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## GS 1

### HISTORY

1. Discuss the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to India's freedom struggle movement focusing upon his novel strategies and values
2. In what way did Mahatma Gandhi transform the nature of Indian freedom struggle? Discuss
3. India recorded one of the low female labour force participation rates (LFPR) in the world. Why?
4. What do you understand by unpaid work? Discuss the Gender inequalities in unpaid care work.
5. What was the Yom Kippur war? What was the significance of the war? Why is the current violence being compared to the Yom Kippur war?
6. What are Glacier Lake Outburst Floods? Why they are becoming common? Is it because of climate change?
7. Discuss the historical background of Jewish Arab conflict.
8. Analyze the main features of Indo-Islamic architecture. Compare and contrast with the prevailing Indian architectural forms.
9. Glacial lake outburst floods are a growing threat to hydropower plants. Discuss
10. What was green revolution? Explain how did it happen?
11. Dr. Ambedkar's contributions were not restricted to the Constitution. In the light of this statement, discuss Dr. Ambedkar's contributions.
12. Discuss the salient features of Vedic religion?
13. Hydropower development in NE India is problematic. Comment.
14. Review India's role in Bangladesh liberation war.
15. Discuss the contribution of Sardar Patel with emphasis on integration of princely states.
16. Discuss the contribution of Indira Gandhi.

### SOCIETY

1. India's FLFPR is one of the lowest in the world and the lowest among the G20 countries at 19.23%. Give reasons.
2. How did the introduction of the birth control pill change the trajectory of women's careers?
3. Why is gender gap widening in India?
4. What is caste system. Analyze the features of caste. In what sense has caste become relatively 'invisible' for the urban upper castes?
5. How can gender gap in economy be bridged?
6. Institution of marriage has undergone sea change. Discuss in the light of demand for same sex marriage.
7. Differentiate between sex and gender.
8. What is social inequality? How it is different
9. Is caste and economic status correlated in India?
10. Enabling young women to engage with the labour market is key to both youth and gender empowerment
11. Discuss the factors that led to fall in women's labour force participation rate (LFPR). Suggest measures to improve it.
12. Examine the impact of fall in women's labour force participation rate (LFPR).
13. Discuss the challenges faced by Indian youths.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

1. Discuss the potential of hydro power potential of India.
2. Discuss the challenges in realising the hydro power potential of India.
3. What are GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOODS? How do they happen? Which regions are more prone?
4. Why southern states were relatively more successful in achieving population stabilisation than northern states? Are there any implications?
5. Discuss the factors of migration. Analyze the trend of international migration.
6. Make a case for interlinking of rivers.
7. Discuss the geographical distribution of natural rubber along with conditions favourable for its growth.
8. What are avalanches? Has climate change worsened avalanches in Himalayas?
9. Discuss locational factor of semiconductor industry. Can India succeed?
10. Whereas the British planters had developed tea gardens all along the Shivaliks and Lesser Himalayas from Assam to Himachal Pradesh, in effect they did not succeed beyond the Darjeeling area. Explain.
11. Discuss the challenges in tea industry.
12. What do you understand by water cycle? Is climate change impacting water cycle?
13. Discuss the significance of Indian Ocean for India.
14. Why do so many devastating earthquakes happen in Afghanistan?
15. How are glacial lakes formed?
16. Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources?
17. Limited lithium resource is biggest hurdle in adoption of EV in India. In this context, discuss the distribution of lithium in the world.
18. Discuss the potential of inland fisheries in India.
19. Why traditionally Mumbai has enjoyed cleaner air compared to Delhi.
20. Mumbai has left Delhi behind in air pollution. What has led to this change?
21. What is this mass transport system? Discuss its benefit.
22. Discuss the potential of wind energy. Why wind energy has been lagging compared other sectors.
23. What are faults? What are different types of faults.
24. Why earthquake is frequent in Afghanistan?
25. Discuss the resource potential of India Himalaya Region. Examine the challenge of developing the region.
26. Discuss the locational significance of Bhutan.
27. Discuss the factors responsible for soil degradation in India. Suggest measures to improve.
28. Why Delhi's air is one of the most polluted in India?
29. How important is Arctic for India? Analyze India's arctic policy.
30. What is causing Arctic warming? Should India be worried?
31. What is cloudseeding? Critically examine Pro's and Con's.
32. Analyze the challenges of land degradation in India
33. Discuss the factors responsible for tropical cyclone in India.

## **GS 2**

## **POLITY**

1. Discuss the need to move away from women's development to women led development.
2. Discuss the challenges in higher education in India. Suggest measures

3. Do we need to reconsider the 50% ceiling rule in reservation? Discuss in the light of recent Bihar case census.
4. Assess the impact of women reservation at the local government? Has it yielded substantive benefits?
5. What do you understand by Chilling effect? Explain in the context of press freedom in India
6. What do you understand by fiscal federalism? Why intergovernmental transfers are necessary?
7. Critically examine "North vs South debate" in fiscal federalism.
8. Resolution of dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu can pave the way for addressing interstate river water conflicts. Discuss
9. Discuss the need for codification of parliamentary privileges.
10. What is a money bill? Discuss the controversy over certain bills passed as money bill.
11. What do you understand by freebies? How do they impact the election process?
12. What do you understand by a tribunal? Examine various concerns related to its functioning.
13. What are Scheduled Areas? How are they governed?
14. Examine the status of implementation of 5<sup>th</sup> schedule in India.
15. Why India has one of the highest child undernutrition in the world? Assess efforts of government to handle it.
16. What are family laws? Discuss the need for reforms in them.
17. Do we need UCC? Argue in the light of the Law Commission report.
18. Analyze the key issues and constraints in the implementation of RTI Act.
19. Woman's reproductive autonomy cannot take away the rights of her unborn child. In the light of this discuss the jurisprudence related to abortion in India along with MTP Act.
20. What do you understand by social justice. Examine India's reservation policy in this regard.
21. As per World Hunger Index 2023, India topped the list of countries with the highest child-wasting rate in the world, at 18.7 per cent, reflecting acute under nutrition. In the light of this, examine the problem of child under nutrition in India.
22. Examine India's abortion law.
23. How is the 2021 law different from the earlier 1971 MTP Act? What is the global trend on abortion laws?
24. Is democracy declining in India? Argue your case.
25. Medical education in India needs a revamp. Discuss
26. Despite being a major food producer with extensive food security schemes and the world's largest public distribution system, India faces significant levels of food insecurity, hunger and child malnutrition. Explain
27. Critically examine various issue in same sex marriage in the light of recent SC judgment.
28. Critically examine prolife and pro-choice polarisation with respect to abortion in India.
29. Analyze the MTP Act 2021. How was it an improvement over 1971 Act.
30. What are vertical and horizontal imbalance in fiscal federalism.
31. Critical examine the principles of horizontal devolution in Indian fiscal federalism. Is it just to Southern states.
32. Should Rajya Sabha have equal representation of all states?
33. What is manual scavenging? Discuss efforts by government to eradicate manual scavenging.
34. Why manual scavenging still persists in India.
35. What are parliamentary questions? What role do they serve in Parliamentary committee.
36. What do you understand by politicisation of bureaucracy? Why it is dangerous? How can we prevent it?
37. Conferring personhood on a foetus at expense of a woman's agency is problematic. Critically examine in the light of recent SC judgment.
38. Discuss the role of media in a democracy. Examine various issues and challenges before it.
39. What is judicial activism? Discuss its evolution in India.
40. What is Article 142 of the constitution. Discuss the need for judicial restraint.
41. Discuss the role of Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha.

42. Discuss the challenges in public health in India.
43. What is model code of conduct? Should it be legalised?
44. Discuss the need for Overhaul of criminal laws.
45. Critically analyze Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act (CrPI). Discuss the challenges in its implementation.
46. Discuss how the National Youth Policy NYP 2021 will help in 'unlock the potential of the youth to advance India'
47. Discuss the implantation challenges of National Youth Policy NYP 2021
48. '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?
49. Anti-defection law failed to check defections? Do you agree? Suggest reform measures.

## IR

1. What is the importance of Maldives for India? Discuss the implications of recent elections.
2. What are principles of WTO? Does EU 'Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) violates it?
3. Discuss the impact of EU's carbon tax on India? How can India counter it?
4. Discuss the evolution of India's policy towards its diaspora?
5. India's tightrope walk through the decades over Israel-Palestine has gone from being unequivocally pro-Palestine for the first four decades, to a tense balancing act with its three-decade-old friendly ties with Israel. In this context critically examine India's approach to one of the world's worst inter-state contestations.
6. Defence and security cooperation have been the mainstays of the India -Israel partnership. Discuss
7. Discuss the evolution of India -Israel relationship.
8. Why Middle East is important region for India. Do you think India has abandoned nuanced Middle East policy approach?
9. India's Neighbourhood First Policy is guided by ideas of moral exceptionalism rooted in particular civilisational framings, but is not without strategic pragmatism. Comment
10. What is Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)? Examine India's concerns.
11. What is the mandate of World Bank? Does it need reform
12. What is the IORA? Discuss various focus areas.
13. What was RCEP? Why India opted out of India? Should India reconsider it's decision.
14. What are war crimes? What are relevant international laws related to it.
15. What is international humanitarian law?
16. Discuss the need for the governance reform of MDBs in the light of Marrakech declaration
17. What is China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)? Discuss the main intention behind it.
18. Critically examine various concerns regarding China's Belt and Road Initiative BRI. Are there any alternative projects.
19. Discuss the mandate of WTO. Do you think it is biased against developing countries.
20. What is Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (VCDR).
21. Do you think there is need for reforms of the international financial architecture?
22. Discuss the mandate of IMF. Argue for reform in IMF.
23. Discuss the India Bhutan relations in the background of India China competition.
24. What is Arctic council? Examine various challenges faced by the council. What role India can play.
25. India's vote on UN resolution on Palestine marks a new realism in Middle East policy.

## ECONOMY

1. The recent data from the Reserve Bank of India show that the net financial savings rate of households has slumped. Discuss implications
2. There is a need to move away from a highly “production- centric” approach to a “food systems” approach. Discuss
3. Examine the political economy of agriculture prices in India.
4. Why FDI is important for India? Why it has been falling?
5. What do you understand by economic populism? Examine its implications.
6. Farming is risky business. In the light of the statement discuss the need for farm insurance.
7. Why there is demand to legalise MSP? Will it help farmers? Explain in the context of AP’s new Bill to legally enforce MSPs.
8. Why demand for job is falling in India?
9. What do you understand by Carbon accounting?
10. What do you understand by innovation? Why India lags in innovation?
11. India is going to be the third largest economy by 2030. Discuss the role of innovation of economy.
12. What are freebies? Examine pro’s and con’s.
13. Examine the cause of farm distress in India.
14. Discuss the recommendation of National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan. What is the status of its implementation
15. What is daal roti inflation? In this context critically examine government and RBI inflation policy
16. What do you understand by multi modal transport infrastructure? Discuss its need.
17. What do you understand by gender dividend?
18. What are FPOs? How can they empower farmers?
19. Intensive agriculture has resulted in groundwater problem in India. Discuss
20. There is a U-shaped relationship between economic development and women’s LFP. Explain
21. What is care economy? Discuss gender inequality in care economy
22. What do you understand by comparative advantage? What is India’s comparative advantage? Has Indian industrial policy able to capitalise it.
23. Critically examine India’s industrial policy with special focus on PLI.
24. Millets can play key role in combating hunger and malnutrition
25. India has a wage problem, not job problem. Comment.
26. Minimising climate risk in agriculture will require rewarding farmers to switch from irrigation-heavy crops like paddy and sugarcane to less water-intensive crops like millets, pulses and oilseeds. Discuss
27. Discuss the need to shift from land productivity to water productivity in Indian agriculture.
28. Discuss the impact of climate change on Indian agriculture? Also suggest measures to develop climate resilience.
29. What is inclusive growth? How empowering rural women can lead to inclusive growth?
30. Discuss the potential of Inland waterways in India. Enumerate steps taken by government to increase the share of Inland waterways in India.
31. What is gender divided? Discuss constraints in harnessing it in India.
32. What do you understand by blue economy? Discuss its scope and significance for India.
33. Blue economy can be medium to create green planet. Comment
34. Discuss the need for blue revolution.
35. Discuss the challenges faced by Indian farmers. Can legalising MSP solve them?
36. What do you understand by food fortification? Can it solve hunger and malnutrition in India?
37. What are FTAs? Discuss how far they have been beneficial for Indian economy.
38. Discuss the significance of debt. Is India’s debt unsustainable?



39. What is a purple economy? Discuss the potential of purple economy? How it can lead to inclusive growth?
40. What is Hindu rate of growth? Is India reverting back to Hindu rate of growth?
41. How is MSP calculated? Discuss MS Swaminathan Commission's recommendation in this regard.
42. What do you understand by internationalisation of currency. Make a case for internationalisation of rupee.
43. Examine various issues in crypto currencies? Should it be banned? Argue in the context of IMF FSB synthesis paper.
44. Discuss the challenge of food security.
45. Discuss the relevance of organic farming in India. Also examine the challenges.
46. Analyze the factors responsible for income inequality in India
47. Discuss the concept of Development given by Amartya Sen.
48. What do you understand by human development index? Why is India lagging despite high economic growth.
49. Why Dr. M.S. Swaminathan was called the rice man of India.
50. Can UBI solve the problem of poverty in India.
51. What is middle income trap? Do you think India is heading towards it? How can it be avoided?
52. Can India become a developed nation by 2047?
53. Youth constitute a vital social capital for economic growth. Discuss
54. Indian farmers are forced by the government to subsidise urban consumers. Examine this statement in the light of agri export ban.
55. What is Lewis model of economic development? Discuss its relevance for India.
56. Compare China's and India's economic development.

## SCIENCE

1. What is evergreen of patent? Is it allowed in Indian patent law? Discuss in context of recent issue of Bedaquiline
2. What is MRNA technology? Discuss possible applications.
3. Discuss the challenge of terrorism in India. Examine the legal and institutional architecture to counter it.
4. Discuss the contribution of Professor M.S. Swaminathan
5. How the Digital India Act will shape the future of the country's cyber landscape
6. What do you understand CART cell therapy? Discuss the applications.
7. Does India need GM mustard? Argue your case.
8. Limited lithium resource is biggest hurdle in adoption of EV in India. In this context, discuss the need for sodium-ion batteries. Compare and contrast lithium with sodium ion batteries.
9. Discuss the contribution of MS Swaminathan and Verghese Kurien.
10. Discuss the role of AI in health.
11. What is metaverse? Discuss its potential and concerns.
12. Discuss the significance of human space flight. Also analyse the challenges
13. AI has huge potential in health sector.

## Disaster Management

1. Sikkim's Chungthang dam collapse signals the need for dam safety. In this context, analyse Dam Safety Act 2021.
2. What is disaster risk reduction. Discuss its role in DM.
3. In the wake of Sikkim Dam collapse, does India need to relook the Dam Safety Act?

## ENVIRONMENT

1. Green Revolution hurtled India into an environmental crisis. Discuss
2. India's river interlinking projects are changing monsoon patterns, may worsen water stress. In this context critically examine river linking project.
3. Framing policies and enacting laws are not enough to deal with climate Change. In this context, discuss the concept of LiFE.
4. Discuss the impact of climate induced disaster on agriculture. First-ever global estimation of the impact of disasters on agriculture.
5. Discuss the problem of solid waste management in India.
6. What do you understand by EIA. Discuss its evolution in India.
7. What ails EIA in India?
8. Discuss the need for EIA for all developmental projects in Indian Himalayan Region.
9. How climate change can impact hydro power projects in India.
10. Discuss the concept of carrying capacity with the example of Indian Himalayan Region (IHR).
11. What is climate resilient agriculture?
12. What do you understand by tipping point? Discuss its significance.
13. Discuss the details of Carbon Credit and Trading Scheme (CCTS) notified earlier this year
14. Green Credit Programme encourages citizens to create carbon sinks and be partners in climate action. Discuss

## SECURITY

1. Naxalism as India's greatest internal security challenge. Discuss the causes and reasons why it still persists.
2. Naxalism in India is both a social issue and a security threat. Critically assess India's response to naxalism in the past two decades
3. What is weaponisation of AI. Discuss its dangers.
4. Discuss the role of intelligence in national security. (Context: Israel Hamas tack)
5. What are the internal security challenges being faced by India? Give out the role of Central Intelligence and Investigative Agencies tasked to counter such threats.
6. Examine various issues in functioning of intelligence agencies in India.
7. What do you understand by terrorism? Discuss the threat to India.
8. Discuss the problem of smuggling in India. List measures to stop it.

## GS 4

## Ethics

1. Discuss the relevance of Gandhian Ethics.
2. What is driving India's students to suicide? How can it be prevented?
3. Collective punishment is prohibited under international humanitarian law. In the light of this statement explain just war doctrine
4. Examine ethical issues related to abortion. Does unborn foetus have right?
5. What do you understand by trust? Do you think world is going through global trust crisis? How to overcome it.
6. Discuss the ethical issues involved in abortion
7. Do politics and ethics go together?
8. What do you understand by climate justice? Explain with example
9. Discuss the need for code of ethics for Members of Parliament.

10. What is stigma? How does it impact vulnerable sections of society. Explain with example.
11. What are misleading ads? Discuss the ethical issues with misleading ads.
12. Discuss the problem of corruption in Indian administration.
13. Discuss the need for code of ethics for MPs and Minister.
14. Examine the ethical issues in functioning of MPs.

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