	What have been the recent recommendations of the World	1995

- 7 Bank on India's Family Welfare programme? How do these recommendations compare with those which emerged from the Cairo Conference on Population and Development in 1994? (About 250 words)
- 3 Do you agree with the view that, in a country like India, a tax on 1995
8 wealth would be a useful supplement to the income tax? Argue the case in the light of Raja Chelliah Tax Reform Committee Report (About 250 words)
- 3 Does reduction in fiscal deficit necessarily assure reduction in 1995
9 inflation? (150 words)
- 4 Do you think that income tax reduces economic incentives? Give 1995
0 your reasons. (150 words)
- 4 It is being suggested that the commercial banks in India should 1994
1 reduce their holdings of nonperforming assets. Does it mean that the former should abandon social priorities (About 250 words)?
- 4 What was the rationale of the Mahalanobis Strategy of 1994
2 economic growth? (150 words)
- 4 Indicate briefly the tax reforms that have been introduced in 1994
3 India after the coming in of the New Economic Policy (150 words)
- 4 What is exclusive economic zone of a country. Discuss its 1994
4 relevance to India. (150 words)
- 4 . It is claimed that the price situation in India improved 1993
5 considerably in 1992 – 93 with a gradual decline in the annual rate of inflation in the course of the year. What are the factors that moderated the inflationary pressures? (150 words)
- 4 In a developing country like ours what according to you, should 1993
6 be the basis of taxation income or consumption? Spell out your arguments clearly. (150 words)
- 4 Explain the term Integrated Rural Development Bringing out its 1992
7 strategic importance. (150 words)
- 4 Analyze the main defects of Indian Trade Union Movement. (150 1991
8 words)
- 4 Bring out the main features of India's Trade Policy (150 words) 1991
9
- 5 What, according to you, are the remedies to the problem of 1991
0 rural indebtedness in India? (150 words)
- 5 What usually is meant by the expression an underdeveloped 1991
1 economy? What, according to you, are the basic causes of underdevelopment in India (About 250 words)?
- 5 Discuss the measures taken in the Five-Year Plans to mitigate 1991
2 rural poverty (About 250 words). (40)
- 5 What is the economic rationale behind the establishment of 1990
3 growth centers? Explain briefly the criteria for selecting three growth centers. (150 words)



- 5 State and explain briefly the economic implications of the Right to Work. (150 words) 1990
- 5 Discuss the factors that have led to the recent increase in the general price level and the measures taken by the Government to Combat it. (150 words) 1990
- 5 What measures have been taken under the Five Year Plans to increase employment opportunities in rural areas? (150 words) 1990
- 5 Despite having high saving and investment rates. India is experiencing a low growth rate. Why is it so? (150 words) 1989
- 5 What is the economic rationale for undertaking the Backward Area Development Programme? Discuss the specific measures taken by the Government in this direction. (150 words) 1989
- 5 What is meant by a high cost economy? Has India developed into a high cost economy and if so, how? (150 words) 1989
- 6 What are the salient features of the hill economy of Northern India, and how do these account for its relative backwardness? (150 words) 1989
- 6 Discuss the problem of rural unemployment in India. What specific schemes have been launched by the Government to generate employment opportunities in rural areas (About 250 words)? 1987
- 6 In course of planned economic development India's actual growth has mostly been lower than the projected growth. How would you explain this shortfall? 1986
- 6 What are the principle components of economic infrastructure? Inadequacy of infrastructure as well as the poor utilization have been the principle bottleneck in economic development. comment 1984
- 6 Inflation has been one of the major and persistent cause of poverty and inequality in India' Analyse. 1983
- 6 In their emphasis policy planners on the primacy of the rate of economic growth, some attention has been paid to structural and ideological objective of planning in India. critically examine the satement. (About in 150 words) 1982
- 6 Describe the various types of unemployment in India What are the measures devised in the Sixth Plan to deal with the unemployment? 1982
- 6 The phenomenon of rising prices has been largely responsible for Indian economy and planning cut of welfare; it also causes hardship to the people. What are the basic reasons for continuous inflation in India and what has been the government strategy to control it? What specific measure have been taken by the Government of India for controlling inflation (Not more than 200 words)? 30 1981
- 6 Unemployment in India is of many types and therefore a complex issue. describe the nature if the problem and the 1981



measures adopted to deal with it particularly in rural areas
(about 150 words)