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Understanding the Directives


- 2020 GS paper 1 - Breakdown 1-10 Questions
 - Discuss - 2
 - Enumerate - 1
 - Evaluate - 1
 - Justify - 1
 - How - 2
 - Account - 1
 - Comment - 1
 - Argue - 1
- 2020 GS paper 1 - Breakdown 11-20 Questions
 - Discuss - 2
 - Comment - 1
 - Critically Examine - 1
 - Account - 1
 - Elaborate - 2
 - Examine - 1
 - Justify - 1
 - Do you Agree - 1
- 2020 GS paper 2 - Breakdown 1-10 Questions
 - Comment - 1
 - Discuss - 3
 - How far - 1
 - Highlight the key Points - 1
 - What - 1
 - Suggest Reforms - 1
 - Critically Examine - 1
 - Comment with Examples - 1
- 2020 GS paper 2 - Breakdown 11-20 Questions
 - Elucidate – 1
 - In this context, Justify - 1
 - In this context, Highlight - 1
 - In this context, Highlight the factors - 1
 - Which steps are required - 1
 - Analyse - 1
 - Evaluate - 1
 - Critically Examine - 1
 - Discuss - 1
 - What and Discuss – 1
- When you will compare the directives for English and Hindu language, they both are different because of different translations depending on the context of question.
 - 'Discuss' is interpreted differently in different questions in UPSC

Directives are certainly based on 2 broad parameters

- Facts - internal and External
- Value Judgements - interpretations and Judgements - Beyonds facts - What do you understand from those facts.
- Explanatory Directives - (Mainly asks for the facts)
 - What
 - Why
 - How
 - Explain
 - Define
 - Describe
- Comparative Directives - (Both facts and value-based Judgements)
 - Compare
 - Differentiate
 - Contrast
 - Relate
- Analytical Directives - (Value Based Judgements)
 - Comment
 - Criticise
 - Discuss
 - Examine
 - Evaluate
 - Interpret
- Representation Directives - (Basically to summarise the things)
 - Innumerate
 - List
 - Summarise.
- Types of Questions asked at present - Single, Multiple and Compound.
 - What are the challenges that agriculture sector is facing at present in India?
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- What are the challenges that agriculture sectors and is facing at present in India? What are the reasons behind these ongoing challenges? How these challenges can be addressed.
- What are the challenges that agriculture sector is facing at present in India?
- Discuss So Majority of the questions asked are from Single directives questions and the least from Compound. So Single directives are the most important.


Directives

- What –
 - Facts relating to subject in questions. (Internal and External).
 - Try to give No Value Judgement, No opinions at all.
 - Exception - 'Once a speaker, always a speaker' Do you think this practise should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of speaker. What could be it implications for the robust implications of parliamentary business in India.
 - Example - What are we studying? What are Economic Reforms?
 - You need not judge whether the things is good or bad, result in success or failure.
- Discuss –
 - Debate - Open ended, put both for and against arguments and in the end come to a conclusion, do not leave it open ended.
 - Discuss the ongoing farm protests in India.
- Explain –
 - Here you have to give, in detail in depth explanation, mainly focuses on the keywords asked in the questions.
 - Explain the reason which account for increased frequency of floods in India.
- Define –
 - Generally asked for that concepts for which as such there is no generally accepted common definitions, you have to define that particular topic based on your information, your knowledge etc. Here you basically write your own definition.
 - Define the term 'Asian Century'
- Comment –
 - Subjective in Nature - Your opinion, your commentary.
 - In this you need to stick to the tone with which you have begun, you cannot change your stance in between.
 - In the conclusion part, you can shed a light on the other side of the Context.
 - Example - Recently introduced Farm Acts are a ground breaking legislation. Comment.
- Illustrate –
 - Basically, you have to give the knowledge of the subject, ample amount of ways to produce the knowledge - examples - flow charts - diagrams - Inferences etc.
 - Indus Valley Civilisation marked the zenith of modernisation in Ancient Indian times. Illustrate.


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