

GS-III Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation.

- 1. Critically Analyse the 1981 Air act? What are the amendments required in the Act to address the Present Pollution Problem in India?**

Why this Question?

- ▶▶ As Delhi's Air Quality Index crosses 500, the national capital has officially entered the public health emergency category. Schools have been shut, children are complaining of breathing problems, but the state and Central governments are simply indulging in blame-games.

Key Demands of Question:

- ▶▶ Explain the 1981 Air act.
- ▶▶ Bring out its merits and demerits.
- ▶▶ Briefly explain the current pollution problem in India.
- ▶▶ Explain the amendments required in the act to address the pollution problem holistically.

Directive word:

Critically Analyse:

- ▶▶ When asked to analyze, you have to examine methodically the structure or nature of the topic by separating it into component parts and present them as a whole in a summary. When 'critically' is suffixed or prefixed to a directive, one needs to look at the good and bad of the topic and give a fair judgement. Whenever it is asking Critically Examine, Critically Comment or Critically Analyse just remember that you have to write both pros and cons and give a fair, unbiased or value loaded judgement. It should always give a closure feeling while examiner reading the answer.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- ▶▶ Mention some statistics about the pollution problem in India. For example mention Air quality index, environmental performance index, etc. mention brief intro about Air Act 1981.

Body:

- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the Air Act 1981.
- ▶▶ Bring out its merits and demerits.
- ▶▶ Explain briefly about the current pollution problem and its multiple effects.
- ▶▶ Discuss the amendments required in the Air pollution Act 1981. For example prioritise the health impacts, horizontal and vertical coordination by the government. Etc.

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- Discuss the alternative way forward measures needed to be taken by the government to address the pollution problem holistically.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with the multidimensional impact of the pollution and its importance to address the same with seriousness.

