



ANALYSIS / APPROACH / SOURCE / STRATEGY : GENERAL STUDIES MAINS 2011 PAPER II

- TEAM VISION IAS

Difficulty Level (DL) : Easy (E), Medium (M), Difficult (D)

Nature of Question (Nature) : Fundamental, Conceptual, Conventional (F), Current Affairs (CA), Fundamental + Current Affairs (FCA), Unconventional (U)

APP / UAPP : Approachable Questions (APP): Your limit / Unapproachable (UAPP) (beyond your limit)

Questions	Marks	Difficulty Level (DL)	Nature of Questions (F/CA/FCA/U)	Approachable/Unapproachable questions (APP/UAPP)	Source
1-(a) List the Central Asian Republics and identify those of particular strategic and economic importance to India. Examine the opportunities and bottlenecks in enhancing relations with these countries.(20)	20	M	CA	APP	The Hindu; Related Ques in Vision IAS Test Series (Test 8-FLT) http://visionias.wordpress.com/2011/10/01/upsc-ias-general-studies-mains-2011-full-lenght-mock-test-8-paper-ii/
(b) Critically examine the security and strategic implications of the so-called 'string of pearls' theory for India.(20)	20	M	CA	APP	The Hindu (oft-repeated Theme; many articles appear and reappear on this) http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article797351.ece
(c) "Compared to the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi sectoral Technical and Economic and Economic Cooperation Free Trade Area (BIMSTEC FTA) seems to be more promising." Critically evaluate.(20)	20	D	FCA	APP	Government Website http://commerce.nic.in/india_rta.htm Related Ques in Vision IAS Test Series (Test 8-FLT) http://visionias.wordpress.com/2011/10/01/upsc-ias-general-studies-mains-2011-full-lenght-mock-test-8-paper-ii/
2-(a) Subsequent to the Nuclear Suppliers' (NSG) waiver in 2008, what are the agreements on nuclear energy that India has signed with different countries?(12)	12	M	CA	APP	Vision IAS Current Affairs Notes (July 2011); The Hindu http://visionias.wordpress.com/2011/10/09/upsc-%e2%80%93-ias-%e2%80%93-general-studies-mains-2011-reference-part-iv-%e2%80%93-current-affairs-the-hindu-summary/
(b) Trace the progress of India's efforts for a joint counter-terrorism strategy with China. What are the likely implications of the recent Xinjiang violence on these efforts?(12)	12	D	CA	APP	Indian Express www.indianexpress.com/news/india-hits-china...antiterror.../841686/
(c) Bring out the importance of the "Small and Medium Enterprises Expo and Conference' held in Dubai last year for Indian business.(12)	12	D	CA	UAPP	

(d) What are the salient features of the political and economic relationship between India and South Africa ?(12)	12	M	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.hindu.com/2010/06/05/stories/2010060566271700.htm http://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/article1045874.ece
3-(a) "The causes and implications of the Jasmine Revolution and its spread are as much economic in nature as they are political. " Critically evaluate.(20)	20	M	CA	APP	Related Ques in Vision IAS Test Series (Test 6)
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4-(a) "As regards the increasing rates of melting of Arctic ice, the interests of he Arctic Council nations may not coincide with those of the wider world. "Explain.. (12)	12	M	CA	APP	The Hindu; http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article857542.ece
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(d) To what extent has the withdrawal of al-Shabab from Mogadishu given peace a real chance in Somalia ? Assess.(12)	12	M	CA	APP	The Hindu; http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article2549434.ece
(e) On a Formula-one (F-1) racing car track, information to drivers is generally signaled through the standardized use of flags of different colors. Describe the meanings associated with any six of the flags listed below: (i) White flag (ii) Black flag (iii) Yellow flag (iv) Blue flag (v) Black and White flag divided diagonally (vi) Chequered flag (vii)Yellow and red striped flag (12)	12	D	U	APP	http://www.formula1.com/inside_f1/understanding_the_sport/5282.htm
5-(a) International year of Chemistry.	5	M	CA	APP	The Hindu; http://www.thehindu.com/life-and-style/metroplus/article2429417.ece
(b) The scourge of e-waste	5	E	F	APP	Vision IAS Test Series (Test 10)
(c) 'Designer' poultry eggs	5	M	F	APP	Commonsense
(d) INSPIRE programme of the Department of Science & Technology.	5	M	FCA	APP	Vision IAS Test Series (Test 4)
(e) The ' Kessler Syndrom' with reference to space debris	5	D	CA	APP	
(f) Omega -3 Fatty acids in our food	5	D	F	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/health/article2028738.ece

(g) Difference between 'spin – drying' and 'tumble – drying' technology with the reference to drying of washed clothes.	5	M	U	APP	
(h) The diminishing population of vulture	5	M	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article2444984.ece
(i) 'Arsenic bug' and the significance of its discovery	5	D	CA	APP	http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2010/02dec_monolake/
(j) F-22 'Raptor' aircraft	5	M	CA	APP	Vision IAS Science Tech Notes Page 36
(k) 'Concentrated' solar energy and 'photovoltaic' solar energy	5	M	F	APP	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar_power
(l) Analog , Hybrid and IP system of CCTV technology	5	M	F	APP	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Closed-circuit_television
(m) Various Application of Kevlar	5	D	F	APP	The Hindu; http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/technology/article1092703.ece
(n) Difference between Compact Disc (CD) , Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) and Blu-ray Disc	5	M	F	APP	Previous Year UPSC papers
6-(a) Functions of the world Customs Organization (WCO)(13 each)	5	D	F	UAPP	
(b) Success of international intervention in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	5	M	CA	APP	Frontline and Hindu
(c) Strategy adopted by Colombia to eliminate its drug cartels	5	D	U	APP	Related articles can be searched online eg. http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/26/us-spain-drugs-idUSTRE76P5JF20110726
(d) World Food Programme (WFP) of the United Nations	5	M	F	APP	WFP website www.wfp.org
(e) Sculpture of the broken chair in front of the UN building at Geneva	5	D	U	UAPP	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broken_Chair
7-(a) Tiangong – 1	2	M	CA	APP	The Hindu www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/article2497461.ece
(b) K – Computer	2	M	CA	APP	Vision IAS Science Tech Notes Page 46
(c) Gliese 581g	2	M	CA	APP	Vision IAS Science Tech Notes Page 25
(d) Mabel robot	2	M	CA	APP	Indian Express http://www.indianexpress.com/news/meet-mabel-the-worlds-fastest-twolegged/833764/

(e) 'Operation Shady Rat'	2	M	CA	APP	Vision IAS Science Tech Notes Page 57
(f) 'Saga – 220'	2	M	CA	APP	Vision IAS Science Tech Notes Page 110
(g) 'Billion Act of Green'	2	D	CA	APP	http://www.earthtimes.org/going-green/a-billion-acts-green-earth-day-2011/371/
(h) L'Aquila earthquake	2	M	CA	APP	The Hindu
(i) OPERA detector at Gran Sasso	2	M	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article2480034.ece
(j) Saturn's Titan	2	E	F	APP	Geography NCERT
8-(a) 'News International' newspaper	2	E	CA	APP	The Hindu (continously in News)
(b) Mustafa Abdul Jalil	2	M	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/article2453506.ece
(c) Abel Kirui	2	M	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/sport/athletics/article2423378.ece
(d) Natalie Portman	2	E	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/life-and-style/metroplus/article1497603.ece?viewImage=2
(e) Nawaf Salam	2	M	CA	APP	The Hindu http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article2494007.ece

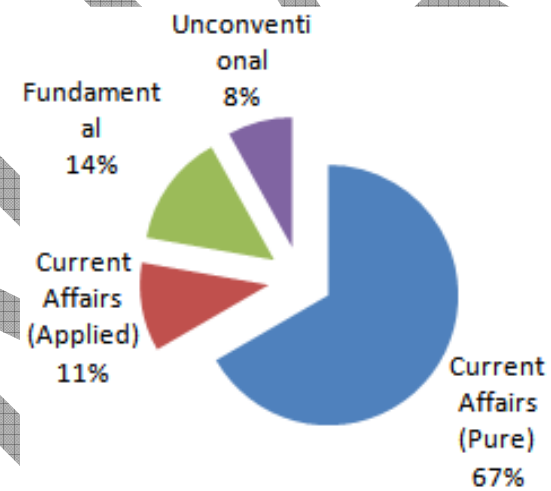
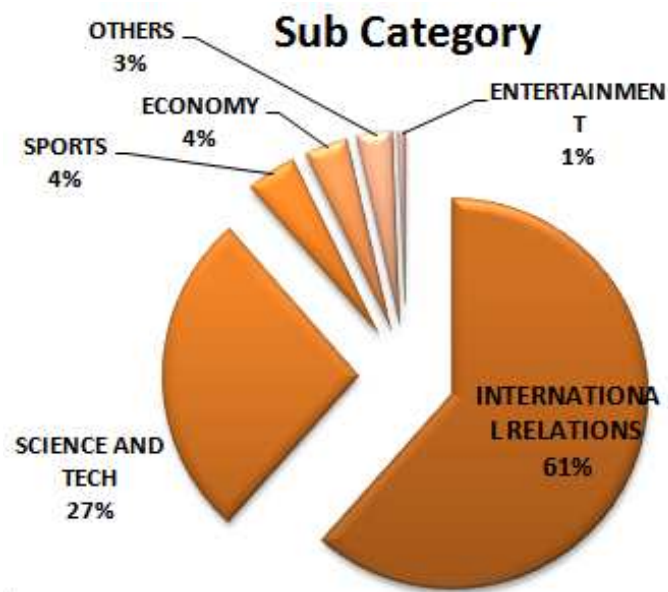
SUB CATEGORY

NATURE OF QUESTIONS

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	205
SCIENCE AND TECH	90
SPORTS	14
ECONOMY	12
OTHERS	10
ENTERTAINMENT	2
GRAND TOTAL	333

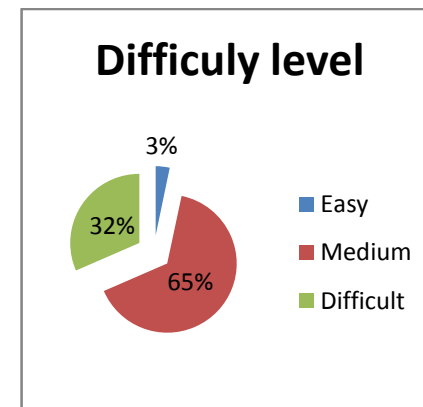
Type	Sum of Marks
Current Affairs (Pure)	222
Current Affairs (Applied)	37
Fundamental	47
Unconventional	27
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**Marks don't add upto 300 because Questions with all choices have been included



DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Difficulty level	Sum of Marks
Easy	11
Medium	217
Difficult	105
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Row Labels	Sum of Marks
Frontline and Hindu	5
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Vision IAS: Study Material / Test Series

Sub Category	Marks Asked in Paper 2	Marks Covered in Vision IAS Material	Percentage from VISION IAS Material
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	205	92	45%
SCIENCE AND TECH	90	23	26%

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