

DAF QUESTIONNAIRE FOR UPSC CSE 2021

NAME: [REDACTED]

Name

- ✓ Tell us something about your self.
- ✓ What are the strong points in your personality. Also tell us about the traits which you would like to improve in your personality.
- ✓ What is the meaning of your name ?
- ✓ Who gave you your name ? Any specific reason .
- ✓ Why do you want to become an IAS. Subsequent questions will follow based on your answers.

Hindi

- ✓ What is the three language formula.
- ✓ Do you think Hindi should be made the official language of India.
- ✓ Why Southern states are opposed to Hindi.
- ✓ Do you think learning in Hindi medium schools leads to disadvantage to the students vis a vis students who study in English medium schools.
- ✓ Suggest measures to promote Hindi language in the state / country.
- ✓ Should Hindi be made an official language at UN.
- ✓ When is International Mother Language Day.
- ✓ What are classical language.
- ✓ When is Hindi Diwas celebrated and why ?
- ✓ What are the benefits that a language receives when granted classical language status.

School

- ✓ Have online schools benefited the children ? What are the challenges for online schooling in India.
- ✓ Which type of schools according to you is better for a child, co-ed or single gender ? What is your experience ?
- ✓ What is New Education Policy. What are its features.
- ✓ What are your views on the New Education Policy.
- ✓ What are the issues in the Education system in India. Suggest measures to provide reform.
- ✓ Should education be government owned or privatized.
- ✓ What are the issues surrounding NEET especially in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Role of missionaries in education sector in India.
- ✓ What are the factors according to you which has led to increase in cases of suicides among students.
- ✓ How far vocational studies are important in our educational curriculum. What steps have been taken to address this issue.
- ✓ What is RTE. What are its salient features.
- ✓ What are the objectives of Mid Day Meal scheme. What are the issues in the implementation of the scheme in Rajasthan.

Volleyball

- ✓ Why is volleyball not famous in India.
- ✓ Name 3 famous Indian players.
- ✓ Have a basic idea about – Court size, ball dimensions, terminology etc.
- ✓ What basic traits do you think a good volleyball player should possess.
- ✓ Which are the important international tournaments.
- ✓ Does India have any important tournaments.
- ✓ Suggest measures to popularize the game in India.
- ✓ What measures should India take to improve its performance in International arena.
- ✓ Which countries have dominated Volleyball.
- ✓ Who is a libero.
- ✓ Is Volleyball an Olympic sport.

Current affairs

- ✓ Issue surrounding Kashmir Files movie.
- ✓ Causes of Ukraine-Russia war.
- ✓ Do you think the war is a failure of UN.
- ✓ What is India's stand on Ukraine-Russia war.
- ✓ What was Operation Ganga.
- ✓ What are the unique features of the Budget 2022-23.
- ✓ What are the issue surrounding changes in All India Service rules.
- ✓ What is the issue surrounding wearing Hijab in educational institutions.
- ✓ What are the causes behind Birbhum incident. What measures should be taken to prevent such incident in future.
- ✓ What are your views on Prohibition which has been implemented in Bihar. Has it been successful.
- ✓ What measures should be taken to prevent incidents like Muzaffarpur sexual assault case in shelter home.
- ✓ What is general consent for CBI. What are the issues surrounding the clause.
- ✓ What is the anti conversion Bill of Haryana.
- ✓ What is NSA Act. What is preventive detention and what are the safeguards against it
- ✓ What measures have been taken by government to monetize sewage water which is dumped in Ganga.
- ✓ What are your views on school including a curriculum on Bhagavad Gita – in Gujarat.
- ✓ What measures has Assam taken to promote indigenous faith and culture.
- ✓ What is the proposed Electric Highway.
- ✓ What is Delimitation commission. What are the issues surrounding Delimitation of J and K.
- ✓ What are the issues surrounding Merger of MCD in Delhi.
- ✓ What is the Mullaperiyar dam issue.
- ✓ What measures should be taken by government to deal with issues of students who have come back from Ukraine.
- ✓ What is the border pact between Assam and Meghalaya.
- ✓ Issues surrounding new Criminal Procedure Bill
- ✓ What is the issue for OBC reservation in local body polls.
- ✓ What is the issue surrounding Central University Entrance test.
- ✓ What is the controversy between Secunderabad Cantonment and the Telanagana Government.

- ✓ What is the issue surrounding aligning of service conditions of the Chandigarh administration with Central civil services.
- ✓ What is unique about Tamil Nadu budget.

Rajasthan

- ✓ Causes for Sariska Fire. What measures are being taken to douse the fire.
- ✓ What are the features of Rajasthan Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme.
- ✓ What are the reason for increasing caste atrocities in Rajasthan.
- ✓ What are your views on state governments decision to revive Old Pension Scheme.
- ✓ What is the difference between NPS and Old Pension Scheme.
- ✓ What is Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project. Why Rajasthan government want a national tag for it.
- ✓ What is the demand for tribal code in Rajasthan.
- ✓ What is the reason for high petrol and diesel prices.
- ✓ What is the new policy of Rajasthan government to monetize the visit to monuments.
- ✓ What is Golden triangle and Golden Crescent.
- ✓ What measures has the government taken to deal with the issue of drugs trade in Rajasthan.
- ✓ What measures has government taken to deal with the issue of drug addiction.
- ✓ What is the folk culture of Rajasthan.
- ✓ What are the crops grown in Rajasthan.
- ✓ Suggest measures to deal with the issue of increasing desertification.
- ✓ What is the topography of Rajasthan.
- ✓ What according to you is meant by secularism. Should India have laws against religious conversion.
- ✓ What is Udaan Scheme in Rajasthan.
- ✓ What are Khap panchayats ? Do Khaps have any role in a democratic society.
- ✓ Should Rajasthan be divided into smaller states. What are the various statehood demands in Rajasthan. What is the demand for Maru Pradesh.
- ✓ Are smaller states better governed.
- ✓ Why dominant castes are demanding for reservation.
- ✓ Describe about Rajasthan's economy. What are the major sectors which have potential for growth.
- ✓ What are your views on reservation. Should the 50% ceiling be removed by SC.
- ✓ Suggest measures taken for water conservation in Rajasthan.
- ✓ Why Rajasthan is among the top states when it comes to crimes against women.
- ✓ What are the reasons for increasing urban floods in India. What were the reasons for floods in Rajasthan / Jaipur last year.
- ✓ What measures has the government taken to secure the international borders.
- ✓ What measures should be taken to promote agro-industries in the state.
- ✓ Why certain areas in Rajasthan have a history of communal violence. What measures should be taken to prevent such incidents from happening in future. (Baran communal violence)
- ✓ What is winter disturbance. How does it affect the weather of Rajasthan.
- ✓ What was the reason behind locust swarm in Rajasthan last year. What measures were taken to deal with the issue.
- ✓ What is the vegetation found in Rajasthan.
- ✓ What is the reason for decline in Khejri trees. Significance of Khejri tree for desert area.
- ✓ What is Pushkar festival. What is the reason for decline in camel trade in Pushkar fair.
- ✓ What are Kund. What measures have been taken for water conservation in the state.
- ✓ What are the positive and negative impacts of Indira Gandhi canal.

- ✓ Rajasthan has a high rate of Child marriages. What additional measures should be taken to address the issue.
What are the laws against child marriages.
- ✓ Reason for low sex ratio in Rajasthan.
- ✓ Development due to the cement industry can be there but its problems are also many.
- ✓ What are the health hazards associated with mining .
- ✓ What is the difference between cold desert and hot desert.
- ✓ What is sand dune stabilization technique.
- ✓ What measures should be taken to deal with the issue of – Vaccine Hesitancy and Vaccine wastage.
- ✓ What do you understand by human trafficking specially with reference to women and child?
- ✓ What factors have led to Bhiwadi becoming the most polluted city in the world.
- ✓ What measures have been taken to address the issue of food adulteration in Rajasthan.
- ✓ Suggest measures taken by state government to promote Mega Food Park in Rajasthan.

Additional environment based questions:

- ✓ What are the various environment laws in India.
- ✓ What is the constitutional position on environment.
- ✓ What is CAMPA fund.

Sikar

- ✓ What is the topography of Sikar.
- ✓ What is the climate of the area.
- ✓ Describe the economy of the area.
- ✓ What are the crops grown in the area.
- ✓ Suggest measures to develop the agro-industry in the area.
- ✓ What are the tourist attractions in the area.
- ✓ Have a brief knowledge about the demographics of the area (literacy rate, sex ratio, population etc)
- ✓ What are the various fairs and festivals celebrated in the area.
- ✓ What is the local cuisine of the area.
- ✓ What are the minerals found in the district.
- ✓ Have a brief knowledge about the demographic of the area (Sex ratio, literacy, population etc)
- ✓ Suggest measures to create employment in the district.
- ✓ Suggest measures taken by government to promote tourism in the district.

House wife

- ✓ Do you think that homemakers should be paid salaries.
- ✓ How do you think House work done by females should be recognized.
- ✓ Is there any difference in the term House wife and House maker. Which one you prefer.

Kota

- ✓ Why is Kota considered a hub for coaching.
- ✓ What is the reason for decline of education in schools.
- ✓ What is the reason for proliferation of coaching institutes.
- ✓ Do you think online coaching would replace offline coaching.

Neem

- ✓ What is Neem Coated Urea.
- ✓ What are the health benefits of Urea.
- ✓ What is the botanical name of Neem

IIT Ropar

- ✓ History of IIT Ropar.
- ✓ What is an Institute of National Importance.
- ✓ What is an Institute of Eminence.
- ✓ What is NIRF ranking of the institute.
- ✓ What are the various clubs and societies of the institute.
- ✓ What are the various fest organized by the institute.
- ✓ What is the benefit of Alumni association.
- ✓ How Alumni can help the students.
- ✓ Why is it important to have Alumni association in Higher Education Institutions.
- ✓ What was your purpose for getting associated with Alumni association. If only you are a member of the association.

Documentaries

- ✓ What is the difference between documentary and short film.
- ✓ What animals are included in Big Cat. Which one of them are found in India.
- ✓ What is the Cheetah re-introduction plan.
- ✓ Name the last few documentaries which you have watched. What message did they give.
- ✓ Name some award related to documentaries.
- ✓ Name any Oscar winning documentary.
- ✓ Name some noted documentary makers.
- ✓ Have you heard of the documentary “Killing for Conservation”. What was the controversy surrounding the documentary.
- ✓ Have you heard of the documentary “India’s daughter”. What was the controversy surrounding the documentary.
- ✓ Famous Indian and foreign documentary makers.
- ✓ What are your sources of watching documentaries. Have you heard of Films division, PSBT ?
- ✓ Do you think documentaries are biased.
- ✓ How did you start this hobby.
- ✓ How this hobby will help you in administration.
- ✓ What new technologies have you seen in documentaries.
- ✓ How many tiger reserves are there in India.
- ✓ Which platform do you use to watch documentaries and why. Also have a brief factual knowledge about the platform.
- ✓ What is IMDB and Rotten Tomatoes.
- ✓ What is the strategy for conservation of Big cats in India.

International Relations

- ✓ Which magazine / journal do you read for covering national and global issues.
- ✓ What has been the change in India's foreign policy in recent times with regards to – Israel, Gulf countries.
- ✓ Why Maldives is having anti India protest.
- ✓ Reason for Srilanka's economic crisis, and India's policy.
- ✓ What are the various Track in Foreign policy .
- ✓ Do you read any journals/ magazine / blogs on foreign policy .(Subsequent questions would follow based on your reply).
- ✓ What is Raisina dialogue.
- ✓ What is Shangrila dialogue.
- ✓ Does India have a strategic culture.
- ✓ What was the Galwan incident.
- ✓ How has India responded to aggression by China.
- ✓ What measures has India taken at military and diplomatic level to deal with the threat posed by China and Pakistan
- ✓ What is Quad.
- ✓ Does India have a nuclear doctrine.
- ✓ Is it time to rethink No First Use Policy.
- ✓ Discuss India's relation with USA.
- ✓ Discuss India's relation with Israel.
- ✓ How would USA's withdrawal from Afghanistan have an impact on India.
- ✓ Discuss India's relation with ASEAN.
- ✓ Can India become a net maritime security provider in Indian Ocean Region.
- ✓ Discuss India's relation with Gulf countries.
- ✓ Discuss India's relation with Taiwan.
- ✓ What measures should India take to make SAARC successful.
- ✓ Achievements of BRICS.
- ✓ Should India get a permanent seat in UNSC.
- ✓ What reforms are needed in UN.
- ✓ What are FTA's. How India has benefited from FTA.
- ✓ What is RCEP. Should India join it.
- ✓ What is NPT. What is India's stand.
- ✓ India's policy on Rohingya.

Foreign policy additional points

- ✓ Virtue of Soft power
- ✓ Diplomacy of Buddhism- How India uses it.
- ✓ Indian Diaspora in Gulf
- ✓ Indian Diaspora and its role in India's democracy.
- ✓ India's UN Peace Keeping Mission and its objectives

Neighbours

- ✓ China
- ✓ Nepal

- ✓ Pakistan
- ✓ Indus Water Treaty
- ✓ Afghanistan
- ✓ Srilanka
- ✓ Bangladesh
- ✓ Maldives
- ✓ Myanmar
- ✓ Bhutan

Bilateral Relations

- ✓ Act East Policy, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand
- ✓ India's relation with Africa
- ✓ India's relation with Global Powers- USA, UK, Germany, Japan, France, Russia

Shot Put

- ✓ Describe about the history of origin of game of Shot puts.
- ✓ Why athletes have to throw from within a circle. What is the significance of the circle.
- ✓ What are the two styles of putting. Which one you prefer and why.
- ✓ What is the current world record for shot putter – distance .
- ✓ Famous Indian Shot putters – male / female.
- ✓ What are the qualities needed to be a good shot putter.

Cultural Fest

- ✓ Why Cultural / Tech fests are organised in School / Colleges.
- ✓ What are your views on student politics in colleges.
- ✓ Do you think students must participate in school/ college fest. Why
- ✓ What are the various cultural / Tech fests of your School / College.
- ✓ Challenges you faced in organizing Cultural fests.
- ✓ What were your learnings .
- ✓ What was the name of the event. What is the meaning of the event name.

Zeitgeist

- ✓ What is the meaning of the word.
- ✓ What is Zeitgeist Art.
- ✓ What is gestalt psychology in art.