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GS 1

HISTORY

1. **Who was Periyar E V Ramasamy Naicker. Discuss his contribution.**
2. **Discuss the evolution of Dravidian movement.**
3. **Why is Sardar Patel called Iron man of India?**
4. **In 1954, while inaugurating the Bhakra Nangal dam, the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru christened it as the 'temple of modern India'. Comment**
5. **From being net food importer in 1960s, India has emerged as a net food exporter to the world. Provide reasons.**
6. **Gandhi and Ambedkar held opposing views on certain fundamental social issues. Comment**

SOCIETY

1. Examine implications of using AI on Indian society.
2. What is women empowerment? Assess the status of women in India
3. There is feminisation and 'ruralisation' of older population in India. Discuss
4. Discuss the challenges of ageing in India.
5. Compare and contrast Indian model of secularism with European model. Critically examine social implication of green revolution.
6. Discuss the nature of women's movement by giving suitable examples.
7. Explain the nature, dynamics and composition of the women's movement in the contemporary period.
8. Describe the relationships with other social movements and mainstream political processes.

GEOGRAPHY

1. Analyze the factors behind groundwater crisis in India.
2. Analyze the reasons for rising forest fires. Are they linked to climate change?
3. Why do traditionally the Bay of Bengal witness tropical cyclones?
4. Why have the incidents of tropical cyclones in Arabian sea has increased?
5. Infrastructure development in the hills cannot be the same as in the plains. Explain
6. What are critical minerals? Discuss the issues associated with it.
7. Critically examine India's water crisis.
8. What are flood plains? Why are they important?
9. What are earthquake? Discuss their distribution.
10. What is transit oriented development? Why are they important in Indian cities?
11. Discuss the factors responsible for land degradation.
12. Discuss the significance of India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). IE
13. Discuss the importance of ports for Indian economy.
14. Discuss the importance of Eastern Maritime corridor (EMC)— Vladivostokto Chennai.
15. What led to Joshimath land sinking?
16. Explain the phenomenon of withdrawal of monsoon.
17. Why is South China Sea important?
18. Discuss the need to pursue reform of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

GS 2

POLITY

1. Discuss the need for UCC.
2. Critically examine pro's and con's of simultaneous elections.
3. Discuss the challenges in implementing one nation one election.
4. What constitutes basic structure? Discuss its significance.
5. What do you understand by Laïcité, the French principle of secularism? How it is different from Indian secularism?
6. What is the role of the PM? Evaluate the performance of PMs post independence.
7. Simultaneous elections would militate against federalism. Do you agree? Give arguments.
8. Critically examine pro's and cons of simultaneous election.

9. The SC has explored principles of autonomy, dignity, and identity in relation to privacy to strengthen the framework of constitutional right. Discuss
10. What are digital public goods?
11. India has earned the dubious distinction of becoming the world's capital of coronary heart disease and diabetes. Why?
12. Discuss the challenges in health care in India. How do Ayushman Bharat and Ayushman Bhava solves them?
13. How far Indian parliament has performed as an institution of accountability. Explain with example of various instruments
14. Discuss the achievement and failing of the Indian Parliament in the last 75 years.
15. There has been progressive decline of the Indian Parliament. Do you agree? Give reasons .Suggest reforms. [Refer: The Hindu]
16. Why has women reservation Bill has failed to see the light of the day till now?
17. Trace the evolution of women reservation bill.
18. Electoral reforms ought to uphold the democratic values of federalism and an active citizenry. In the light of the statement critically examine "Simultaneous election"
19. How is the Constitution amended? What are the different procedures for amending provisions in the Indian Constitution? Can constitutional amendments be struck down for want of ratification by States? Is there a time limit prescribed for ratification?
20. The essence of participatory democracy is inclusion, not exclusion. In the light of this statement argue in favour of the women reservation bill.
21. Why are inter state river disputes so difficult to solve? Why are they increasing? Suggest measures to handle them more effectively
22. What was the JMM bribery case? Why is SC reviewing it again?
23. What are parliamentary privileges? What purpose do they serve? Do we need to codify them?
24. Make a case for One Nation One Election.
25. Medical debt a major cause of poverty in India. In this context, make a case of universal health coverage.
26. What do you understand Universal Health Coverage. Assess UHC status in India.
27. What is a census? Why is it important? Who is responsible for conducting census?
28. What do you understand about Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)? Analyze the Mediation Act, 2023
29. What is a hate speech? Discuss the legal and constitutional prohibition of hate speech.
30. New momentum in ties between India and Saudi Arabia could be a game changer. Discuss
31. What do you understand by diaspora diplomacy? Critically assess its potential to serve India's interest.
32. What is old diaspora and new diaspora? How are they different from each other?
33. Discuss the role of Gram Sabha.
34. Empowering women means empowering a nation. In this context analyse women empowerment policy and schemes.
35. Criminalization of politics and politicization of crime are two sides of the same coin. Critically examine the factors that has led to this phenomenon
36. Criminalization of politics is a bane of Indian politics. Discuss the various judicial pronouncements for decriminalization of Indian politics? Can judiciary alone achieve this? What else is needed for this?
37. Aadhaar is a tool to improve the administrative efficiency of welfare programmes. Critically examine in the light of recent report by Moody's.

38. What is delimitation? Why are Southern states opposed to it.
39. Discuss the concept of Indian secularism.
40. Analyze the problems in organ transplantation in India. Discuss the legal and institutional framework around it.
41. Analyse methods of functioning of the new women's groups.
42. Give a profile of issues taken up by the new women's groups.

IR

1. Discuss the implications of expansion of BRICS.
2. Discuss the mandate of G20. Critically examine its achievements and failure
3. Discuss the Delhi Declaration.
4. Inclusion of African Union in G20 is an achievement of India's presidency, reflects its commitment prioritizing developmental agenda and voice of Global South
5. The India Middle East Europe Corridor rail sea link will provide strategic, economic gains for India and member nations.
6. What is the mandate of ICC? Is it effective?
7. What is the mandate of AU? How will its inclusion impact the G20.
8. What is Global South? How is India becoming the
9. How would you compare IMEC with the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI)?
10. Has G20 delivered in the last one decade? Assess its effectiveness
11. Critically examine India Canada relation with emphasis on Indian diaspora there.
12. India-Middle East-Europe Corridor underlines a crucial geopolitical shift. Comment
13. Why are fishers organisation opposed to WTO pact on fisheries?
14. Why Indian and Vietnam need each other?
15. Examine the growing importance of Vietnam for India Pacific.
16. What do you understand by diaspora diplomacy? Discuss India's policy towards diaspora.
17. Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India.
18. What is peace clause? Why is India's public stockholding (PSH) programme challenged at WTO?
19. Global food security has been significantly impacted due to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Discuss
20. Explain the South China Sea dispute. What is India's position on it.

GS 3

ECONOMY

1. What is round tripping? Explain the process
2. What is money laundering? Explain the process involved.
3. Discuss the need for food processing. Examine the challenges faced.
4. Discuss the factors behind Chinese economic slowdown? How does it affect India?
5. What is the gig economy? Discuss various issues related to the gig economy.
6. What is CBDC? Discuss its use.
7. Discuss why we are failing on the employment front?
8. Critically examine implementation of FRBM Act focusing on escape clause.
9. Discuss the need for fiscal council.

10. Do subsidies and safety nets take focus away from generating jobs? Argue
11. What are subsidies? Discuss their need for a country like India. What are the challenges
12. What is financial inclusion. Discuss the state of financial inclusion in India
13. Discuss the need for global collaboration and cooperation on regulation of cryptocurrencies.
14. How is India's economic model different from China? Why are experts saying that the country needs to pivot to a more consumer centric model?
15. What was the Green Revolution? Discuss its significance.
16. Indian agriculture, is in a way, a victim of its own past success—especially the green revolution. Discuss
17. What is inflation targeting? why it has failed in controlling the food inflation in India.
18. The onset of the Ukraine war has started fragmenting world trade.
19. Discuss how international trade can become engine for development? Also examine the challenges faced by international trade.
20. Discuss the need for FDI. Examine India's FDI policy
21. What is the global supply chain? Why are they moving out from China?
22. Can India displace China as the manufacturing hub of the world?
23. Discuss the role of railways in the Indian economy? Examine various challenges faced by it.
24. Why has manufacturing lagged behind?
25. Argue for expansion of taxpayer base.
26. Make a case for inland waterways? Why has it been underutilized in India?
27. Argue for coastal shipping? Discuss the factors that have slowed down the growth of coastal shipping? [Refer: Business Line]
28. What is the status of digitalization in the Indian economy? Examine the problems faced in this regard suggest Improvement.
29. What do you understand by digital public infrastructure? Discuss its role in economic growth.
30. What are SDGs? Assess the progress in last 7 years? Also enumerate the challenges in achieving it.
31. What do you understand by debt crisis? Why so many countries are facing it? What is the world doing about it?
32. Critically examine India's industrial policy after Independence.
33. What is energy intensity? How it can be reduced?
34. Energy intensity can help India overcome its energy challenge.
35. Discuss the implications of inclusion of GSEC in the JP Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM).
36. Latest data from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on household financial assets and liabilities has been subject to varying interpretations. Comment
37. Among several factors for India's potential growth, the savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential? PYQ
38. Explain the mismatch between the growth and promise of the food processing sector on the one hand and stagnating farm incomes on the other cannot. Elaborate on the policy taken by the government of India to meet the challenges of the food processing sector.
39. Can India become leader in food processing sector? Discuss favourable factors.
40. One of the major challenges facing the Indian food processing industry is the lack of cutting-edge infrastructure. In the light of this assess government's effort to improve it.
41. Can The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme transform India into a manufacturing hub. Critically examine in the backdrop of ban on import of laptops.

42. Why were PSU created after independence? Did they succeed in achieving their mandate? What challenges they are faced?
43. Examine the impact of LPG on PSU's. In this context examine the new CPSU policy.
44. Discuss the challenges in Indian ports. Assess India's effort to improve ports.
45. Discuss the implication of drastic fall in household savings.
46. How is India's GDP estimated. Discuss recent controversies.
47. Can India become a high-income economy by 2047? What are challenges.
48. Idea of GDP as a holy grail for health of economy is a problem. Critically examine.
49. The link between GDP and employment in India has been deteriorating. Why? IE
50. Discuss the trend in savings in Indian economy.
51. What do you understand by platform economy? Discuss its issues.
52. Can India become rich before it ages?
53. Discuss the recommendation of the National Commission on Farmers (NCF).
54. Why farming has become unviable for majority of farmers in India?
55. Discuss the severity and extent of various types of challenges facing Indian agriculture.
56. What is evergreen revolution? Discuss its need.
57. Green revolution led to cropping pattern distortion. Discuss
58. Are biofuels a viable energy source for India? Give your arguments.

SCIENCE

1. What is indigenisation of technology? Assess India's progress especially in the space sector.
2. What are mega science projects? Discuss the benefits of joining such initiatives?
3. What are gravitational waves?
4. What is the purpose of Atiya 1?
5. Discuss the applications of quantum computers and associated risks.
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. What are zoonotics? Discuss the factors responsible for their spread.
8. Why is India lagging in research and development?
9. Why is India lagging in research and development?
10. In healthcare, AI goes beyond disease diagnosis. In the light of the statement discuss the application of AI in healthcare. Are there any concerns? [Refer: Business Line]
11. Why are there few women in science? [Refer: Indian Express]
12. Discuss the contribution of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

Disaster Management

1. Are natural disasters man-made?
2. What is disaster risk reduction? Discuss its need.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Do you agree that the Namami gange project has failed? Discuss the reasons.
2. Discuss the impact of climate change on health.
3. What are invasive species? Examine India's legal and institutional architecture to control invasive species?

4. Discuss the impact of climate change
5. Building Climate resilience will require better governance at all levels. Discuss
6. India has just 25000 electric vehicles. Why is adoption of E- Vehicle low in India?
7. Examine India's approach to controlling air pollution.
8. Discuss the challenges of E Waste management in India. How far EWaste (Management) Rules, 2022 is effective enough to handle this growing challenge?
9. Explain how the circular economy works with examples of the electronics industry.
10. G20 Declaration has laid ground for concerted climate action.
11. What are biofuels? Why are they important? Analyze National Biofuel policy.
12. What are biofuels? Discuss various issues in use of biofuel as an alternate sustainable fuel for decarbonisation.
13. What is greenwashing? Why environmentalist are concerned about it?
14. Critically examine pro's and con's of GM crops?
15. Is GM crops necessary to achieve food security?
16. What do you understand by carbon neutrality? Discuss concerns regarding it.
17. Discuss the environmental impact of sand mining in India.
18. What do you understand by greenwashing?
19. What are alien species? Why are they dangerous
20. Climate change has emerged as the biggest public health risks. Discuss
21. There is nothing green in the green revolution. Discuss

SECURITY

1. Is china a threat or challenge?

GS 4

Ethics

1. What is commitment?
2. What do you understand about emotions?
3. What is emotional intelligence? Why is it important?
4. What is influence? Discuss ethical issues.
5. What is prejudice? How can it be tackled?
6. What is probity? Why is it important? How can it be assured?
7. What is scientific temper? Why is it important?
8. Why it is morally wrong to have double standard?
9. What is Gandhian ethics? How can it help to solve climate change problems?

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