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GS 1

History

1. Can Swami Vivekananda be called the maker of modern India?
2. Discuss the contribution of Tilak in the freedom struggle.
3. Critically examine the economic impact of colonial rule.
4. Discuss the significance of the French revolution.
5. Discuss the contribution of Mughals to art and architecture.
6. Why were Banks nationalized? It is argued that Bank Nationalization did more harm than good. Do you agree with this opinion? Write a critical note on Bank Nationalization
7. Why were private banks nationalized in 1969? Did they achieve their intended objectives? Critically examine
8. Discuss the reasons that necessitated reorganization of relations between the British Government and East Indian Company?
9. Why did East India company became imperial power?

Society

1. What do you understand about reproductive autonomy? Why it is important
2. Examine India's population policy from a gender perspective.
3. What do you understand about the gender dividend?
4. What do you understand about gender dividend? Discuss the challenges in harnessing gender dividend.
5. The impact of climate change will be gendered.
6. Analyze the issues related to children in India.
7. Climate change impacts women in myriad ways. Discuss
8. What are slums? Discuss the problem of slums in India.
9. What do you understand by family? Why are joint families declining?
10. What is meant by the cyclical view of family?

Geography

1. What are marine heat waves? Discuss its impact
2. What are marine heat waves? Discuss the causes and impact.
3. Discuss the potential of hydro power in NE India. Also examine concerns.
4. What are transshipment ports? Why are they important?
5. Why Great Nicobar has been selected as India's only transshipment port project.
6. Discuss the distribution of tropical rainforest? Why are they important?
7. What are flood prone areas in India?
8. What is rainfall variability?
9. Differentiate between western disturbance and monsoon.
10. What is causing Arctic warming? Should India be worried?

11. Discuss the significance of Siachen glaciers
12. Why is Sriharikota Isro's ideal launchpad?
13. What are flood plains? Why are they important? Discuss flood plain regulations in India
14. What are coral reefs? Why are they so important for the ecosystem?
15. What do you understand about coral bleaching? Discuss the factors responsible for it.
16. What is causing heat waves in Europe?
17. What causes lightning? Which are lightning prone regions in India.
18. Discuss monsoon variability in India.
19. What is commercial cropping? Discuss with example
20. Discuss the potential of commercial cropping in India.
21. What are the landslides prone zones in India. Explain the reasons.
22. What causes landslide? Discuss India's vulnerability
23. Why are Western Ghats seeing landslides?
24. What are flashfloods? Which regions are more prone to flash floods.
25. Discuss the strategic importance of Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands
26. Who are PVTGs? Discuss their distribution.,
27. Discuss the potential and scope of Inland Waterways.
28. Discuss the significance of lithium for India.
29. Is climate change impacting Indian monsoon?
30. What is the difference between frontier and boundary in the context of India?
31. Discuss the factors responsible for weather events in 2023.
32. Discuss the potential offshore or deep sea mining.
33. India's location makes it vulnerable to drug trafficking .Discuss

GS 2

IR

1. Can BIMSTEC be an alternative to SAARC?
2. Discuss the importance of Central Asian Nations for India. In this context discuss the advantages of being the part of SCO
3. SCO has remained an elusive regional partnership for India. Will it be strategically correct if India withdraws its membership?
4. Discuss the connect Central Asia Policy
5. Differentiate between hard and soft power.
6. India and US relation has seen paradigm shift in recent times. Discuss
7. What is the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation? When and why was it formed? What was India's motive in joining the SCO?
8. Discuss the significance of China's export control of gallium and germanium

9. **Discuss the complementarity between India and the US.**
10. **Discuss the origin and significance of Global South.**
11. **Discuss India France relationship.**
12. **What is the South China Sea dispute? Comment upon India's position on the dispute.**
13. **India and France relationship is unique and multidimensional. Comment**
14. **Discuss India -UAE relations**
15. **Multilateral Development Banks need transformative reform. Discuss**
16. **What are SDGs? Assess their progress? What are the challenges in their achievement.**
17. **Discuss the need for reform in WTO.**
18. **Can BIMSTEC replace SAARC? Examine the challenges.**
19. **Is there a need to review the Indus water treaty?**
20. **What is NATO? Is it still relevant?**
21. **What is Black Sea grain initiative?**
22. **Discuss the mandate of ISA.**
23. **Discuss India's relationship with Sri Lanka within New Delhi's "Neighbourhood First" policy and "SAGAR" framework**
24. **ASEAN centrality has been a central theme in India's Indo-Pacific policy and outreach. In the light of the statement discuss India ASEAN relationship. Also examine the challenges.**
25. **Critically examine WTO's Agreement on fishery? Why are Indian fishermen concerned?**
26. **Discuss India EU relationship? In this context, examine the hurdles in Indian EU FTA.**
27. **Discuss the impact of EU's carbon tax on India? How can India counter it?**
28. **Discuss the mandate of FATF.**

Polity

1. **Discuss the rationale behind UCC? Also critically examine concerns raised?**
2. **Assess the functioning of standing committees of parliament.**
3. **Has Anti defection law succeeded in curbing defections? What can be done to check it?**
4. **Examine the fiscal federalism in the context of fiscal health of states.**
5. **What is the phenomenon of Sarpanch Patism in Indian local politics? Discuss the reasons behind it and how it can be tackled?**
6. **Critically discuss pro's and con's of UCC.**
7. **Argue against criminal defamation law.**
8. **What is the digital divide? Discuss measures of GOI to bridge divide.**
9. **Who should be appointed as the Governor of the state?**
10. **What is palliative care? Discuss its need in India.**
11. **What are SDGs? Assess the progress. Also examine the challenges in achieving them.**

12. Discuss the factors responsible for criminalisation of politics. Also suggest ways to decriminalize.
13. Discuss the role of the Finance Commission in Maintaining Fiscal Federalism in India. Do you think change in Tor of FC undermines federal polity?
14. Piecemeal extensions of ED and CBI will compromise its autonomy.
15. What is an electoral bond? Critically examine how far electoral bonds help in making elections free and fair?
16. What is a right based welfare policy? Critically assess with examples from India.
17. What do you understand about freebies? Critically examine their impact.
18. Discuss the various problems faced political parties in India particularly regional parties.
19. Has Anti defection law succeeded in curbing defections? What are its unintended outcomes? What can be done to check it?
20. Has poverty elimination schemes worked in India?
21. What is a multidimensional poverty Index? How is it calculated?
22. What are the biggest development challenges before India?
23. Differentiate between first-past-the-post (FPTP) systems of elections from proportional representation? Examine the impact of the FPTP system in India. Is it the right time to shift to proportional representation?
24. Argue for UCC.
25. Critically analyze Personal Data Protection Bill
26. Argue for UBI.
27. Discuss the role of civil service in India.
28. What is multidimensional poverty? How is it different from normal measures of poverty?
29. What are the findings of NITI Aayog on multidimensional poverty in India?
30. What led to the reduction in MDP in India?
31. Critically examine Digital Personal Data Protection Bill 2022
32. What do you understand about food security? Discuss the threats to food security?
33. What are SDGs? Discuss the progress towards SDG 2.
34. Is NCW just a toothless tiger?
35. The legal wrangling between the Centre and the Government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi over the contours of their respective powers is a never ending saga. What is root of the conflict?
36. Public Interest litigations have been misused to gain publicity reducing PILs to publicity interest litigations.
37. Should political parties be under RTI?
38. Discuss the role of President.
39. What is a no confidence motion? Discuss its significance
40. Discuss role of Finance Commission

41. How will the National Research Foundation ease research in India?
42. Are internet bans violative of FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS?
43. What is mob violence? Is there any law to curb them? Discuss the SC directions on mob violence.
44. Discuss the problem of interstate migrant workers.

GS 3

Disaster Management

1. What are man made disasters? Why have recent rain related disasters in Himachal Pradesh been called man made disasters?
2. Why are urban cities in India getting flooded every year?
3. Recent Delhi flooding is a man made flood.
4. How big is lightning as a natural disaster? Are there any NDMA guidelines?
5. What is disaster risk reduction? Discuss its role in disaster management.
6. Was the recent Himachal Pradesh tragedy a man made one?

Economy

1. Can India replicate the China's economic growth story?
2. Explain the phenomenon of greedflation.
3. Examine food inflation in India. Suggest measures
4. What is twin balance sheet problem? Discuss its implications
5. Can PLI transform India into manufacturing hub
6. Discuss the major challenges in animal husbandry especially fodder crisis.
7. Can PLI transform India into manufacturing hub
8. Horticulture and food processing has the potential to double farmers income, however both face numerous challenges. Discuss
9. Examine India's food inflation problem.
10. Critically examine pro's and con's of internationalization of rupee.
11. What do you understand about the NPK ratio? Analyze the reasons behind the distortion.
12. Critically examine the fertilizers subsidy regime in India.
13. What do you understand about the blue economy? Discuss the challenges in harnessing the blue economy.
14. What do you understand by crop diversification? What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification?
15. Crop diversification has been touted as a promising solution to replace the unsustainable agricultural practices currently being undertaken within the Trans Gangetic Plain Region.

16. What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How crop diversification is helpful in stabilizing the yield of the crop in the system? (Answer in 250 words)
17. What do you understand about the circular economy? Explain in the context of agriculture
18. What are FTAs? Why is India signing so many FTA?
19. What is FPO? How it is helpful to farmers?
20. Assess India's economic progress in the last 70 years.
21. Can India become a developed nation? Examine the challenges.
22. Examine the factors responsible for food inflation in India.
23. Discuss strategies to double the farmers income.
24. What do you understand by Industry 4.0? Is India prepared?
25. Do you think SEBI Circular on Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting by listed entities will lead to regulatory overkill?
26. Critically examine India's Inflation control policy.
27. Discuss the need for port led development .Explain how the Sagar Mala project will help?
28. What is the gig economy and what's the deal for gig workers?
29. Make a case for widening the tax base? Why is it low?
30. Can India become a high income country? Discuss how
31. Discuss the factors responsible for agrarian distress in India .
32. Examine the impact of LPG on Indian agriculture.
33. Discuss the structural factors behind the agrarian crisis? What are possible solutions?
34. Discuss various issues plaguing Indian agriculture.
35. Why inland waterways have not taken off in India despite its many benefits.
36. Assess India's economic growth in the last one decade. What factors have led to India becoming the fifth largest economy?
37. When will Indian economy be the top 3 economies in the world?
38. Discuss the major bottlenecks in India's horticulture potential.
39. Discuss India's efforts to become a semiconductor hub.
40. Should corporations be allowed to own banks in India? What are concerns?
41. Discuss India's growth potential? What could be the size of India's economy by 2050?
42. Discuss the food - nutrition trade off in the context of millets.
43. Discuss the need for boosting millet production by diverting land from staples. Can it hurt food self sufficiency?
44. What is FRBM Act?

Environment

1. What is ecosystem restoration.
2. What is green hydrogen? Discuss the challenges

3. Discuss the role of NGT in environment protection? How effective it has been in last decade?
4. Why have man animal conflicts become more common? How can they be managed?
5. Critically analyze the Forest Conservation (Amendment) Bill. Why activists are concerned?
6. Critically examine Biological Diversity Amendment Bill 2021. Will it dilute the original Act?
7. What do you understand about carbon sequestration? Critically examine
8. Critically examine why India's ethanol blending policy failed to take off in the first decade? What has changed in the new policy? Discuss the benefits of ethanol blending.
9. The strategically important Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are seeing a clash between development and conservation. Comment
10. Biodiversity Bill 2021 makes a significant shift from the original Act.
11. Critically analyze the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 amendment Bill passed by the parliament. Why is it so controversial?
12. What are carbon sinks? Will the newly enacted Forest Conservation (Amendment) Act 2023 dilute India's carbon sinks?
13. What is a circular economy? How can it help in sustainable development?
14. Discuss India's effort in fighting climate change.
15. Discuss the impact of climate change on urban India. Discuss steps to mitigate its impact.
16. Critically examine Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill

Science and tech

1. What is cryptocurrency? What is the difference between cryptocurrency and CBDCs?
2. What do you understand whole genome sequencing? Discuss the applications.
3. What are VPNs? Why are they important?
4. Discuss the threat of Artificial Intelligence.
5. Analyze the features PPV & FR Act 2001 in the context of pepsu potato controversy.
6. What is Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act 2001? Why it is in news? How does it protect Indian farmer's rights?
7. Critically examine pro's and con's of GM crop.
8. What do you understand by genetically modified food? Discuss the regulatory regime for GS crops in India.
9. Discuss the need for regulation of Artificial Intelligence.
10. What is DNA profiling? What applications it has for the crime investigation. Critically examine DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019.
11. What is evergreening of patent? Is it allowed under Indian law? Explain the context of bedaquiline.
12. Why is India behind in research and development? How will the National Research Foundation

13. **Why does India lag in innovation? How will the National Research Foundation (NRF) help?**
14. **Is India wasting money on space mission**
15. **Discuss the applications of Space technology in day to day life.**
16. **Discuss the contribution of Satish Dhawan.**
17. **Discuss the problems of slums in India.**
18. **What is CRISPR gene editing technique? Discuss its applications.**
19. **What do you understand about biofortification? Discuss its significance in the fight against malnutrition.**
20. **Discuss the potential benefits and risks of AI.**
21. **Discuss the contribution of Homi Bhabha.**

Security

1. **What do you understand by radicalisation?**
2. **Discuss the security challenge posed by drug trafficking in India**

GS 4

Ethics

1. **Does politics and morality go together?**
2. **Generative AI has lots of potential, but can't replace emotional intelligence. Comment**
3. **What is emotional intelligence? Why it is important in civil service.**
4. **Analyze the ethical issues of AI.**
5. **Explain the concept of EI.**
6. **What are constitutional ideals?**
7. **Ethics during disaster**
8. **What do you understand by corporate governance?**
9. **What do you understand by fiduciary responsibility?**
10. **What is business ethics? Why it is important?**
11. **What is climate justice? Why it is important?**
12. **What is academic ethics?**
13. **What do you understand by conscience keeper of society? Is social media the new conscience keeper of society?**

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