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GS-1

HISTORY

- How did Jammu and Kashmir become the part of India?
- Sri Aurobindo, known widely as the revolutionary turned mystic, was in fact a mystic even as he was deep into politics and a revolutionary in the sphere of spirituality. [Reference: **Organiser**]
- What is Assam Accord of 1985 and how amended citizenship law challenges it?
- Discuss the background of Assam movement.

GEOGRAPHY

- Soil degradation needs to be urgently addressed and reversed. Discuss.
- Poor soil management will erode food security. Discuss
- What do you understand by soil? Explain the process of soil formation. Discuss the reasons for soil degradation and suggest remedies to arrest them.
- Why east coast is more prone to cyclones.
- What are heat waves? Discuss its adverse impact. Also analyse the NDMA guideline to manage it.
- What is causing Arctic warming? Should India be worried?
- Why is India taking keen interest in resources of Arctic Region?
- What are the economic significances of discovery of oil in Arctic Sea and its possible environmental consequences?
- What are features of plantation agriculture? Explain with example of rubber.
- What are the geographical conditions for rubber plantation.
- Why inland waterways have not taken off in India despite its many benefits.
- Does India need a population control law?
- Establish relation between economic prosperity and the fertility rate.
- Forced population control can have very dangerous consequences
- Discuss the potential of inland fishery in India.
- Groundwater is an important source of drinking water in India. Discuss the challenges in harnessing groundwater. Also, government initiatives.

SOCIETY

- Discuss the social impact of GM technology with focus on GM mustard.
- What is marital rape. What are the various judgements of supreme court regarding it.

GS-2

POLITY

- Critically examine the functioning of State Finance Commission.
- What do you understand by revdi culture? Critically examine the decision to go back to Old Pension System.
- What do you understand by citizen centric governance? Discuss measures to achieve it.
- Critically examine constitutionality of Jallikattu.
- Is there a case for a collegium like system for the appointment of Election Commissioners (ECs)?
- Assess the functioning of Election Commission. Suggest measures to strengthen the institution.
- What do how Criminalisation of politics is hurting the Indian political system? Mentions few steps taken by Supreme Court to curtail the influence of the criminal politician on Indian Democracy.
- Do you think Indian Parliament has declined over the years? Discuss the reasons and suggest remedies.
- The challenges of maintaining a federation are many, but the solution is no mystery: healthy debate and discussion. In the light of the statement, discuss the need to rejuvenate inter State Council.
- Should chief ministers be consulted before appointing governors of the state? Argue. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Discuss the significance of question hour in the functioning of Parliament.
- What do you understand by private members bill? Discuss its significance.
- Indian prison congested with undertrials is reflection of gap in justice system leading to concern over human dignity as part of right to life. Discuss the problem of under-trial in India. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Can good economics mean good politics in India?
- Lack of financial resources is the biggest constraint for local bodies in India. In this context, critically examine State Finance Commission. [Reference: **Business Line**]
- What is 5th and 6th Schedule of the Indian constitution? Discuss its significance.
- Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee.
- Discuss the problems and challenges facing Indian judiciary.
- A national policy to combat viral and other such diseases which have a pandemic potential is the need of the hour. Discuss
- Discuss the reasons for corruption in Indian administration? Examine the legal and institutional framework to combat it.
- What is the mandate of Zonal Councils?
- India is set to become the most populous country in the next two- three years. In light of the statement elaborate the interventions needed in the education, health, employment and skill development sectors to reap this demographic dividend.
- Discuss the role of CAG in Indian Polity? Why is considered as the most important body?
- Discuss the concerns about the age of consent under the POCSO Act.
- Critically examine the role of governor in the Indian polity in the context of Article 200. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- How are disputes among states resolved? What are the constitutional provisions related to it?
- What is cooperative federalism? Is it a myth or reality in India?

IR

- Discuss the role of G 20. Has it delivered in the last one decade
- How India's G20 presidency going to impact its global image and stature.
- How is the China Indian Ocean Region Forum different from the Indian Ocean Rim Association? Why is China deepening its role in the Indian Ocean Region? Did Australia and Maldives participate in the forum?

- Why has the European Union put an embargo on Russian oil prices? What will be its effect on Europe's energy security?
- BIMSTEC is key to a new South Asian regional order. Comment. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- Critically examine the reasons for SAARC deadlock. Can BIMSTEC become a substitute to SAARC?
- What do you understand by soft power? Discuss India's soft power potential. [Reference: **Hindustan Times**]
- What is global south? Can India lead the voice of global south?
- "India should leverage its G20 presidency to push for crypto currency regulation." Comment.
- How has India China trade relations evolved in last two decades? How has it impacted border dispute between them?
- "As regards the increasing rates of melting of Arctic Sea ice, the interests of the Arctic Council nations may not coincide with those of the wider world." Explain.
- What do you understand by 'Indo Pacific in geopolitics'? How far it is aimed at containing China? [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- "An India-Japan nuclear submarine project can balance Beijing's maritime clout". Comment.
- India-Nepal relation is said to be connected as Roti Beti ka Rista is witnessing numerous challenges in their relationship. Comment.
- Why Maldives is important for India? What has been India's role in recent developments over there?
- What is India's policy towards the Taliban today? Is it in best interests of India's long-term goal in Afghanistan
- What global South means?
- Discuss China-Russia relations. How will it impact India -Russia relationship.
- Discuss the mandate of BRICS? Is there a case for expansion of BRICS?

GS-3

ECONOMY

- What is round tripping? How does it impact Indian economy? [Reference: **Business Line**]
- What are tax heavens?
- What do you understand by FDI? Discuss its significance and trend of FDI inflows and outflows out of India.
- Critically examine the problem of road safety in India.
- Introduction of the Goods and service Tax (GST) has reduced the inter-state disparity. Critically examine
- India must restructure its Free Trade Agreement to ascend its export value chain. Comment
- Examine the various impacts of the introduction of e-rupi on the Indian banking and financial system.
- Do there exist a trade-off between inequality and poverty? What explains the latest trend of declining inequality and rising poverty in India. Comment.
- Discuss the challenges for mass adoption of E Vehicle.
- What do you understand by food security. Discuss the threats to food security.
- Discuss the role of ICT/e-Technology in Agriculture?
- Discuss the need for digital rupee introduced by the RBI. Also examine the risks.
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- What is 'Nature positive economy'? How can it help in restoring the biodiversity? What are the challenges associated with it? Explain.
- Discuss the impact of fertilizer subsidy regime. Suggest ways to improve the situation. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- What do you understand by fiscal deficit? What is its impact on economy? Why FRBM Act did not succeed in containing it?
- Analyse the subsidy vs investment debate. Discuss the need for subsidy reform in India
- Discuss the main objectives of FPOs. Examine the challenges. [Reference: **Business Line**]
- Discuss the need for UBI? [Reference: **Financial Express**]
- Discuss the implications of crypto assets for the economy, monetary policy and the banking sector.
- Manufacturing's vital role in tapping India's young population. Discuss. [Reference: **Business Line**]
- Why manufacturing has lagged behind the services sector in post 1991 period? [Reference: **Business Line**]
- What are the major causes of the falling labour force participation rate in the Indian economy? Suggest some measures to reverse the trend
- Indian agriculture is not doing as well as our GDP data suggests. Comment
- India needs an overhaul in its Competition law given the changing global scenarios. Elucidate. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- The global South cooperation is sine qua non to avert the ongoing risk of recession in emerging markets triggered due to the developed countries stabilization policies.
- What is wrong with the Bangladesh economy? How will IMF's assistance help?
- Despite spectacular rise in agricultural production, Indian farmers continue to languish in poverty. Explain the paradox
- The underlying reasons for agrarian distress in India are many. Discuss
- About 40 per cent of farmers wanted to abandon agriculture mainly because it has become a highly unviable occupation. Explain the reasons. [Reference: **DownToEarth**] Discuss the role of the new emerging technologies.
- The Government of India should encourage agri exports to increase India's export competitiveness. Comment
- Banning agri commodity trade would halt the ongoing cost push inflation. Critically Examine.

- Critically examine the impact of globalisation on Indian economy? Has globalisation come to an end? What could be implications for Indian economy
- What is green finance? How will it impact the banking industry? [Reference: **Business Line**] Discuss the scope fisheries economy in India. Analyze the challenges in this sector. How will PM Matsya Sampada Yojana help in tackling these challenges?
- The Blue Revolution in India demonstrated importance of Fisheries and Aquaculture sector. Discuss its importance for inclusive growth
- What are the steps taken by the election commission of India to increase the voter awareness and voter turnout of an election process? Are those measures effective? Critically analyse.

ENVIRONMENT

- Critically examine the issue phase down and phase out of coal in the context of climate change.
- Assess COP 27 achievements. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What is green customs initiative? How can it help in conserving biodiversity and curbing the illegal wildlife trade (IWT)? Elaborate.
- What is a biodiversity hotspot? What threats are they facing? Explain in light of the threat faced by the Great Barrier Reef. Also suggest some steps to protect them.
- Analyse the reasons behind rising man – animal conflict in India. [Reference: **New Indian Express**]
- What do you understand by extended producer responsibility? Discuss its significance in circular economy.
- Critically analyse the Wildlife Protection (amendment) Act. Why are animal activists against it?
- What is Nature Based Solution? Discuss its role in conservation.
- Discuss the threats to biodiversity. Assess international attempt to preserve biodiversity.
- What is Nagoya protocol? Discuss the draft new global biodiversity framework
- What are Eco sensitive zones? Explain their role.
- What is climate smart agriculture? Discuss its three pillars and ways to achieve them.
- Climate change is 1 of the 3 major driving forces of humanitarian crises, alongside Conflict and Economic turmoil.
- Make a case for GM technology. [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Main objectives of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity remain largely unmet even three decades after it was adopted. Comment
- What do understand by sixth mass extinction, why humans are to blame for this? Do earth have earlier faced such mass extinctions? Elaborate.
- Analyse the socio- economic significance of sacred groves. What role do they play in conservation of flora and fauna of the region? Explain.
- Discuss the relevance of circular economy in mitigating carbon emissions. Discuss India’s attempt in this direction. Also examine the challenges.

SCIENCE & TECH

- What is India digital stack? Discuss its applications.
- What is Chat GPT. How will it replace human writing?
- Differentiate between nuclear fission and fusion.
- What are the provisions of the New Data Protection Bill? How will it help in ensuring the privacy of the individual?
- CAR–T therapy has revolutionized the treatment of many incurable diseases.
- What is quantum computing? Discuss its application. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What are the advantages of mRNA vaccine technology? Why is it preferred to traditional vaccine technology. Explain.
- Why mars is considered as the next destination of human habitation? What signs signify the existence of lifeforms on mars? Explain.
- “India needs to increase its spending on research and development to become a global leader. “Comment. Also mentions the various initiatives taken by the government to excel in research and development.

SECURITY

- Can drones become a terror tool and security threat? Deliberates on the current solutions available to counter the use of drones for terror activities and suggest some new and possible counters to the same. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What are rogue drones? Discuss the threat posed by them? In this context analyze National Counter Rogue Drones Guidelines. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What are drones? Discuss their applications and potential misuse. [Reference: **The Hindu**]
- What do you understand by cyber security? Do you think recent incidents of cyber-attacks points out gaps in of India's cyber security architecture? [Reference: **Indian Express**]
- Discuss the reasons of piracy in the Gulf of Aden. What impact it has on the maritime trade?
- Increasing maritime trade via Indian ocean emphasizes the need to curb the maritime piracy in the region. Discuss. Also highlight the measures taken globally and by India to curb the maritime piracy and terrorism in Indian ocean region.
- What are the different measures taken by the Indian Government to combat piracy in the Indian Ocean? How can piracy be eradicated from the Indian Ocean Region?
- Job growth is crucial if we are to reduce the still high levels of poverty in the country. Why are we failing generate jobs?
- What do you understand by good job?
- High under employment and poor-quality employment have hampered a much-needed move away from agriculture
- Discuss the threat of cyberwar
- Discuss the tradition and non-tradition threats in border management. [Reference: **Deccan Chronicle**]
- What do you understand by border management? Critically discuss India's approach to border a management. [Reference: **Deccan Chronicle**]
- Discuss the need for police reform.
- What do you understand by human trafficking? Why India's human trafficking problem skyrocketed during covid pandemic.
- Discuss the factors responsible for human trafficking in India. Examine how far Anti Trafficking Bill can curb this problem?
- India as a hub for wildlife trafficking. Discuss reasons
- Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill 2021 leaves several issues unanswered?
- What are cyber-crimes? Why are they increasing? How can they be prevented?
- The illegal immigrant crisis has several socio-economic and security consequences. How should a country balance national security as well as the responsibility of humanitarian assistance? Elaborate.

GS-4

ETHICS

- What do you understand by harmony? Why it is important? [Reference: **Organiser**]
- Discuss the ethical issues in use of AI technology?
- Discuss the ethical issues in prohibition.
- Why are suicides increasing among students?
- Corruption is the most important manifestation of loss of ethics.
- What do you understand by code of conduct? Why it is important in any profession?
- What do you understand by conflict of interest?
- What is corporate governance?
- Discuss the ethical issues in fund utilisation.



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