

# **LECTURE - 01**

## **How to Approach Answers for Mains Exam?**

### **1. STEP- 01 : How to Understand the Nature of Questions?**

Aspirants can write excellent answers only when they understand the nature of the question. In this section we will discuss all the elements by which candidates can write excellent answers by understanding the nature of the question.

In this section we will discuss means of Understanding, Explanation, Prediction, Evaluation, Normative Solutions and Suggestions and Meta Self-Knowledge (for case studies).

### **2. STEP -02 : How to Understand the Pattern of Questions?**

In this section, we will discuss about the Directive Words (Instructional Words / Task Words), Topic Words, and Limiting Words of the Question. Next, we will discuss how to form Structure between different Functional Words with their Topic words and Limiting words.

In this section we will also Learn How to Break down Questions into Parts.

### **3. STEP -03 : How to Form an Answer Structure?**

In this Section we will Discuss, How to Write Introduction in concise way, How to Structure the Content in the Body Part, What should be in Way Forward and How to Synthesize Information in Conclusion Part.

#### 4. STEP -04 : Understanding the Evaluation Criteria & Marking Parameters

In this Section, we will discuss all the Evaluation Criteria mentioned below and their Marking Parameters.

## Answer Assessment Blueprint

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