

# Assessment Blueprint

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| S. No. | EVALUATION CRITERIA              | MARKING PARAMETERS                                                                                                                                                    | WEIGHTAGE in TOTAL MARKS                                                                   |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Structure - Formation Competence | Introduction Part<br>Body Part<br>Way Forward<br>Concluding Statement                                                                                                 | 10%<br>This means in a 10 marks question, the weightage of this criteria will be 01 mark.  |
| 2      | Content Competence               | Contextual Dimensions<br>Degree of Information / Ideas<br>Nature of Supported Elements<br>Point of Views   Different Perspectives   Innovative Ideas                  | 40%<br>This means in a 10 marks question, the weightage of this criteria will be 04 marks. |
| 3      | Content Form                     | Manner of Content Presentation<br>Content Interpretation<br>Technical Correctness of Literary Work in Content                                                         | 30%<br>This means in a 10 marks question, the weightage of this criteria will be 03 marks. |
| 4      | Language                         | Spelling<br>Grammar<br>Meaning<br>Tone                                                                                                                                | 10%<br>This means in a 10 marks question, the weightage of this criteria will be 01 mark.  |
| 5      | Examiner's Discretion            | Sheet Instructions<br>Considering various Factors, including the specific circumstances and exercising their expertise to arrive at a fair and reasonable conclusion. | 10%<br>This means in a 10 marks question, the weightage of this criteria will be 01 mark.  |

- 1. CONTENT and FORM:** An Answer comprises both CONTENT (What it said) and FORM (the way in which it said). These criteria are separate but not unrelated.
- 2. SUPPORTED ELEMENTS:** Used to enhance assertions, backing claims and strengthens arguments. Evidences, examples, theories, reports, diagrams etc.
- 3. CONTENT PRESENTATION:** How the information is structured and delivered i.e. Paragraph writing, Pointwise, Brainstorming (Mindmap, Table, Clustering) etc.
- 4. LITERARY WORK:** Technical correctness of the literary work shows understanding of your question by using directive/instructional words (Discuss, Analysis, Evaluate, Assess, Examine etc.)

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Ques Heatwaves are becoming more intense, frequent and prolonged due to climate change, posing serious socio-economic and environmental challenges in India. Discuss Causes, Consequences, and mitigation strategies for heatwaves, especially in context of urban & rural vulnerabilities.

→ Heatwaves can be defined as essentially prolonged high temperature ( $> 37^\circ\text{C}$ ) in a specific region.

Recently report by CEEW, 57% India having 76% of population poses high risk for heatwaves.

Causes for increasing heatwaves: — → Natural causes  
→ Artificial causes

① Very warm nights.

States like ~~Delhi~~ Delhi, Maharashtra has frequent warm nights in 2024.

② Increase in relative humidity

(40% → 50% in interm 2012-2022)

③ Rapid Urbanisation

Increased ~~in~~ warm nights in tier II cities due to heat absorbing infrastructure.

④ Increased emission of CFCs

→ depletes ozone layer → increases solar insolation →  
violates montreal protocol

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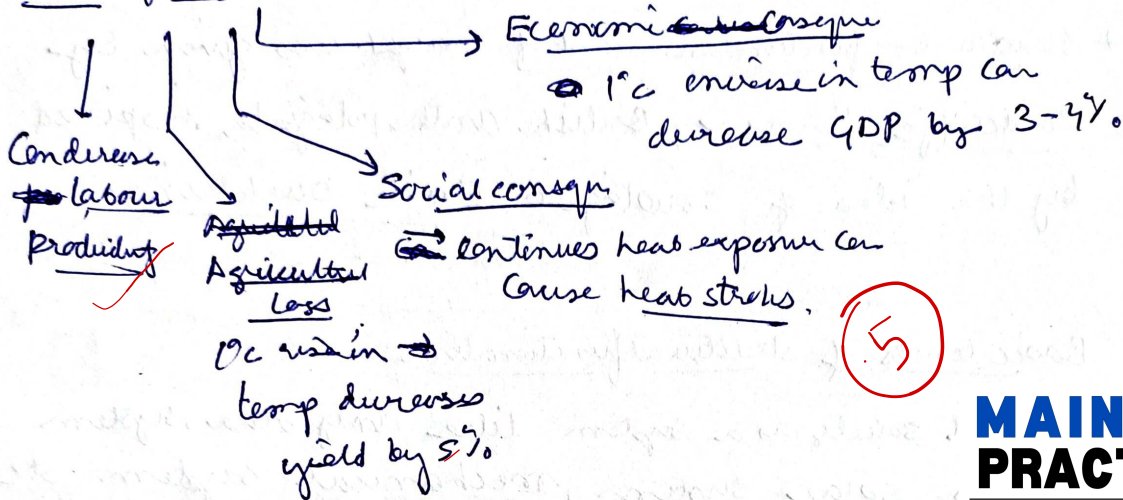
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## Consequences

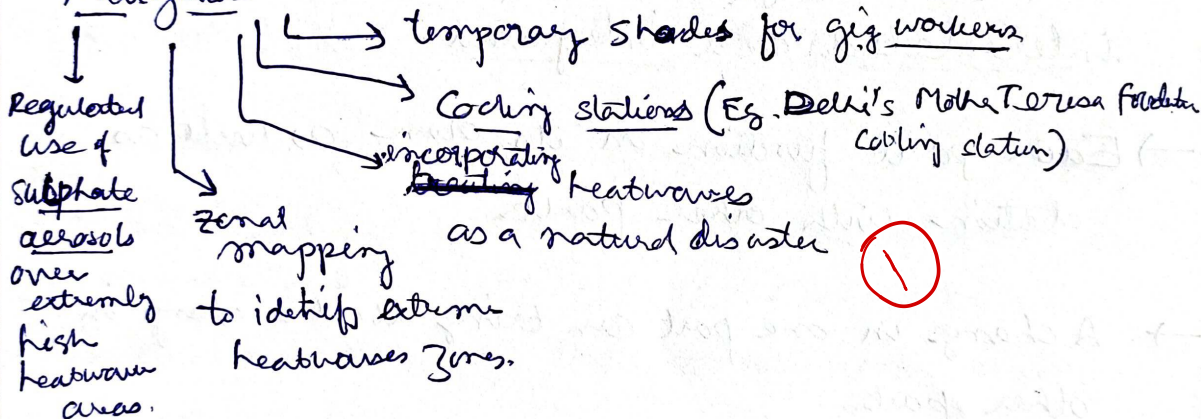


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## Mitigation



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Heatwaves becoming a global concern needs to be addressed through collective efforts of litigation to various stakeholders like SHGs, Civil Society, NGOs etc.

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Ques 'Despite its vast longitudinal extent, India continues to follow a single time zone. Critically examine the rationale & challenges associated with the demand for a separate time zone for Northeast India.'

→ Time zones are the standard reference of time across the globe based on the reference of  $0^\circ$  longitude (Greenwich Meridian).

Despite being India longitudinal extent ( $67^\circ 25'E - 97^\circ E$ ), it follows a single time zone, UTC+5:30 based on  $82.5^\circ E$  longitude.

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Rationale behind this

→ India ~~has~~ <sup>having</sup> a vast longitudinal extent ( $67^\circ 25'E - 97^\circ E$ ) requires a separate time zone for NE for efficient governance.

→ NE faces loss of productivity hours due to early morning. (near about 1 hr of loss)

→ disturbs circadian rhythm.

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→ Under North-East Infrastructure development scheme, can ~~help~~ <sup>expedite</sup> the developmental project by saving daylight hours.

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Challenges ~~the~~ associated

- 1) Missmatch of time and more chances of railway accidents.
- 2) Large scale illiteracy can confuse people b/w ~~two~~ two time zones.
- 3) Can exacerbates the already going separalist tendencies (of Nagas) by creating two time zones. (1)

Way forward

- 1) Implementing daylight saving time (DST)  
Ex- Western countries advances their clock ahead to diff time zones to optimise daylight hours. (1)
- 2) Following a different time zones just for the sake of business synchronisation.  
Ex Spain ~~has~~ do this align economically with major EU countries. (1)

Political & socio-cultural aspects might hamper the ~~the~~ creation of two time zones but involving ~~the~~ stakeholders, implementing DST on ever ~~ends~~ the issue — important for efficient governance. (5)

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Ques Ethics is knowing the difference b/w what you have right to do and what is right to do" — Potter Stewart. What does this quotation mean to you?

→ Above remarks by Potter highlights the difference b/w the legal laws & ethical reasoning.

Further highlights the difference b/w Autonomous beings & being humane.

2) A public servant may have the right to remove local vendors from roadside for development projects but ethical reasoning follows the rehabilitation program too.

3) Companies like TATA ~~are~~ being private can seek profit only but philanthropic attitude shows the ~~eth~~ ethically group principles of TATA group.

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4) Forest Right Act, 2006 allows central govt to extract forest resources but allow mandates to uphold rights & livelihoods of tribal groups — highlight Compassion & kindness.

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Above remark by potter also highlights the moral duty of the person.

2) Whistleblowers who risk their lives & careers for public good. despite having the right and privilege to be silent and reap reap benefits.

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Thus, the quote reminds us ethicality is more than just mere followings of laws — a symbiotic relationship can foster the ethically sound individuals.

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Ques Impact of digital technology as reliable source for rational decision making is debatable issue. Critically evaluate with suitable examples [2021]

→ ~~Answer~~ <sup>With</sup> the rise in internet & digital expansion, it has become a reliable source of input for general people. From millennial to Gen Z it has become the major source of info. (P1) (S) (Definition)

Why it's a debatable issue (P2)

- no rationality
- No legal framework to curb false news
- reinforces a particular ideology  
Ex - India's capture of Balaramabad during Indo-Pak conflict
- plethora of fake news  
Ex - Facebook algorithm only show those contents which people like or see for a longer time

Consequences of it (P3)

→ Fosters wrong ethical principles of non-objectivity & partiality & biases.  
Ex Extremist attitude of people during elections.

→ Diminishes the principles of tolerance & acceptance.  
Ex In 2019, false accusation on a transwoman killed by ignored facts against LGBTQ+.

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→ Fake allegations for Official Secrets Act, 1923 for non-transparency ~~and~~ makes people lose confidence in govt.

Positive side of it

(5)

→ ~~It~~ forms a informational-based public.  
Ex Rent case of BJP leader Medical Rape ~~and~~ helped people to know events inherent of rape laws.

→ Able an individual ~~to~~ know about govt policies to avoid religion & caste based politics.

(1)

Though ~~the~~ technology has aided people to be more rational, it has failed to provide authentic data.  
Regulatory framework for regulate online sphere should be now the cornerstone of good governance.

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⇒ Almost, every part of this answer is far away to the answer writing manner.

⇒ Will discuss in Answer Discussion class.

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Ques What do you mean by "A system of morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion, although vulgar conception which has <sup>sound</sup> nothing in it and nothing true". — Socrates.

→ Above remark by Socrates highlights that a judgment solely based on emotional appeals & personal thinking is unjust and meaningless.

Underscores the value for developing ethical and sound reasoning for an individual.

P<sub>1</sub>  
①

Core linked idea (moral intuition v/s moral reasoning)

Socrates here tries to ask individuals to have a judgment based on sound ethical principles and <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ just on intuitions.

Also highlights the importance of reasons (Kantian ethics) in reaching the final decision.

①

Contemporary relevance

→ As stated by M.K. Gandhi, "an eye for an eye makes the world blind", — is based just on morality without any rational basis.

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Ex Cross country ~~hitting~~ firing kills innocent lives just on the ~~shockingly less~~ emotional based morality of "spirit of vengeance"

Administrative example

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A public servant killing ~~an accused~~ accused rapist just on media trial shows the lack of sound ethical reasoning — highlights the unjust approach of emotion based morality.

Counter arguments

①

+ ~~Also~~ The means can be justified in some cases <sup>despite being India not signatory to Refugee Convention</sup>  
• EX - Public servant police framing for refugees shows emotion based approach upholding the Constitutional ethics

So, a synthesis of both requires for a just Hinduism policy morality.

① mark for writing manner.

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# Examiner's Feedback

## Comments & Suggestions

### Question 01

- Please mention the name of subjects, word limits and marks.
- The question is about heatwave. You used various data to claim your arguments, but without references or sources. Like in Introduction paragraph, heatwave defines.... according to whom.
- Remember, if in Disaster / Geography Questions it asked about causes, differentiate it natural causes and Artificial causes then differentiate further. Three tier differentiation results the maximum marks.
- Be on Content of question.

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### Question 02

- Introduction means understanding of subject or issue. You have provided definition, but it will be good if you provided an example of those countries, which (who) have more than one time zones.
- Answer is not in Order.
- Lack of Content formation.

## Question 03

- Approach for introduction is good, but don't write words in (b/w) such manner.
- Body part and Conclusion part scattering the content and do not achieve the purpose of question. Overall, it makes a confusion, what do you want to communicate, that was clear in Introduction part.

## Question 04

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- Almost every area of your answer is out of context. We will discuss this answer in Answer Discussion class.

## Question 05

- ① Structural formation is in right manner.
- ② Supported evidences are in contextual and authentic.
- ③ Presentation and interpretation is good.
- ④ Somewhere lack in writing manner and communication depth, which is needed in GS Paper-IV, specially, when to decode philosopher's quote.