

Poverty and Inequality in India

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Concept of Poverty line

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Concept of Social Capital

In the context of any country, which one of the following would be considered as part of its social capital?

- (a) The proportion of literates in the population
- (b) The stock of its buildings, other infrastructure and machines
- (c) The size of population in the working age group
- (d) The level of mutual trust and harmony in the society

CDS 2020

Concept of Human Development

Which among the following are considered to be the four pillars of Human Development?

- (a) Equity, inclusion, productivity and empowerment
- (b) Equity, productivity, empowerment and sustainability
- (c) Productivity, gender, inclusion and equity
- (d) Labour, productivity, inclusion and equity

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Concept of Inclusive Growth

Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP do not connote a higher level of economic development, if

- (a) industrial output fails to keep pace with agricultural output.
- (b) agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output.
- (c) poverty and unemployment increase.
- (d) imports grow faster than exports.

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Concept of Lorenz Curve

Which of the following is measured by Lorenz curve?

- (a) Illiteracy (b) Unemployment (c) Population growth (d) Inequality

Consider the following statements: **UPSC Prelims 2018**

Concept of Human Development

Human capital formation as a concept is better explained in terms of a process which enables

1. individuals of a country to accumulate more capital.
2. increasing the knowledge, skill levels and capacities of the people of the country.
3. accumulation of tangible wealth.
4. accumulation of intangible wealth.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 4 (d) 1, 3 and 4

With reference to 'Agenda 21', sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements: **(Prelims 2016)**

Concept of Sustainable Development

1. It is a global action plan for sustainable development.
2. It originated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Which of the following is/are the indicator/indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report? **(Prelims 2016)**

Global Hunger Index Report

1. Undernourishment
2. Child stunting
3. Child mortality

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3 only

The Multi-dimensional Poverty Index developed by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative with UNDP support covers which of the following? **(Prelims 2012)**

1. Deprivation of education, health, assets and services at household level
2. Purchasing power parity at national level
3. Extent of budget deficit and GDP growth rate at national level

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Multi-dimensional Poverty

Which of the following can aid in furthering the Government's objective of inclusive growth? **(Prelims 2011)**

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1. Promoting SHGs
2. Promoting MSMEs
3. Implementing the Right to Education Act

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Inclusive Growth: Previous Year Mains Questions

Previous Year Questions

Examine the pattern and trend of public expenditure on social services in the post reforms period in India. To what extent this has been in consonance with achieving the objective of inclusive growth? (Mains 2024, 10 Marks)

Distinguish between 'care economy' and 'monetized economy'. How can care economy be brought into monetized economy through women empowerment? (Mains 2023, 15 Marks)

Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India. (Mains 2022, 10 Marks)

Explain intra-generational and inter-generational issues of equity from the perspective of inclusive growth and sustainable development. (Mains 2020, 10 Marks)

It is argued that the strategy of inclusive growth is intended to meet the objectives of inclusiveness and sustainability together. Comment on this statement. (Mains 2019, 15 Marks)

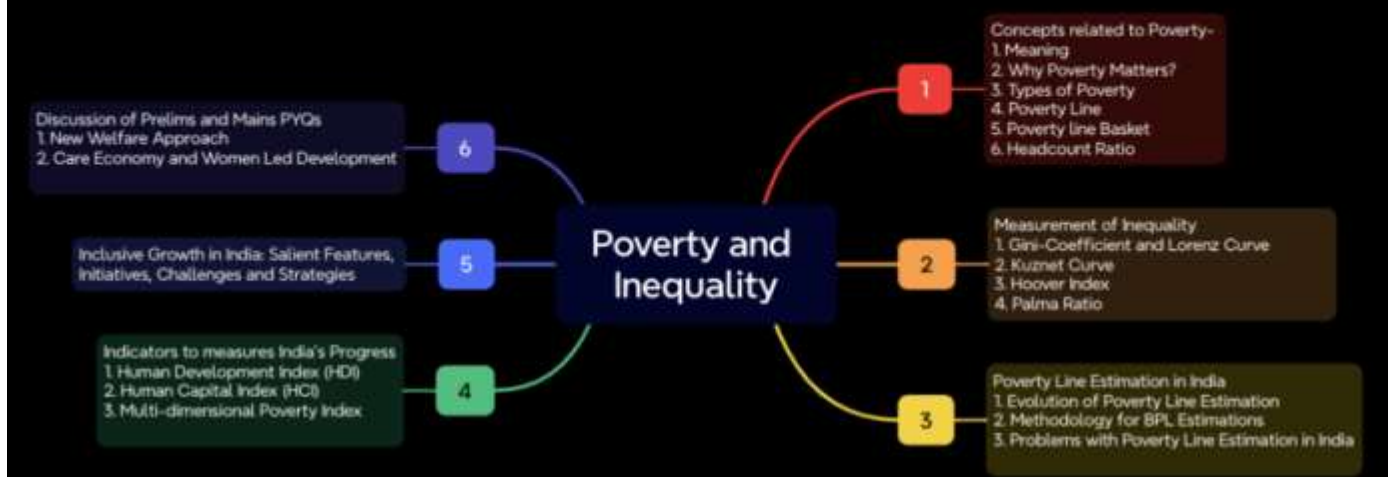
What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyze and suggest measures for inclusive growth. (Mains 2017, 15 Marks)

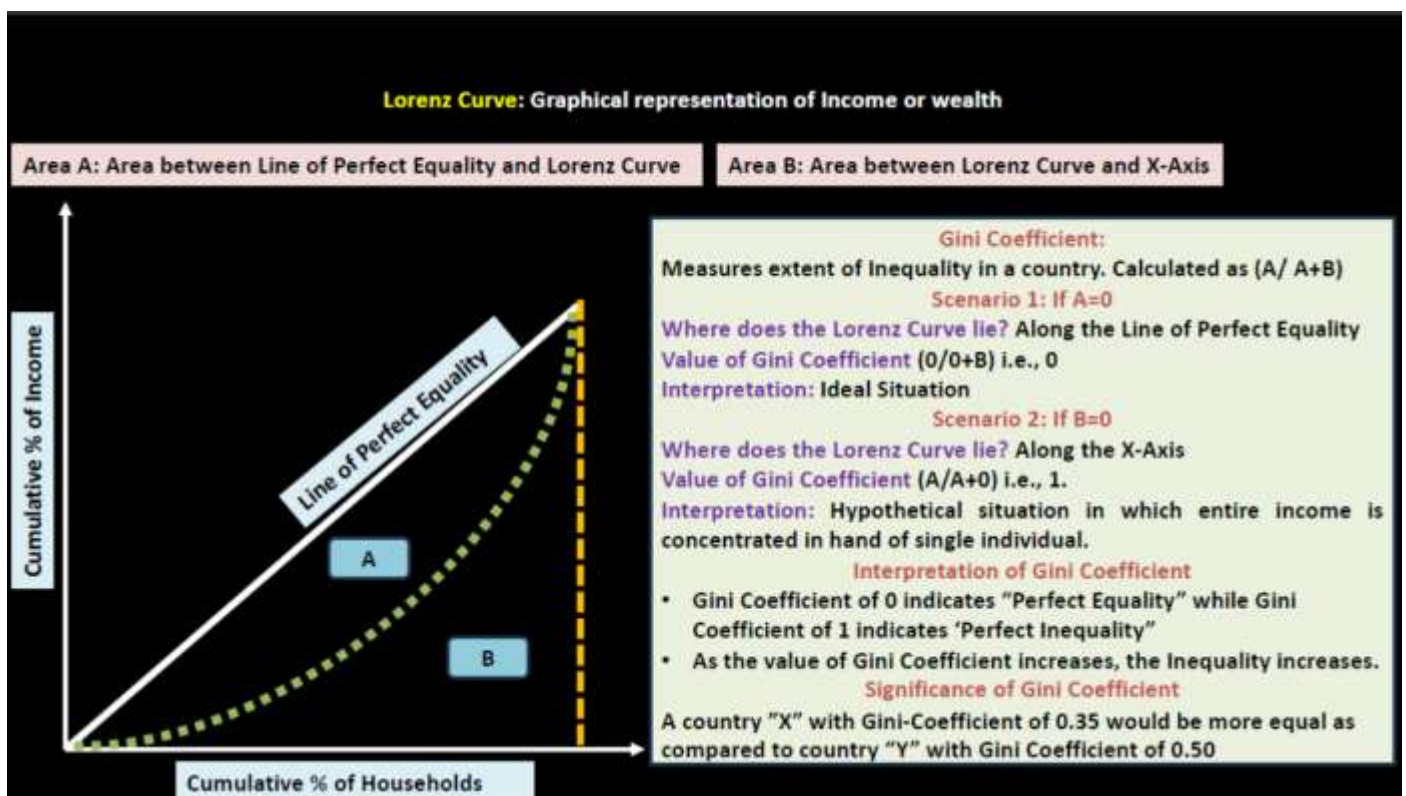
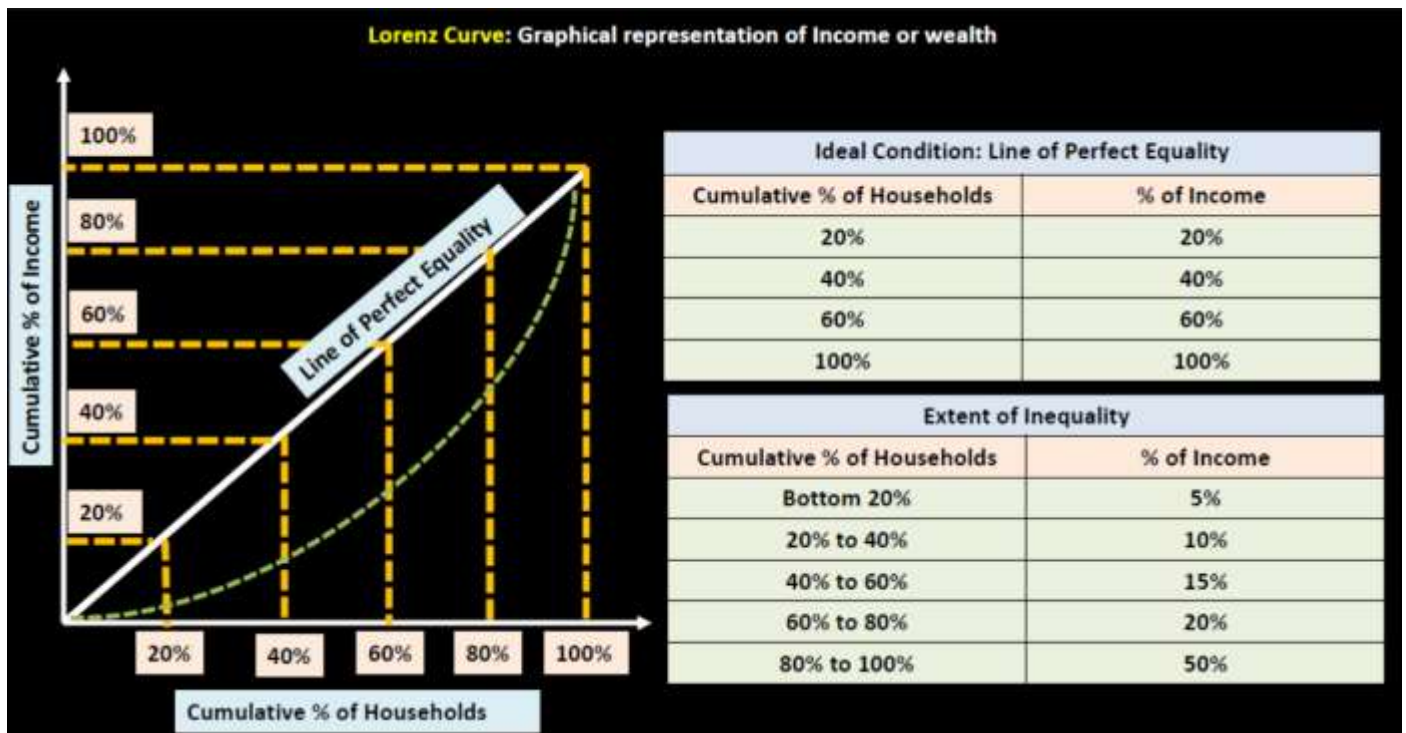
Comment on the challenges for inclusive growth which include careless and useless manpower in the Indian context. Suggest measures to be taken for facing these challenges. (Mains 2016, 12.5 Marks)

Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However, it often encourages short-sightedness and contributes to wide disparities between the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt capitalism for bringing inclusive growth in India? Discuss. (Mains 2014, 12.5 Marks)

The measure of success should be the pattern of economic growth, which matters to citizens more than the amount of growth. Elucidate. (Mains 2013, 12.5 Marks)

Topics to be covered





Practice MCQ

Consider the following statements related to Gini Coefficient:

1. The Gini Coefficient measures the extent of Income inequality in a country.
2. Higher the value of Gini-Coefficient, lower would be the inequality in a country.

Which among statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2. (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Practice MCQ

A particular curve shows relationship between Economic growth and Inequality. The curve is inverted U shaped meaning that initially economic growth leads to greater inequality. Later as the economy becomes more developed, the inequality starts to reduce.

Which among the following curves highlights such a relationship between Growth and Inequality?

- (a) Lorenz Curve (b) Kuznets Curve (c) Engel Curve. (d) None

Practice MCQ

Consider the following

1. Philips Curve 2. Lorenz Curve 3. Kuznet Curve

How many among following is/are associated with Inequality in a country?

- (a) Only One (b) Only Two (c) All Three (d) None

Practice MCQ

Which among the following best describes the concept of "Engel's law"?

- (a) Decrease in proportion of BPL population due to higher GDP growth rate
- (b) Increase in income inequality due to higher GDP growth
- (c) Decrease in proportion of income spent on food due to increase in income levels
- (d) Increase in expenditure on food as the income level of family increases.

Poverty Line Estimation in India

India's Poverty Rate Falls Below 5% In 2024, Extreme Poverty Nearly Eradicated: SBI Report

DD News, Jan 2025

Is poverty being underestimated in India?

Hindu, Jan 2025

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Mains Practice Question

Do you think that Poverty is under-estimated in India? Give arguments in support of your answer (15 Marks)

Practice MCQ

With reference to Poverty Line estimation in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Poverty line estimation is based upon the expenditure incurred by the people on food alone.
2. The Poverty line estimation is presently based upon the methodology recommended by Suresh Tendulkar Committee.
3. The poverty line estimation adopts uniform poverty line for both Rural and Urban areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Practice MCQ

With reference to Poverty Line estimation in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Poverty line estimation is presently based upon the methodology recommended by Rangarajan Committee.
2. The National Statistical Office (NSO) is the nodal agency for the poverty line estimation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2