

UPSC Mains Disaster Management PYQs (2025-2013), Year-wise Questions

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UPSC Mains Disaster Management PYQs (2025-2013) help aspirants understand the type of questions asked in **General Studies Paper III** over the years. These previous year questions cover important topics such as **earthquakes, floods, droughts, landslides, tsunamis, cloudbursts, and disaster risk reduction**. Practicing these PYQs improves **conceptual clarity, answer-writing skills, and analytical thinking** while helping candidates identify recurring themes. Regular revision of Disaster Management PYQs also enhances confidence and strengthens overall UPSC Mains preparation.

UPSC Mains Disaster Management PYQs (2025-2013)

1. Seawater intrusion in the coastal aquifers is a major concern in India. What are the causes of seawater intrusion and the remedial measures to combat this hazard? (Answer in 150 words) 2025
2. Dam failures are always catastrophic, especially on the downstream side, resulting in a colossal loss of life and property. Analyze the various causes of dam failures. Give two examples of large dam failures. 2023 (10 Marks)

3. Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples. 2022 (10 Marks)
4. Discuss the recent measures initiated in disaster management by the Government of India departing from the earlier reactive approach. 2020
5. Disaster preparedness is the first step in any disaster management process. Explain how hazard zonation mapping will help in disaster mitigation in the case of landslides. 2019
6. Vulnerability is an essential element for defining disaster impacts and its threat to people. How and in what ways can vulnerability to disasters be characterized? Discuss different types of vulnerability with reference to disasters. 2019
7. Describe various measures taken in India for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) before and after signing 'Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-2030)'. How is this framework different from 'Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005'? 2018
8. On December 2004, tsunami brought havoc on 14 countries including India. Discuss the factors responsible for occurrence of Tsunami and its effects on life and economy. In the light of guidelines of NDMA (2010), describe the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events. 2017
9. The frequency of urban floods due to high intensity rainfall is increasing over the years. Discuss the reasons for urban floods. Highlight the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events. 2016
10. With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines, discuss the measures to be adopted to mitigate the impact of the recent incidents of cloudbursts in many places of Uttarakhand. 2016
11. The frequency of earthquakes appears to have increased in the Indian subcontinent. However, India's preparedness for mitigating their impact has significant gaps. Discuss various aspects. 2015
12. Drought has been recognised as a disaster in view of its spatial expanse, temporal duration, slow onset and lasting effect on various vulnerable sections. With a focus on the September 2010 guidelines from the National Disaster Management Authority, discuss the mechanism for preparedness to deal with the El Niño and La Niña fallouts in India. 2014
13. How important are vulnerability and risk assessment for pre-disaster management? As an administrator, what are the key areas that you would focus on in disaster management? 2013

Benefits of Solving UPSC Mains Disaster Management PYQs

Aspirants can improve their conceptual understanding, answer-writing skills, and exam readiness by regularly practicing **UPSC Mains Disaster Management Previous Year Questions (PYQs)**.

- Builds a strong understanding of **Disaster Management** concepts and **Government Policies**.
- Helps identify **frequently asked topics, question trends**, and important themes in the **UPSC Mains Exam**.
- Improves **Answer Writing Skills** through regular practice of descriptive questions.
- Enhances **Analytical Thinking** and **Critical Thinking** for writing multidimensional answers.
- Strengthens knowledge of **NDMA Guidelines, Sendai Framework, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**, and related initiatives.
- Develops the ability to connect **Current Affairs** with **Static Disaster Management** topics.
- Improves **Time Management** and **Answer Presentation** in the actual examination.
- Boosts **Confidence** by familiarizing aspirants with the **UPSC Mains Question Pattern**.

- Helps revise important **Case Studies, Examples, and Disaster Mitigation Strategies.**
 - Enhances **Revision Efficiency** and increases the chances of scoring higher marks in **General Studies Paper III (GS Paper III).**
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