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GS 1

SOCIETY

1. Discuss the problems faced by women in agriculture.
2. Discuss the constitutional provisions of ST.
3. Discuss the state of tribals in India.
4. Urbanization is a gendered process.
5. Discuss the causes of rural poverty in India? Has rural poverty declined?
6. What do you understand about communalism? Discuss factors responsible for its growth.
7. What is care work? How does it impact women?

HISTORY

1. Discuss the evolution of Islamic architecture in India
2. Discuss the cooperative movement in India.
3. Discuss the chain of events between 1940 leading up to India's independence and partition.
4. Discuss the evolution of democratic institutions in India.
5. Who can be held responsible for India's partition.
6. Discuss the historical background of Indian criminal law.
7. Why were Banks nationalized in 1969?
8. What is colonialism? Discuss the factors responsible for colonization of Africa.
9. What is decolonisation? How does it impact the development of Africa?
10. Discuss the environmental movements in India. How are they different from west?

GEOGRAPHY

1. What is ELnino? Discuss its risks.
2. Why is the Arctic region significant to India?
3. What is the Northern Sea Route (NSR)? What are the driving factors for India to participate in the NSR development?
4. What is Anorthosite? Why are they so important?
5. Discuss the importance of Africa for India.
6. Why Himalayan ecosystem fragile?
7. What is the Indian Ocean Dipole? Discuss its impact on Indian Monsoon
8. Why Western Ghats are prone to disasters.
9. What do you understand about monsoon breaks?
10. Why are landslides so common in himalayan regions?
11. Why is Himachal Pradesh experiencing recurring disasters?
12. Why are interstate water disputes increasing?
13. The distribution of critical minerals is highly concentrated. Discuss
14. Why is India drought prone?
15. Why is the Amazon forests is so important?
16. Describe the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them.
17. Describe the factors required for growth of rubber plantation.
18. Discuss the geographical factors that hae led to backwardness of BIMARU states?
19. Discuss the potential of tidal and wave energy in India.
20. What are strategic and critical minerals? Discuss their distribution.
21. Why is Latin America important to us?
22. Why are the Himalayas prone to disasters?
23. Why is Antarctica important? Discuss various threats to it. In this context discuss the role of Antarctic treaty.
24. Why is Africa, despite being resource rich, still poor?
25. What is resource curse? Explain with example
26. Discuss issues related to ground water exploitation in India.
27. What is geo engineering? Discuss its impact?
28. Discuss the potential of offshore wind energy in India. Critically examine the challenges.
29. Why Delhi's air one of the most polluted in the world?

POLITY

1. Discuss the need for refugee law.
2. What are the threat of India's ultra food-processing sector? Discuss the FSSAI role in this regard.
3. Indian federalism is holding together federation with a built in unitary bias. Discuss
4. Do you think there is a need to review India's fiscal federalism?
5. Discuss the need for reform in the appointment system of EC. Examine Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023
6. What is sec 8 of RP Act? Should we restore Section 8 (4) of the RP Act?
7. Discuss the need for ADR. In this context examine the Mediation Bill.
8. Discuss the role of speaker in Parliament. Do you think it has become politicised?
9. Once a Speaker, Always a speaker'! Do you think this practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha? What could be its implication for the robust functioning of parliamentary business in India?
10. What are cooperatives? Discuss their constitutional and legal status.
11. Has Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 diluted privacy rights.
12. Discuss the challenge of mental health in India
13. Discuss the role of CAG in ensuring financial accountability.
14. Should water be moved to a concurrent list?
15. Discuss the role of civil society.
16. Has the Swachh Bharat campaign been a success?
17. How is poverty measured? Has India succeeded in alleviating people out of poverty?
18. Discuss the barriers to access to justice? How can it be resolved?
19. Interstate rivers in India have become sites of contestations. Examine the gaps in the institutional and political fabric of interstate river water governance within the Indian federal system.
20. Should concurrent lists be abolished?
21. Discuss the challenges facing higher education India. How will Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PMUSHA) help?
22. Do you think changes in the present criminal law will ensure speedy justice?
23. Make a case for criminal law reforms in India.
24. What is the rule of law? How is it different from rule by law? Which of the two is present in our constitution?
25. Do you think Parliament has declined in the last 2 decades?
26. Local governments are best suited for development. Discuss
27. Discuss the challenge of eradicating TB in India.
28. Jan Vishwas Bill will help attract investment, arrest flight of capital. Comment.
29. How is the Chief Election Commissioner appointed now? Is there a need for reform? In this context discuss Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointments, Conditions of Service, Term of Office) Bill
30. Discuss the role of government in fighting MPI.
31. What is MDPI? Discuss India's MDPI.
32. Discuss the challenge of TB in India.
33. What do you understand about direct democracy? Explain various instruments of direct democracy.
34. What is Art 370 of the constitution?
35. Explain how health and poverty overlap in India. In this context, assess Ayushman Bharat.
36. India's persistently high out-of-pocket health expenditure continues to push people into poverty. Explain the reason behind the high Out of Pocket Expenditure. How can it be reduced?
37. The Digital Data Protection Bill has many deficiencies. Comment
38. Can the government alone handle multidimensional poverty?
39. Why even after 40 years of Garibi Hatao slogan, India has the largest number of poor people?
40. What do you understand about public good? How are they different from private goods?
41. The doctrine of basic structure has a very debatable jurisprudential basis. Critically comment.
42. What are parliamentary privileges? What role do they serve? Do we need to codify them
43. What is a money bill? What are its provisions and what is its significance?
44. What do you understand by mediation? How it is different from litigation? Analyze the Mediation Bill
45. The recent attempt by the union government to pass an ordinance to override a judicial ruling has sparked concern in the federal discourse . Comment

46. Analyze Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2022
47. What do you understand by governance? Critically examine Indian model of governance.
48. How are states and UTs created?
49. What is the basic structure? Critically examine pro's and con's.
50. Discuss the need for reform in the procedure of appointments of the CEC and ECs.
51. Discuss the problems of Indian political parties?

IR

1. Is BRICS the Chinese NAM?
2. Discuss India's ties with Africa
3. What is soft power? Discuss various determinants of India's soft power.
4. Discuss India Africa relationship.
5. Do you think BRICS has failed as a grouping in realizing its mandate?
6. Has BRICS as a grouping succeeded?
7. Discuss the geo politics of clean energy transition.
8. What is the CHIPS Act of the US? What lessons can India learn?
9. Why is Australia important to us?
10. Discuss the transformation in India US relations in the last one decade? Has it compromised India's strategic autonomy
11. Discuss the global implications of Israel Saudi Arabia relations.
12. Discuss the prospects and challenges of India Latin America
13. The Ukraine crisis has solidified the Sino-Russian geopolitical alliance
14. What is the Global Development Initiative? How is it different from the Belt and Road initiative? Discuss various criticisms leveled against BRI.
15. Is BRICS now under China's control? Discuss implications for India.
16. What are trade barriers?
17. Discuss the need to review the Indus water treaty. Examine various critical issues in its implementation.

GS 3

ECONOMY

1. BRICS found new purpose with expansion; but contradictions too. Discuss
2. Discom health key to meeting economy's power needs
3. India is a young nation with an aging workforce. Do you agree? Explain the reasons
4. Discuss the implications of an aging workforce.
5. Reaching out to people, by greasing their palms or pockets, may be a short term success story, but for the nation, long term damage. In the light of this critically examine freebies.
6. Discuss the need to shift from a labour based economy to a skill based one.
7. What is the PLI scheme? Why ex RBI governor critical of this scheme?
8. India has the lowest manufacturing share in gross exports in the whole of Asia. Why?
9. India's exports are becoming import-oriented. Comment
10. What is Make in India? Why it has not succeeded. Discuss the need to integrate 'Assemble in India' with 'Make in India'.
11. What is understood by tax base? Is it low in India? Discuss efforts to widen it.
12. What is employment elasticity? Why is India failing to generate employment?
13. Examine the factors behind inflation. Examine its impact.
14. Critically examine the job crisis in India
15. Why are tomato prices rising? How can they be stabilized?
16. Can exports become an engine of growth in India?
17. What do you understand by round tripping? Examine the role of the Mauritius route in this regard.
18. What are tax havens? Discuss their impact on world economy.
19. What are freebies? Discuss pro's and con's.
20. Discuss the food vs fuel debate in the context of ethanol blending.
21. What was the "Hindu rate of growth"? Do you think India is returning to "Hindu rate of growth"?
22. Examine the growth – inflation dynamics in India.
23. Discuss the challenges faced by Indian railways
24. What is a dedicated freight corridor? Discuss its significance.
25. Discuss the problem of unemployment in India.

26. Do you agree India failed to build manufacturing and prematurely deindustrialized? If yes, discuss the implications.
27. Discuss the need for a new industrial policy.
28. What is revenue foregone?
29. How will climate change impact the Indian economy?
30. India's looming ground water crisis is linked to its distorted cropping pattern. Discuss.
31. Critically examine India's trade policy post independence. In this context explain import substitution.
32. What is license raj?
33. Why was GST introduced? Has it met its objective? Do we need reforms
34. What do you understand by formalization of employment? Discuss the recent trends
35. Will MSP guarantee help small farmers?
36. Critically analyse the challenges in implementation of the MSP.
37. What is MSP? Discuss its implication on cropping pattern and agriculture economy.
38. Critically examine pro's and con's of legalizing MSP.
39. Discuss the state of employment in India.
40. What is e-rupee? Critically examine pro's and con's.
41. What is food security? Assess the status of India's food security.

SCIENCE and Tech

1. What is Antimicrobial Resistance? Why it is a big risk?
2. Discuss the contribution of ISRO.
3. Discuss the contribution of India's space scientists.
4. What is 3d printing? Discuss applications.
5. What is IOT? Discuss its applications.
6. Underinvestment in R&D is the main reason for India lagging in science and technology. Discuss
7. Discuss the crucial gaps in the higher education and research ecosystem. Will NRF fill this gap?
8. What do you understand by secondary patenting?
9. What are generic medicines?
10. What is antimicrobial resistance? Discuss the factors responsible for it. Suggest measures to control.
11. Discuss India's polar mission?
12. What are generic medicines? Why are they important? Are there any concerns?
13. Almost half of Moon missions fail. Why is space still so hard?
14. What are generics? Discuss various concerns related to it.
15. Critically examine Personal Data Protection Bill.
16. What do you understand about superconductivity?
17. Critically analyze the draft Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill, 2023.
18. What is dark net? Discuss security implications.
19. What are space debris?
20. Discuss the role of the private sector in the space economy.
21. Analyze India's space policy 2013.

ENVIRONMENT

1. What do you understand by biodiversity. Comment upon the biodiversity of NE India.
2. Analyze the recommendations of Madhav Gandgil report.
3. Analyze the salient features of National Policy on Biofuels. Discuss the challenges in its implementation.
4. Forest Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 will spell a disaster for the country's forests and the forest dependent people. Critically examine
5. Why has elephant -human conflict increased in South India? Discuss strategies
6. What do you understand by decarbonisation? Can nuclear power help in it?
7. Examine health impact of climate change
8. Discuss the climate change finance
9. Asses project tiger? Do you think it is a successful project?
10. Critically examine the Cheetah reintroduction project.
11. What do you understand by carrying capacity?
12. What is carbon capture and storage? Discuss its types? Can it cut emissions?
13. Examine the impact of climate change on Indian agriculture? Is India prepared for it?
14. It is important to strike a balance between development and environment conservation. In this context critically examine Conservation Amendment Bill 2023

15. Discuss the impact of climate change on India's coastal regions.
16. Discuss the factors responsible for air pollution. How it be curbed?
17. Can PRANAM reduce fertiliser subsidy bill?

Disaster Management

1. How are droughts defined? Examine Drought Management,2016 (updated in 2020)
2. Delhi flooding was the result of haphazard urbanization. Comment
3. Discuss the need for dedicated disaster management institution of Himalayan states

SECURITY

1. Discuss the challenges in the criminal justice system . Will the new criminal law reform bills able to meet these challenges
2. Discuss the need for reform in the criminal justice system
3. Discuss the mandate of Assam rifles.
4. What are hate crimes? What are the reasons behind them? How can they be countered?
5. Discuss the challenges faced by Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

GS 4


Ethics

1. Should CSR be mandatory?
2. What are stereotypes? How does it impact women?
3. Should food be used as a weapon of war? Discuss ethical issues
4. What is compassion? Why is it important?
5. What is medical ethics
6. Should animals be used for drug testing?
7. What is addiction? How can it be tackled?
8. What do you understand about paternalism?
9. Discuss ethical standards for teachers.
10. What is hate?

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