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HISTORY

- Discuss the contribution of tribal movement in freedom struggle.
- Discuss the reasons behind tribal uprising during British rule.
- Discuss the significance of Nalanda in Indian history.
- What do you understand by Two Nation Theory? How was it responsible for India's partition?
- The quit India movement was most Un-Gandhian part of the freedom struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi. Critically examine
- Discuss the background in which Quit India movement was launched? Discuss its significance.
- Do you think Quit India was a spontaneous movement?
- Critically review the events unfolding in 1940 which eventually led to India's partition.
- Discuss the challenges and problem posed by partition to Independent India. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Who was Usha Mehta? Discuss her contribution to freedom struggle movement.
- Completing 75 years of Independence is a big deal for a country, which Benjamin Disraeli had once argued was not a nation. Why did Disraeli doubted India? How did India survive as a nation? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Nehru's 'temple of Modern India' consisted not only of steel and power plants, irrigation dams, but included institutions of higher learning, particularly in the scientific field." Elaborate. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Critically review the policies of Lord Curzon. What was their impact on National Movement? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the contribution of Rajiv Gandhi. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the role of many freedom fighters from tamilnadu before 1857. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

- 1806 and not 1857 should be considered as the year of first freedom struggle movement. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the significance of Ghadar movement. [Reference: [Optimize IAS](#)]
- Discuss various theatre art forms in various states of India
- Analyze the salient features of Mughal architecture.
- Bhagat Singh captured the imagination of the youth across class, religion and region. Discuss.

GEOGRAPHY

- Availability of groundwater resource and its extraction depends upon a number of factors. Discuss
- What are rare earth metals? Why are they important? Discuss their distribution. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What are critical minerals? Why are they so important? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What are coral reefs? Why are they so important for ecosystem? What are they dying? Explain with the example of the Great Barrier Reef. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- Why Kerala is so vulnerable to variety of disasters?
- What are floods? What are different types of floods? Why do they occur? [Reference: [Mongabay](#)]
- Why Himalayan states are prone to landslides. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- Himalayan region is prone to multiple disasters.
- What are cloudbursts? Why are they common in Himalayan states? Why are they difficult to predict? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Why hilly regions in India are more prone to natural disasters? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by droughts? What are different types of droughts? Why is Europe experiencing unprecedented droughts? [Reference: [Indian Express](#), [Indian Express](#)]
- How does El Nino and La Nina effect Indian monsoon.

SOCIETY

- What is glass ceiling effect? Discuss how it impacts women. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Discuss the phenomenon of 'missing girl'.
- What do you understand by child sex ratio? Why it is low in India? What has led to its improvement in recent times? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by gender neutrality? How gender neutral polices can help achieve equality? [Reference: [MSN](#)]
- What is patriarchy? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

POLITY

- Almost 30 years after the passing of these constitutional reforms, local governments have still not become powerful ‘units of self-government’. Give reasons
- The “silent revolution” of democratic decentralisation initiated 30 years ago has played a key role in diversifying representation in politics. Discuss
- Discuss the mandate of ED. In this context examine the recent judgement of Prevention of Money Laundering Act. [Reference: [The Wire](#)]
- Discuss the need to review the issue of freebies? Why are they so controversial? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Can model manifesto by EC solve the freebies issue? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the role of media as the fourth estate in India. Analyse the challenges faced by Indian media. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Should voting be made mandatory? Give arguments.
- What is collegium system? Critically examine the collegium system of judicial appointment. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Critically examine the problem of pendency in Indian judiciary. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by “cooperative federalism”? How did it help in management of covid pandemic? [Reference: [OptimizeIAS](#)].
- What do you understand by media trial? How it impacts police investigation? Are there any regulations governing media trial? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Analyze the salient features of PESA. Critically examine its implementation. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by social capital? Why it is important development? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Examine the reasons behind disruptions in Parliament? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the socio-economic status of tribal population in India. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

- PMLA manifestly arbitrary and in any event violative of various fundamental rights, inter alia Articles 14, 20 and 21. Critically comment in the light of recent SC judgement. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by healthy ageing. Discuss government's effort in this regard.
- Does freedom of speech allow hate speech? How does sec 295 a affect free speech in India?
- Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the preamble. Are they defensible in the present circumstances? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- The HIV/AIDS epidemic constitutes one of the most formidable challenges to development and social progress. In this context discuss National AIDS Control Program (NACP).
- The HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017 is a central legislation protecting and promoting the rights of persons infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS. Comment.
- What do you understand by the party system? Do you think India has entered a new dominant party system?
- What do you understand by asymmetric federalism? Why is India considered one so? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- The growing social and economic inequality has transformed into a "GATED REPUBLIC".
- What do you understand by remission? Discuss the law concerning remission in India. [Reference: [India Today](#)]
- Discuss the role played by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in dealing with violation of human rights. Do you think it is a toothless tiger? Give your arguments. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the need for a refugee and asylum. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by 'Mandalisation' of Indian politics? Discuss its implications. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Assess the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is achieving nutritional security with emphasis on critical gaps in its implementation. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Recent controversies in All India Football Federation (AIFF) symbolises the mess in sports governance in India. Discuss. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What are Zonal Councils? How effective they have been in cooperative federalism.
- Indian fiscal federalism suffers from vertical and horizontal imbalances. Discuss.

- Freebies are not free. Critically comment. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the role of education and health in country's development.
- What do you understand by the practice of untouchability? Discuss various constitutional and legal provision related to it? why it is still practiced?
- Can UBI be a panacea for poverty?
- Differentiate between why Universal Basic Insurance is a better proposition than Universal Basic Income
- Critically examine key issues in PLMA.
- What was the rationale behind AADHAR? Has it delivered? Why is linking Aadhaar with the voter ID problem some.
- Discuss the role of civil service in India.
- What is office of profit? What does the Constitution say about holding an 'office of profit'? Can exemptions be granted under the law?
- Discuss the significance of Supreme Court judgement in K.S. Puttaswamy case. In this context, critically assess the present status of right to privacy in India.
- What is a constitutional bench of SC. Analyse their functioning. [Reference: [India Legal Live](#)]
- What are corrupt practices in corruption? Are freebies included in that? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Do you think time has come to review 2013 Subramaniam Balaji case?

GOVERNANCE

- Discuss the need for a data protection law. Why was the Personal Data Protection Bill withdrawn?
- What is a freebie? Why it so controversial in Indian politics?

IR

- Why is Chabahar port important to India? [Reference: [India Times](#)]
- What is International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC)? Why it so important for India? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- India doesn't have a 'clear-cut' policy on Indian diaspora. [Reference: [Indian Express](#), [India Times](#)]
- What do you understand by diaspora diplomacy? Critically assess its potential to serve India's interest.
- Why Taiwan is important? [Reference: [The Diplomat](#)]
- What is the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP)? Why is India keen to join it? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- China has significantly expanded its engagements in the Indian Ocean region over the past three decades. Critically examine its impact on India. How can India manage this threat?
- Critically examine the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC-12) outcome in the context of India. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- What do you understand by soft power?
- India and EU are natural partners. Discuss the challenges. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Who are Rohingyas? Examine the problems faced by them. In this context, critically examine India's refugee policy.
- Discuss the strategic and economic importance of Gulf region for India. Assess India's ties with gulf. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- India's stance on the Rohingyas is not independent of its strategic engagement with Myanmar, with which it shares a 1,600-km border. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Discuss the strategic importance of Chabahar port? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

- What is the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty? Why India and other nuclear powers haven't signed it? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Critically examine India's nuclear policy.

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ECONOMY

- India has ‘too many people’ in agriculture and the inability to move surplus labour from farms constitutes a major policy failure of successive governments. Do you agree? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Critically examine the structural transformation in the employment.
- Can monetary policy control food inflation? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Why there is high joblessness among educated Indian youth in India
- Discuss the significance of livestock. Examine the challenges
- Discuss the significance and scope of horticulture in India. What are the challenges in the sector? Discuss FPO’s can help the horticulture sector? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Labour force participation of Indian women is dropping precariously? Give reasons. Suggest policy measures to improve.
- Discuss the need for agriculture diversification. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Critically examine the effectiveness of MSP regime. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Critically analyse the Electricity Bill. Why is it being opposed? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by human capital? Discuss its importance in economic growth?
- What do you understand by demographic dividend? Discuss several challenges in harnessing demographic dividend
- India doesn’t have job problem but a wage problem. Critically comment
- The move towards Evergreen Revolution becomes absolutely necessary to feed the world in a sustainable manner. Discuss
- What are SEZs? Were they successful in achieving their objective? Analyse the Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs (DESH) Bill. [Reference: [Business Standard](#)]
- What has India achieved in the last 75 years?

- What was green revolution? How did it help India achieve self-sufficiency? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What do you understand by developed economy? Discuss the challenges faced by India in becoming a developed economy by 2047. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Why are MSMEs considered the backbone of the economy? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Discuss the role MSME in green transition of the economy. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Why is India considered an unrealised potential? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Growth is the answer to many of our socio-economic problems. Assess Indian economy growth story
- After 75 years of Independence the inequality of opportunities, which Nehru wanted to eradicate, has only systematically widened. Discuss the reasons
- Analyze the present MSP regime? Can higher MSP alone ensure higher production and productivity or crop diversification? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What are freebies? How are they different from welfare schemes? Discuss their implications? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by stagflation?
- FDI is an important monetary source for India's economic development. In this context critically examine the recent events of many global manufacturing exiting India.
- What is trickle-down economics? Why it has failed? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What are freebies? How are they different from welfare schemes? Discuss their implications?
- Critically analyse the challenges in implementation of the MSP. [Reference: [The Quint](#)]
- Discuss the challenges in achieving India's energy transition. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- With the GST compensation period coming to an end, many States are facing a fiscal crisis, putting a question mark over the GST regime.
- Discuss various issues pertaining the labour sector in India.
- What is Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)? What are the risks in adopting CBDCs? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

- Do we need a Central Bank Digital Currency? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Can digital currencies replace cash? Examine its downsides. [Reference: [RBI](#)]
- What do you understand by revenue foregone?
- Assess India's economic progress in the last 70 years?
- What is stagflation? Is there a fear of stagflation in India?
- What is a Digital economy? Discuss how far India has the potential to become one.
- What are merit goods and demerit goods? What are subsidies? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the link between the objective of economic policy that of removal of poverty and public expenditure management.

ENVIRONMENT

- Tree plantation comes with varied environment and ecological benefits. In this context, discuss India's forest restoration project. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- Analyse India's progress in achieving Climate pledge to the Paris Agreement. Discuss the recent update to the pledge. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- The biggest problem facing the India agriculture is fast-depleting groundwater and its degrading quality. In this context, discuss the need to shift the cropping pattern.
- Concept of '**Lifestyle for the Environment**' enunciated by PM Modi harnesses the power of individual and collective action across the world to address the climate crisis. Discuss
- Discuss the problem of marine plastic pollution. In this context explain Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar campaign
- Why has Wildlife Protection Amendment Bill enraged the animal activists? [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- What do you understand by coral bleaching? Discuss the factors responsible for it.
- What do you understand by illegal mining? Discuss its impact on environment. Suggest measures to manage it.
- Critically examine the impact of climate change on food and nutrition security. [Reference: [Orfonline](#)]
- What are wetlands? Discuss their role in ecosystem
- What are CRZ norms? Why are they important?

- What do you understand by ethanol blending? What are the different types of ethanol? Critically examine various concerns regarding ethanol. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- India's biggest challenge today is ecological sustainability. Discuss. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by Forest economy? Discuss various issues. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Critically examine the problem of rathole mining. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Are cloudbursts increasing because of climate change? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What are “forever chemicals”? What harm do they cause? Suggest measures to handle them? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Climate change could impact India's renewable energy potential over the next 50 years. [Reference: [Mongabay](#)]
- The digital sequence information provides a loophole through which developed countries can circumvent the Convention of Biodiversity. Analyse. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- Discuss the impact of climate change on human health. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- Mass adoption of E vehicle will lead to the problem of Battery waste in India. Analyze battery waste Management rules. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the problem of construction waste in India. Are there any regulations at present governing it? [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- What do you understand by ocean emergency? Discuss the need for a new treaty? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

SCIENCE & TECH

- What do you understand by biodiversity? How is the Biological Diversity Act 2002 helpful in conservation of flora and fauna? Critically discuss its implementation. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)].
- Discuss the growing threat of anti-microbial resistance. What is GOI doing about it?
- Discuss the contribution of CSIR. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- India's journey towards super power suffers as India lags behind emerging world in research and development. Discuss the reasons.

- Discuss the potential application of 5G roll out in India. Are there any potential danger too? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Anti-microbial resistance is a growing health crisis. Analyse the reasons for the rise in antimicrobial resistance throughout the world. Also discuss need for multi-pronged approach

SECURITY

- Discuss the rationale behind creation of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- Why has India been pushing for the UN members to adopt a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism? Discuss the various hurdles it faces. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What are the linkages between terrorism and organized crime and how are they relevant in the Indian context?
- What do you understand by terrorism? Discuss the reasons behind this.
- Discuss the threat of radicalisation. How should government counter it? [Reference: [New Indian Express](#)]
- Any discussion on police reform in India eventually gravitates towards the demand for replacing the Police Act of 1861. In this context, discuss the need for police reform. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- India is building one of the largest centralized FRT surveillance systems in the world called the National Automated Facial Recognition System (AFRS). What are its possible applications? Why civil society is concerned about use of such technology without much debate. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by Weaponization of 5G technology? Discuss its threat to India's security in the context of Huawei controversy. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Critically examine the pros and cons of AFSPA.
- Discuss the mandate of CBI. Examine various challenges faced by CBI.
- Discuss the security threats posed by crypto currencies.
- Discuss the threat of terrorism in Indian and the world? How has it evolved?
- What do you understand by cybercrime economy?

ETHICS

- What do you understand by stigma? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the ethical issues involved in doping. [Reference: [India Times](#)]
- What do you understand by environmental Ethics?
- Are freebies moral?
- Discuss the role of citizens as envisaged by the constitution. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What are values of Indian constitution? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What is patriotism? Discuss how it can be instilled in youths?
- Discuss the emphasize on ethical development.
- What is business ethics? [Reference: [News18](#)]
- Discuss the ethical issues in euthanasia.
- What do you understand by nepotism? Why it is harmful for the country. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the ethical theory of punishment.
- Discuss ethical issues concerning fund utilization in the government. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the problem of political corruption in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#), [DownToEarth](#)]
- The prime concern of education is to evolve the good, the true and the divine in man so as to establish a moral life in the world.
- What do you understand by conscious citizenship? How can we develop it? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Recent viral video of an ADM hitting protesters raises various ethical issues. Discuss.
- What is scientific temper? Why it is important? How can it be built? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What's transphobia? How can it be tackled? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by nepotism? Why it is harmful for the country?
- What is misinformation?

- Discuss the ethical issues involved in recent announcement of Johnson & Johnson to stop selling talc-based baby powder globally in 2023. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by nepotism? Why it is harmful for the country?

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