

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY COURSE MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY

Nature of Economic Geography

Economic Geography is one of the important components of the UPSC Geography Mains syllabus. You can expect at least 3-4 questions in Paper I of Geography Optional. It means by preparing this section well, you can be rest assured about 30-35 marks from the Paper I section. This section requires the candidates to have up-to-date knowledge of what is going on around him. The resources of the world must be studied with the help of a good Atlas to remember about the places where any specific resource is found. Apart from being factual in some areas, the section is analytical where overexploitation of resources, conservation and management part provides ample scope to impress the examiner. The changes in the world geopolitics brought about by the finding of shale oil over the petroleum resource gives a new angle whereby the candidate can get good marks once again by impressing the examiner. Globalization is a dynamic chapter and requires of information updating from time to time.

Moreover, by preparing this portion comprehensively shall give you at least 6-8 marks in prelims. So, it means that cost benefit analysis of this portion of the syllabus highly favors a comprehensive preparation of Economic Geography.

For GS mains, the topic is relevant to a large extent since the entire content is part of GS paper 1. So this section must be prepared to take advantage of the overlapping nature of the topics. Thus this is a must attempt topic from the perspective of Mains examination.

Being vigilant on all the worlds' news analysis makes a person aware about the contemporary issues and that definitely helps in scoring good marks in Interview as well.

Please follow the following sequence of topics and try to complete 1-2 chapters every day. This section must be completed in 14 – 15 days.

The Syllabus

1. World economic development-measurement and problems
2. World resources and their distribution
3. Energy crisis
4. Agricultural inputs and productivity
5. The limits to growth
6. World agriculture-typology of agricultural regions
7. Food security, Food and nutrition problems
8. World industries-location patterns and problems
9. Patterns of world trade.
10. Famine-causes, effects and remedies

Relations with GS

1. Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian subcontinent);
2. factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India)

What the students Get

- Economic Geography by K. Siddhartha, S. Mukherjee
- Modern Dictionary of Geography by K. Siddhartha & S.Mukherjee

Additional material that the students can go for

- Economic Times, Relevant Sections

Learning Sequencing and chapter structure

The course sequencing is not per the syllabus,

How best to utilise it

1. FIRST READ THE TOPICS
2. LISTEN TO THE EXPLANATION
3. NOW USE THE SUMMARY
4. YOU HAVE SOME MODEL ANSWERS. USE ONLY QUESTIONS FROM MODEL ANSWERS TO WRITE
5. NOW COMPARE YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE MODEL
6. ENSEMBLE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATING ON CURRENT AFFAIRS REGULARLY ON THIS TOPIC
7. KEEP AN EYE ON UPDATES

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

SEQ UEN CIN G	TOPICS	CHAPTER AND STUDY MATERIAL	STUDIO SHOOT WITH ANIMATIONS	CLASS LECTURE by	SYNOPSIS & LECTUR E FORMA T	QUESTI ON BANK	MODE L ANSW ERS	CURRENT & ENRICHMEN T
1	World Economic Growth & Economic Development Part-I, II	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Included✓	KS	Included ✓	✓	Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development

2	Water Resources	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Included✓	SM	Included✓	✓	Included✓	Will be updated with any new development
3	Forest Resources (With Bio Environmental Geography)	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Not included here, In Bio Environmental Geography					
4	Biotic Resources (With Bio Environmental Geography)	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Not included here, In Bio Environmental Geography					
5	Mineral Resources	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY		✓	Included✓	✓	Included✓	Will be updated with any new development
6	Energy Resources	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Included✓	✓	Included✓	✓	Included✓	Will be updated with any new development
7	Marine Resources	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	No lecture required. Factual	✓	Included✓	✓	Included✓	Will be updated with any new development
8	Energy Crisis	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Included✓	✓	Included✓	✓	Included✓	Will be updated with any new development

9	Limits to Growth	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓	Included ✓	✓	Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development
10	World Agricultural Types	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓	Included ✓	✓	Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development
11	Food Security, and Food Problem	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓	Included ✓	✓	Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development
12	Famine (With Indian Geography, Contemporaray Issues)							
13	World Industrial Region-I	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓	Included ✓	✓	Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development
14	World Industrial Region-II	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓	Included ✓	✓	Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development
15	World Industrial Problems	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓			Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development

16	World Trade Pattern	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	Not applicable	Not applicab le		Will Includ ed as Curren t✓	Will be updated with any new development
17	Globalization	ECONOMI C GEOGRAP HY	Included✓	✓			Includ ed✓	Will be updated with any new development
18	Agricultural inputs and productivity		With Indian Agriculture					

INDEX - TBU = To be updated, NA, not Applicable

Post Script- General Directions after Course

- Learn how to write answers from your you tube channel and the various answer directives.
- Go through the Question Bank and observe the type of Questions asked.
- Interpretation and understanding of the question is the most important criteria.
- Pick up some questions given in your answer bank and write them on your own.
- Then compare these answers with the answers given to you.
- Repeat this process more than once.
- Then Go through the entire answers given to you.
- Now start writing independent answers
- Presentation should be in good legible writing and simple language with:
 - Use of maps, flowcharts and diagrams

- Use of examples and case studies to support the answer
- Adherence to word limit is advised.
- For answer evaluation you can join the test series and send cam scanned copies to Ensemble.