

**HPAS MAIN EXAM (2013)**  
**EXPECTED QUESTIONS/TOPICS**

- **Comment on the Section 8(1) (i) of the Right to Information Act**
- **Why The Bedouin were recently in news?**
- **What are microplastics? Examine how the affect marine organisms.**
- **Long March-3B rocket**
- **Mt Gox**
- **In the context of December 2013 Assembly elections, do you think NOTA, which was first introduced in these elections, should be continued? Analyze its importance and relevance.**
- **What is bionics? What are its benefits? Explain.**
- **Orange Revolution**
- **Greater Adjutant Stork**
- **Tyagaraja and Pancharatna kritis**
- **The Constitution (120th Amendment) Bill, 2013, and the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2013, seek to reform the appointment of High Court and**

Supreme Court judges by establishing a Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC). What are the criticisms against the bill? Comment. (200 Words) .

- ‘Limitation of Benefits (LoB)’ clause between Indian and Mauritius
- “The Shunglu Committee had suggested structural changes in CAG by making it a multi-member body.” What is the rationale behind such a recommendation? Analyze.
- Why Dombivili Industrial Belt was in news recently?
- Tax-free secured redeemable non-convertible bonds
- Octocopters
- What is Zero Sum Game?
- “Most importantly for regional stability, the completion of India’s maritime deterrent skews the India-Pakistan nuclear competition in favor of India.” Comment in the light of Indian navy’s recent acquisition of various capabilities.
- Analyse key issues related to the Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India (BRAI) Bill, 2013. Why some states are opposing the Bill? Examine.

- What is ECB? What are the broad guidelines regarding it?
- Bodleian Library
- International Cancer Genome Consortium
- Tumor Suppressor Gene
- Write a note on the significance of Hornbill Festival
- The Nonhuman Rights Project
- Oxytocin and Autism
- Sphere of Influence (SOI) of the Earth
- Do you agree with the demand that Siachen should be demilitarized and declared as a protected area? Substantiate.
- What is 'Dirty Bomb'?
- The Tropical Butterfly Park, Srirangam
- Write a note on India's nano Mission
- Write a critical note on India's efforts at conservation of its wild tigers. Has India succeeded in its mission? Examine. (200 Words)
- What are the highlights of the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2013 (JAC Bill)? Do

**you think the provisions of the bill affect judicial independence? Substantiate.**

- **Do you think the recent WTO deal at Bali is a revival for the multilateral organisation? How will it boost exports?**
- **Pulichantala Project.**
- **What are implications of crisis in Thailand over its trade with India?**
- **What are facilities provided by the government for the welfare of Senior Citizens?**
- **“The recommended higher percentage of devolution of Central taxes to states, coupled with the higher grant to states recommended by the Finance Commission, would result in less resources for expenditure.” Comment on the statement in the light of states’ demand for tax share from the Union government.**
- **Highlight the contribution of Indian diaspora to the politics and economy of Singapore during last few decades. (200 Words)**
- **““School feeding can only help if the other major elements that are prerequisites for learning are**

also in place.” Assess the performance of India’s mid day meal scheme in improving the overall quality of primary education in India. What are the ‘prerequisites’ mentioned in the statement that are required in the Indian context? Elaborate. (250 Words)

- **Kaam Maango Abhiyan**
- **What implications does China’s Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) have on India? Comment.**
- **Enumerate any ten important rights declared in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights document. Do you think India has succeeded in granting all of its citizens these rights fully? Examine.**
- **What is Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)? How is it beneficial to India? Explain.**
- **Do you think the Women’s Reservation Bill which is pending in the Parliament would benefit poor and rural women from non political backgrounds? Why is there an opposition to the passing of the bill from certain political parties? Comment.**

- Write a short note on the recent crisis in the Central African Republic. How was the international reaction to this crisis? (200 Words)
- Recently there was lot of concern regarding treatment meted out to South Asian Laborers by the Qatari contractors and the inaction by the Qatar government in safeguarding immigrants rights. What measures has India taken in this regard? Examine by highlighting the plight of immigrants in Qatar. (200 Words)
- What is NATGRID? Explain how its provisions will strengthen India's security structure? (250 words)
- What are the advantages of Bitocoin? Explain in the Indian context. (200 Words)
- Differentiate between copyright and copyleft. (100 Words)
- "Jade Rabbit" rover (50 Words)
- Critically comment on the issue of 'rights' associated with the recent judgement by the Supreme Court in the case of *Suresh Kumar Koushal and another v. NAZ Foundation and others.* (200 Words)

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