

Disaster Management Previous Year Questions: 2025-2013

2025

- **Mineral resources** are fundamental to the country's economy and these are exploited by mining. Why is mining considered an environmental hazard? Explain the remedial measures required to reduce the environmental hazard due to mining. (Answer in 250 words) 15

2024

- **What is disaster resilience? How is it determined? Describe various elements of a resilience framework. Also mention the global targets of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).** (Answer in 250 words)
- **Flooding in urban areas is an emerging climate-induced disaster. Discuss the causes of this disaster. Mention the features of two such major floods in the last two decades in India. Describe the policies and frameworks in India that aim at tackling such floods.** (Answer in 250 words)

2023

- 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.

2022

- Explain the mechanism and **occurrence of cloudburst** in the context of Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples.

2021

1. Discuss about the **vulnerability of India to earthquake** related hazards. Give examples including the salient features of major disasters caused by earthquakes in different parts of India during the last three decades.
2. Describe the various causes and the effects of **landslides**. Mention the important components of the National Landslide Risk Management Strategy.

2020

- Discuss the recent **measures initiated in disaster management** by the Government of India departing from the earlier reactive approach.

2019

- **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.
- **Disaster preparedness** is the first step in any **disaster management process**. Explain how **hazard zonation mapping** will help **disaster mitigation** in the case of landslides.

2018

- Describe various measures taken in India for **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** before and after signing '**Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-30)**'. How is this framework different from '**Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005**'?

2017

- On December 2004, **tsunami** brought havoc on fourteen 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.

2016

- The frequency of **urban floods** due to high intensity rainfall is increasing over the years. Discussing the reasons for urban floods, highlight the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.
- With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (**NDMA**) **guidelines**, discuss the measures to be adopted to mitigate the impact of recent incidents of **cloudbursts** in many places of Uttarakhand.

2015

- 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.

2014

- **Drought** has been recognized as a disaster in view of its spatial expanse, temporal duration, slow onset and lasting effects on vulnerable sections. With a focus on the September 2010 guidelines from the National Disaster Management Authority (**NDMA**), discuss the mechanisms for preparedness to deal with likely **El Niño and La Niña** fallouts in India.

2013

- How important are vulnerability and risk assessment for **pre-disaster management**? As an administrator, what are key areas that you would focus on in a **Disaster Management System**.