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GS1

HISTORY

- Discuss various tribal dance forms in India.
- Discuss the causes and outcomes of the swadeshi movement.
- Assess the contribution of Subhash Chandra Bose
- Discuss the contribution of Birsa Munda to tribal rights movement and freedom struggle movement.
- Discuss the nature, methods and activities of the Revolutionary Movement and assess its place in India's Freedom Struggle. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Critically examine the official language issue

SOCIETY

- What are the causes for gender-based violence in India? How does it impede the growth of women in the society. Also state the various laws related to curtail the domestic violence.
- What do you understand by regionalism? Explain with case study
- What is women empowerment? How did Ela Bhatt redefined development?
- What do you understand by middle class? Discuss their role in Indian society.

GEOGRAPHY

- Explain the phenomenon of lightening. [Reference: **DownToEarth**]
- Why states like Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh which are minerally so rich have one of the highest levels of poverty in India.
- Write a note on the types of volcanoes. Discuss how volcanic eruptions contribute to climate change? Also analyse the socio-economic consequences of volcanic eruptions.
- Migratory avian species are an important indicator of ecology of the flyway region. Comment. Also discuss the steps taken globally to protect migratory avian species.
- What are mangroves? Discuss their significance. [Reference: **DownToEarth**]
- Give an overview of groundwater resource of India. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Discuss the distribution of groundwater resource in India.
- World population has crossed 8bn. Discuss challenges. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- India is expected to take over as the most populated country in 2023. In this context, critically examine is population the cause of poverty or poverty cause of population explosion.
- Provide a blueprint on how India can reap the benefits of demographic dividend. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What is a tsunami? Discuss the causes and effects.
- What is Sethusamudram project? Discuss its environmental and economic significance. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Discuss the strategic significance of Andaman and Nicobar Island
- Compare and contrast population growth projection of India and China.
- Examine the interlinkages between demography and development.
- Lithium plays a crucial role in achieving the carbon neutrality in India. Discuss. Also show the distribution of lithium mineral around the world.
- Why the world is taking keen interest in resources of Arctic Region?
- What is permafrost? Discuss the impact of climate change on them.
- What is ENSO cycle? How climate change is impacting these climatic phenomena? Explain
- India is not facing the water deficit but an efficient water management system. Critically examine.
- What is depopulation? Discuss its significance in economic development
- Discuss the strategic significance of Indian Ocean for India.

POLITY

- What are the salient features of Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act 2019? Does EWS reservation violate basic structure?
- “The discretion of the Governor cannot be arbitrary or fanciful”. In the context of recent development in Kerala. Highlights the pleasure doctrine of the Governor.
- Are smaller states better off? Does India need smaller states?
- What do you understand by criminalization of politics and politicization of crime? Explain with examples.
- Discuss reasons for increasing criminalisation in Indian politics. Discuss legislative measures to prevent criminalisation of India.
- What are Self Help Groups? Discuss their role in development. Also examine the various factors which constrain their potential. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- The Collegium system of appointing judges is “opaque “and “not accountable”. Do you agree? Suggest improvements. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What do you understand by doctrine of separation of power? In this context critically examine judicial activism. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What do you understand by basic structure doctrine? Does 103rd CAA violates basic structure doctrine?
- Federal relationship should be governed by three Cs — cooperation, collectiveness, and coordination. Discuss. [Reference: **India Times**]
- What is an office of profit? What are the constitutional provisions related to it. Also highlights some recent cases of office of profit
- What do you understand by social justice? How effective is the tool of reservation in achieving the objective of social justice?
- What do you understand by poverty? How poverty was mentioned as fundamental source of backwardness?
- SC order on EWS quota takes the reservation debate beyond caste, can redefine welfare—and politics around it. Discuss
- Addressing malnutrition is critical to laying a strong foundation for human development. In the light of the statement discuss the challenge of malnutrition in India.
- The Constitution envisages a minimal role for the Governor’s office. Discuss
- What is the mother tongue survey of India? Explain the with examples how the rich diverse heritage had helped in unifying a nation in one thread despite many difference
- Discuss the federal issues in law and order and policing. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What is ninth schedule of the constitution? Discuss the significance of IR
- Judicial accountability is a corollary fact of the independence of the judiciary. Discuss
- Critically examine the impact of EWS on reservation.
- Why despite plenty of welfare schemes tribals still backward?
- Critically examine various issues in municipal finance.
- What are municipal bonds? Can they solve the problem of ULBs?
- Does right to freedom of religion also includes right to convert others? Critically examine constitutionality of anti-conversion laws in India
- Critically examine India’s constitutional arrangement of fiscal federalism. How cess and surcharges has impacted fiscal federalism? [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- In the last few years India federalism has turned into coercive federalism. Do you agree?
- The primacy of protecting public health — the raison d’etre of environmental legislation. Comment
- Critically examine the appointment and removal system of Election Commission (Chairperson and members). Does it affect its independence?
- Discuss the meaning of equality under our constitution in the context of EWS judgement.

- What do you understand by poverty? Examine how much poverty has declined in the last 15 years. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Discuss why even after plethora of nutrition scheme, still malnutrition is rampant. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What do you understand by a constitution? Discuss the functions performed by it.
- Constitution is a document of social revolution. Comment
- Indian Constitution is “too long, too rigid, and too prolix”. Sir Ivor Jennings. Critically comment
- Differentiate between constitution and constitutionalism? Is constitutionalism in India a myth?
- Indian constitution is a borrowed constitution. Comment
- Discuss the values inscribed in our constitution.
- MNREGA has become a vehicle for rural development. Discuss
- Critically examine the challenges in the implementation of MNREGA. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Critically examine the relationship between fundamental rights and duties in the constitution. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Do you think Indian citizens have ignored fundamental 1 duties? Discuss strategies to effectuate fundamental duties. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What is NPR? Discuss its significance
- Critically analyse the salient features of CAA, 2019. [Reference: **The Wire**]
- Data Protection Bill legalises state surveillance.
- What do you understand by Cooperative Federalism? Discuss constitutional provisions and institutional mechanism
- Analyse the role of Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) in improving the health scenario of the country.

IR

- “Putting national interests above political correctness has given much strategic dividend for India”. Analyse this statement in view of India’s Foreign policy.
- Highlights the impact of recent Russian pull out from the Black Sea deal and its impact on the world food crisis
- “The Ukraine conflict seems to have reached a deadlock. There might be many modest and practical ways in which Indian diplomacy could contribute to the peace efforts”. Comment.
- “India’s G20 presidency will represent the vulnerable nations, advance South Asian Integration”. Explain.
- ASEAN lies at the core of India’s Act East Policy. In the light of the judgement discuss the significance of India’s Act East Policy and India’s engagement with ASEAN. [Reference: **Hindustan Times**]
- What is G20 groupings. Point out stakes involved which need to be sorted out in the present G20 Summit at Bali.
- What will be impact of Russia Ukraine war on Asia. Briefly describe the measure need to be taken to tackle those issues.
- Discuss the role of G20. Why it is considered as one of the most significant groupings.
- Briefly describe the ‘Bali Declaration’ of G20. Also explain the G20 Presidency of India will be an opportunity to assume the leadership of global south.
- ‘Ukraine imbroglio can give the Global South a chance to claim a place at the high table of global diplomacy’. Comment.
- Recently Russian launched two nuclear powered icebreakers at St. Petersburg. In this context, critically assess the strategic importance of Arctic regions. [Reference: **Wio News**]
- Discuss the mandate of Arctic Council.
- Mutual indifference has long characterized relations between India and Australia, but the two countries’ interests are increasingly converging. Discuss
- Discuss the challenge posed to India by China’s growing influence in Indian Ocean. How can India counter this influence and safeguards it’s interest
- Discuss the mandate of Indian Ocean Rim Association. [Reference: **Mea**]

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GS-3

ECONOMY

- Naxalism will remain in India as long as we see it a law-and-order problem.
- Why Free Trade Agreements have failed to achieve desirable export-led growth in India. Elucidate
- Why GDP is considered as an inadequate
- Discuss the role of MSME in Indian economy. Why it is essential for attaining inclusive growth?
- “Despite being a strong contributor to economic growth and job creation, small businesses are neglected”. In this context, examine the challenges faced by MSMEs. [Reference: **Business Line**]
- What do you understand by Cash less economy? What are the parameters to determine the increasing cash less economy? [Reference: **Financial Express**]
- What is outcome budgeting? Discuss its need. [Reference: **Orfonline**]
- What is the mandate of FCI? Critically analyse its functioning. [Reference: **DownToEarth**]
- The Reserve Bank of India is not solely responsible for taming inflation. Comment. Also point out various measures taken by the government to control Inflation
- What is the impact of the recent Fed hike in interest rate on Indian market and investor. Also highlight about the “taper tantrum”.
- Analyse the factors responsible for low agriculture productivity in India. How far GM tech
- Lack of access to modern energy services¹ is a serious hindrance to economic and social development. In this context, discuss the impact of energy poverty.
- What do you understand by blue economy? Discuss its potential in India. [Reference: **The Print**]
- What are merit and non-merit goods? Critically examine the problem of subsidies.
- What an Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) will eliminate the monopoly of big e-commerce platforms. Critically Evaluate

- India's TAX: GDP is just 15% of GDP. Examine the reasons for low Tax: GDP ratio in India. Also discuss the consequence of low tax: GDP ratio. Suggest measures to improve it
- What do you understand by revenue foregone?
- Discuss the challenges faced by PSBs. Will privatisation help?
- Micro finance has proven to be an effective tool for poverty reduction. In this context, critically analyze RBI's Consultative Document on Regulation of Microfinance.
- Record GST collection has led to formalisation of economy. Critically examine factors responsible for increase in formalisation and decline in informal size of economy.
- What are FPOs? How can they be leveraged to help farmers realize the true value of their output?
- Discuss the role of FPOs in dairy industry. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Has India completely decoupled its economy from the rest of the world? Critically Evaluate with respect to the current polycrisis.
- There can be no nutritional security for India without long-term feed security for its livestock and poultry. In the light of the statement discuss the challenges in the livestock sector with emphasis on fodder. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Without substantial improvement in livelihood and the living conditions of the rural population, India cannot become truly developed. Examine the problem of rural distress. [Reference: **Financial Express**]
- Solar energy is the one which could become the cornerstone of the net-zero India that we are aiming to see in 2070. Discuss the challenges. [Reference: **Hindustan Times**]
- What is digital public infrastructure? Discuss its significance. [Reference: **We Forum**]
- Green bonds are one of the most prominent innovations in the area of sustainable finance over the past decade. Discuss
- What are carbon credits? [Reference: **DownToEarth**]
- Urban pollution is one of the most serious concerns for the present generation. Highlights the effect of pollution on health and economy
- Methane emission is a major cause of global warming. Explain. Also, discuss the steps taken globally to curb methane emissions.
- Do you think developed nations which are historically the highest GHG contributors should compensate the climate-vulnerable poor countries? Provide arguments in support of your view.
- Examine the impact of climate change on economy.
- What do you understand by water credits? How can it solve the problem of climate change? [Reference: **Business Line**]
- What are PAT schemes? How can it help achieve carbon neutrality?
- Without structural changes in Indian economy, India's demographic dividend can turn into demography disaster. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- In the view of the declining average size of land holdings in India which has made agriculture nonviable for a majority of farmers, should contract farming and land leasing be promoted in agriculture? [Reference: **Business Line, Live Mint**]
- What do you understand by deglobalisation? How will it impact climate change? [Reference: **Live Mint**]
- Export curbs are counterproductive and can suppress domestic demand. Comment and suggest policy interventions to eliminate stagnating exports.
- What do you understand by human capital formation? Discuss its role in economic growth. [Reference: **India Times**]
- Livestock plays an important role in Indian economy. Discuss
- Examine the challenges in the livestock policy

SCIENCE

- What is CRISPR gene editing technique? Discuss its applications especially in agriculture.
- Make a case for GM technology in India

- Analyze the significance of India's regional navigation system NaVIC. How far do you think NaVIC can be an alternative to China's Beidou navigation system in the Indo-pacific region?
- Evaluate India's achievements in the space sector. What challenges are still remaining in achieving the commercialisation of its space sector? Suggest some measures as well.
- What is CRISPR /Cas9? How can it be used to edit genome? What are its possible applications?
- What is *vaccine equity*? Discuss international efforts to achieve it
- What do you understand by anti-microbial resistance? What are the causes for development of anti-microbial resistance? Discuss the strategies to combat this. [Reference: **Business Line**]
- Each year, an estimated 750,000 people die from antimicrobial-resistant (AMR) infections, and the death toll will climb unless the global health community acts decisively. In this context, discuss how grave the AMR threat is for India and how prepared Indian health system is for this challenge? [Reference: **Business Line**]
- Antimicrobial resistance is a global threat. Explain. Also analyse the importance of One Health approach in tackling the increasing threat of AMR.
- Critically examine the Digital Personal Data Protection. Will it be able to protect our privacy? [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Digital Data Protection Bill uses brevity and vagueness to empower government, undermine privacy. Comment. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What is stem cell therapy? What is the status of Stem Cell treatment in India as well globally? Discuss its potential applications.
- Discuss government's efforts in controlling anti-biotics resistance. [Reference: **India Times**]
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ENVIRONMENT

- What do you understand by loss and damage in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiation? Why it is important? Why developed world is resisting it?
- What do you understand by biodiversity? Discuss its role in ecosystem
- What are biosphere reserves? Discuss their role in protecting the biodiversity.
- Climate change has become the biggest threat to food security. Comment
- What are the reasons for rising air pollution in Delhi. Enumerate the methods taken by the government and their efficacy
- What do you understand by climate finance. Comment upon the state of climate finance in India
- What are wetlands? Why are they important? Why are they considered kidneys of our ecosystem? [Reference: **DownToEarth**]
- Climate change has blurred the line between Drought and land degradation, Comment. Also discuss the environmental impact of increased frequency of drought events and how it possesses a food security threat to India.
- Despite all efforts the pollution in Delhi-NCR region has not improved. What are the causes of pollution in the region? Also discuss why the governments have failed to improve the situation and what further steps are needed to improve the air quality?
- What do you understand by decarbonisation? [Reference: **The Print**]
- Explain the relationship between the melting of Himalayan glaciers and symptoms of climate change.
- What is a smog? Discuss different types of smog? Why they are more common during winters? [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What are the Early warning systems? What role do they play in reducing the impact of climate disasters? Explain.
- On the one hand agriculture is a victim of climate change and on the other hand it is one of the highest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Comment. Also discuss the steps needed to make the agriculture sustainable and climate resilient.
- What is the Net-Zero target? How extreme climatic events are posing a challenge to achieving this target? Also, analyse India's preparedness to achieve its Net-Zero target.
- Evaluate the role of non-state actors in achieving environmental sustainability.
- Discuss the challenges in the transition to green energy. Examine the Green Climate Fund (GCF). [Reference: **Tribune India**]

- Biodiversity is essential for sustainable development and human well-being. Discuss the factors responsible for the biodiversity loss.
- Is 1.5-degree Celsius goal achievable? What will be the fallout if the world fails?
- Discuss India's long-term strategy to achieve net zero goals? Examine the challenges. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) is at the heart of India's vision of a safe planet. Discuss. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Trace the history of exploration of the moon. What significance does it hold for further exploration of deep space? Explain. Also, discuss India's contribution in this regard.
- Examine the impact of climate change on human health. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Illegal Wildlife Trafficking is a national security threat which has acquired the form of a global network chain. Elaborate. Also, discuss the strategic and environmental challenges posed by Illegal Wildlife Trafficking. Suggest measures to curb them.
- How realistic a picture does India's long term climate action plans presents? Discuss in light of the recently published India's long term strategy document to achieve net-zero status by 2070.
- What is carbon neutrality? Discuss India's approach towards carbon neutrality.
- What do you understand by water security? Discuss its significance
- Critically examine the role of third tier of government in achieving the Sustainable development goals and Target of Net Zero emission by 2070.
- Do you think development at the cost of environment pushes a nation to a backward trajectory? Give arguments in support of your view.
- Discuss the different types of climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable farming practices. Also highlight the challenges associated with them.
- What is Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP)? How does it provide a solution to the climate change impact on developing nations? Also discuss India's viewpoint on this.
- Trafficking in wildlife can diminish species populations and cause local or even *global* Discuss the problem of wildlife trafficking and legal and institutional arrangements to fight it.
- What are carbon markets? Discuss the new Energy (Conservation) Bill in this regard. Can carbon market in controlling climate change? [Reference: **Financial Express, Financial Express**]
- Critically examine the proposal to allow GM mustard? Are long-term ecological, environmental effects of herbicide-tolerant crops have been considered?
- Discuss the problem of solid waste management in India.
- "Education should be leveraged to avert climate-related crises and shape opportunities that a green economy will bring." Comment.

SECURITY

- Do we need an offensive cyber capability? Argue.
- Artificial satellites not only demonstrate the technological capacity of a nation but also play a crucial role in maintaining the internal security of the region. Discuss.
- Discuss the need for India to acquire the appropriate degree of "aatmanirbharata" (self-reliance) in the defence sector. Discuss
- Discuss the problem of terror financing. How can it be tackled? [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What do you understand by dark web? Discuss the security challenges posed by it. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What do you understand by the process of radicalisation? How big it is threat to India's security? [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Discuss the coastal security challenges faced by India. Do you think India is prepared?
- Why conflict hit countries often fall pray to illegal activities and organised crimes including money laundering, trade of narcotic drugs or illegal wildlife trade? How can this global issue can be solved? Discuss.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- Discuss the NDMA guideline on lightening

GS-4

ETHICS

- What is conflict of interest? Why it should important? How can it be managed?
- What is leadership? Explain with example of Ela Bhatt.
- What do you understand by moral bankruptcy.
- What do you understand by humane treatment? Why it is important for administration
- What do you understand by accountability? Why it is important? [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What is the relevance of Guru Nanak Dev for Modern India?
- What do you understand by the Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam? Discuss its significance.
- Explain how corruption destroys the country? [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What is fairness? Why it is important?
- What do you understand by moral responsibility? Discuss moral responsibilities of developed and developing nations in the context of climate change.
- Discuss the ethical issues in international relations.
- Is war moral? In this context examine just war doctrine.
- Apart from competence, what is important in civil servants is character. Discuss
- Discuss the ethical issues related to fake and paid reviews on e commerce platforms.
- Discuss the concept of duties.
- Discuss the role of compassion in civil service. How can balance between rules and compassion be maintained?
- What do you understand by stigma?
- What do you understand by propaganda? [Reference: **Telegraph India**]



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