
**GS-I Modern Indian History from about the Middle of the Eighteenth Century until the Present-
Significant Events, Personalities, Issues**

1. Poona Pact was precursors to the world's largest affirmative programme launched much later in independent India. In this context, discuss the importance of this pact.

Why this Question?

- On the 129th year of his birth on April 14 this year, we would do well to remember Ambedkar as much for the Poona Pact as we do for the Constitution he helped conjure.

Key Demands of Question:

- Explain in detail about the significance of the Poona pact in uplifting the depressed class people.

Directive Word:

Discuss:

- This is another common directive which is an all-encompassing one – you have to debate on paper by going through the details of the issues concerned by examining each one of them. You have to give reasons for both for and against arguments. And once all the discussion is done, a suitable apt conclusion may be given at the end of the Answer.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Give brief intro about the Poona pact.

Body:

- Explain in brief about the background of the Poona pact like Communal Award, Gandhi's fast unto death, etc.
- Discuss in detail about the Poona pact and its significance.
- Highlight the positive outcome of the Pact.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with Poona pact is the precursor of affirmative action taken in Independent India.