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GS 1

HISTORY

1. Who were Razakars? Why are they so controversial?
2. What led to Allies win in WWII?
3. The example of indentured labour migration from India also illustrates the two-sided nature of the nineteenth-century world.
4. What do you understand by Nehru's tribal panchsheel. How it was used in tribal development?
5. "Tribal revolts were a reaction to an alien, unfeeling administration." Elucidate with reference to the British tribal policy in Eastern India in the nineteenth century.
6. Discuss the origins and character of major peasant and tribal uprisings in the late 18th and 19th centuries were these protest movements backwards-looking?
7. Do you feel that the Santhal Hool (rebellion) 1855-56, was the most effective tribal movement in pre-1857 India?
8. "The railways, instead of serving as the catalyst of an industrial revolution as in Western Europe and the USA, acted in India as 'the catalyst of complete colonization'." - Examine.
9. "Not until independence, when economic development became a conscious and pursued policy, did the Railways begin to realize their potential for assisting in the transformation of the Indian economy." Critically examine
10. Comment upon the Materialist Philosophy in Ancient India.
11. Discuss the origin of Bhakti movement.
12. Assess the impact of Bhakti and Sufi movement on vernacular language and life of common people.

SOCIETY

1. What are dominant castes? Why are they agitating for reservation.
2. An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples.
3. Why are Marathas are protesting for reservation?
4. Women empowerment is key to control population. Examine.
5. Analyze the relation between TFR and Women empowerment.
6. Discuss the factors responsible for incidence of child marriage.
7. Discuss the issues faced by tribals in Indian society.
8. Discuss the evolution of tribal movement in post-independence India.
9. Examine the impact of globalisation on tribes.
10. Discuss the plight of migrant workers in India.
11. Discuss the concept of empowerment? Discuss the challenges in political empowerment of women.

GEOGRAPHY

1. The cause of Delhi's severe air pollution is primarily due to geographical and local factors. Discuss
2. What is El Nino? Discuss its impact on the world.
3. Why pollution problem aggravates in winter.
4. The world is greying faster than ever. Discuss its implications.

5. What is demographic transition? Is India prepared for the demographic transition which is going to happen in next 3 decades.
6. Discuss the geographical distribution of cotton crop in India. Why cotton production is falling? What can be done to address the problem.
7. Water scarcity is a 'national problem'. Discuss.
8. Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in modern India?
9. What do you understand by Urban and peri-urban agriculture? Discuss its significance.
10. What are glaciers? Discuss the erosional and depositional landforms formed by glaciers.
11. What is Glacial Lake Out Flow (GLOF)? How are they formed? Is climate Change responsible?
12. What are locational factors of industry? Explain with example of Iron and Steel industry.
13. Why Chotanagpur plateau has the highest concentration of Iron and steel industry?
14. Analyze the evolution of Iron and Steel industry on the basis of locational factors.
15. What is deep sea mining? Why it is important for India.
16. Discuss the significance of Indian Ocean for India.
17. What are PVTGs? Discuss their distribution.
18. Discuss the geographical distribution of tribes in India
19. Discuss the geographical distribution of opium cultivation in India.
20. Why India has become a major conduit for human and drug trafficking in South Asia?
21. Discuss India's mining potential.
22. Why Indian Himalayan Region is fragile?
23. What are rare earth metals. Discuss their distribution.

GS 2

POLITY

1. What are electoral bonds. Critically examine pros and con's.
2. Electoral bonds are threat to democracy. Do you agree?
3. What do you understand by governance reforms. Discuss its need in the context of Vision 2047.
4. What is Viable foetus versus woman's right debate. Discuss in the context of MTP Act.
5. Analyze various issues in implementation of government schemes.
6. Why has the role of governor become controversial?
7. Discuss the power of Governor with emphasis on Art 200.
8. Examine the debate between the voters' right to information vis-a-vis the right to confidentiality of donors in the context of electoral bonds.
9. Explain with example of POSHAN Tracker how ICT can help in service delivery?
10. What is the mandate of Lokpal. Has it been successful in checking corruption?
11. What is Voting Behaviour? Analyze the factors affecting voting behaviours.
12. What is First Past the Post System? How it is different from mixed member proportional (MMP) system. Critically examine pro's and con's of FPTP system
13. 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
14. Analyze the key issues faced by the Information Commission.
15. Discuss the appointment the process of Central Information Commission.
16. What are freebies? Critically examine freebies culture in Indian politics.
17. What is the Finance Commission? Why is there a need for a Finance Commission?
18. Discuss the role of CAG in meeting the challenges of good governance.
19. CAG should be watch-dog and not a blood-hound.

20. Critically examine the reasons behind judicial pendency in India.
21. CBI an independent agency, not a limb of the Union govt. Discuss. TH
22. What do you understand by criminalization of politics and politicization of crime? Explain
23. Discuss the factors that have led to criminalisation of politics. Discuss the role played by judiciary in decriminalisation.
24. Discuss the position and role of governor in Indian Polity.
25. Do we need state governors? Argue in the backdrop of recent SC observation regarding pending Bills.
26. Discuss the role of Rajya Sabha. Do you think it is superfluous?
27. Argue for an equal representation of states in the Rajya Sabha, irrespective of their population, to maintain a balanced federal structure.
28. Analyze the role of FSSAI.
29. Discuss the role of CAG in achieving good governance.
30. Examine whether the doctrine developed to preserve the Constitution, in essence, assails the people's will.
31. What is Fujiwhara effect? Explain its formation.
32. What do you understand by teacher education. Discuss the issues in teacher education.
33. Analyze National Education Policy 2020.
34. Critically examine India's capital punishment jurisprudence. Should we abolish it?
35. Discuss various program for tribal development in India.
36. Why in spite of numerous schemes tribals are at the bottom of development pyramid?
37. Is there a need for a comprehensive anti-discrimination law that applies to the private sector too? Argue in the light of recent HC judgment on Haryana state Employment of Local Candidates Act 2020.
38. Discuss the powers of the Governor, including his discretionary powers in the light of recent constitutional controversy around Art 200.
39. Why are Indian roads unsafe? Examine India's road safety measures.
40. What is understood by competitive populism? How does it affect India's polity and economy?
41. Governors rejecting Bills without cause undermines parliamentary democracy. Comment
42. The colonial institution needs to be brought in sync with the letter and spirit of federal democracy through judicial intervention or constitutional reform. In the light of this statement, In the light of the statement, Discuss the recommendations of Sarkaria and Punchi Commission
43. Climate change has a tremendous negative impact on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. Discuss
44. Critically examine the present system of appointment of judges of Higher judiciary.
45. Discuss the impact of climate change on public health? Is India prepared?
46. India is passing through an epidemiological transition. Discuss
47. What do you understand by welfare state? Do you think competitive populism has eclipsed genuine welfarism
48. What is model code of conduct? Do you think it should be given statutory status?
49. Analyze the provisions of RPA 1951. How it ensures free and fair elections.
50. Do you think time has come for the Governor's role to be reconsidered?
51. Has the constitution failed us or we have failed the constitution?
52. Assess the success and failure in the last 70 years of Indian Polity. Do we need a review of Indian Constitution?
53. There is an urgent need to develop a governance system for internal migration in India. In this context, examine the implementation of ISMW Act 1979.
54. Indian constitution is a borrowed one. Critically examine.

55. What do you understand by constitutionalism? Is constitutionalism in India a myth? Assess legal aid in India.
56. Discuss the challenges before the Indian polity.
57. Are adjectives attached before the word republic in the Preamble justifiable in the present context.
58. In the last seven decades, the Supreme Court of India has acted as a people's court. In the light of this, discuss the role of the Supreme Court.
59. What is Special Category Status? Why is Bihar demanding it? Discuss recommendation of Raghu Ram Rajan Committee
60. Do we need a court of appeal?
61. Discuss the need to revamp the structure of SC.
62. Examine reasons behind huge backlogs in Judiciary. How can it be solved?
63. The ECI must act independently as the arbiter of election code breaches. In the light of statement discuss provision ensuring independence of EC.

IR

1. Discuss various issues in India -Bangladesh relations.
2. What is the mandate of the United Nations? Has it succeeded?
3. Discuss various issues in India -Bangladesh relations.
4. What is the mandate of FATF. How effective it has been in checking money laundering.
5. India's dependence on the seas for trade and commerce necessitates the protection of the sea lines of communication. In this context discuss the maritime challenges faced by India
6. What is QUAD? Discuss its significance for India.
7. What is the mandate of UNSC? Do you think it has failed in its mandate? Discuss the need for reform.
8. What is Malacca Dilemma? How can India use it against China. Examine the constraints.
9. What is string of pearls? Discuss its strategic and security implications for India.
10. Why Maldives is important for India. Discuss in backdrop of India -China competition.
11. Discuss the potential and challenges of India Brazil relations
12. What is Indo Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)?
13. What do you understand by soft power? Discuss India's soft power potential.
14. Examine the geopolitical fallout of the Israel-Hamas war
15. Discuss India and Australia relationship in the context of Indo Pacific and growing Chinese aggressiveness.
16. What is the South China Dispute? Discuss India's position on it.
17. Has BRICS succeeded? How will expansion impact India and the world?
18. Discuss the role of WHO? Has it been effective in managing global pandemics?
19. Discuss the need for comprehensive global taxation regime.

GS 3

ECONOMY

1. Discuss the significance of livestock in Indian economy. Examine various government initiatives in this field.
2. What is bio fortification? Can it help to fight malnutrition in India?

3. What is worker productivity? Is it the same as labour productivity? Is there a direct link between worker productivity and economic growth?
4. What do you understand by informality? Does having a high informal labour pool complicate the calculation of worker productivity and its correlation to GDP?
5. Discuss the significance of MSME (micro, small, and medium enterprises). Examine the challenges faced by MSME.
6. What is Labour force participation rate (LFPR)? Discuss the emerging trend of LFPR in India.
7. Discuss the impact the rising yield in USA on India
8. What do you understand by productivity in economy? Analyze factors responsible for low productivity in India.
9. Discuss various issues in the PDS.
10. Discuss the need for diversification of cropping pattern in Punjab.
11. What is digital agriculture? Discuss its potential and challenges in India.
12. How digital agriculture can help in doubling of farming income.
13. Why Punjab farmers refuse to phase out water-guzzling paddy despite rapid groundwater depletion
14. The growth of India's pharmaceutical industry was fuelled by the Indian patents Act of 1970. Comment
15. Critically examine the role of patents in achieving universal healthcare in India. In this context, critically examine Draft Patents (Amendments) Rules, 2023.
16. Discuss the need for Digital Competition Act.
17. How climate change impact the economy? How can carbon emissions be decoupled from economic growth?
18. Discuss the growth versus inflation trade-offs.
19. Assess India's economic growth in the last one decade.
20. Discuss the potential of floriculture in doubling farming income.
21. What is cropping pattern? Do you think rice wheat cropping pattern is responsible for Delhi's pollution problem? What can be done?
22. How will India's growing population impact its progress?
23. Discuss the food inflation problem of India. Is Restricting Exports and Imposing Stocking Limits the Optimal Policy?
24. Do you think globalisation is retreating?
25. Discuss the challenges in transition to electric mobility.
26. What is black money? Examine the factors responsible for tax evasion.
27. What are tax havens? Why they matter for India.
28. What is roundtripping? How does Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) is related to it.
29. Differentiate between food security vs nutritional security. Can Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)
30. The development of our tribal areas and improvement in the economic and social condition of our tribal populations is fundamentally linked to our concept of inclusive growth. Discuss
31. Discuss the role of mining in economic growth.
32. What are freebies? Discuss the political economy of free power in Indian states.
33. Climate change can derail India's inclusive growth.
34. What are subsidies? Discuss their need for a country like India. What are the challenges
35. What are the different types of agriculture subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by them.
36. Can export become the engine of economic growth for India? Discuss the challenges
37. Analyze the Foreign Trade Policy 2023.

38. What was the Balance of Payment crisis? How did India overcome it?
39. What do you understand by cropping pattern? Discuss the determining factors.
40. Paddy cultivation has played havoc with the water table in the state of Punjab. In this context, discuss the need to shift to millets. What the challenges involved in this shift? Suggest measures.
41. Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) scheme is failure. Comment.
42. Can economic growth be equated to economic development? Critically assess how far GDP represents wellbeing of the people.
43. What do you understand by disinvestment. Examine India's disinvestment policy
44. Freebies do along term damage to economy. Discuss with example of MSP.

SCIENCE & TECH

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents enormous global opportunities on one hand and its also prone to misuse. Discuss the various risks of AI in the context of Bletchley declaration.
2. What is antimicrobial resistance? How does it happen? What factors fastens this process?
3. Examine efforts at the national and international to check antimicrobial resistance?
4. What is deepfakes? Discuss security threats posed by them
5. What are green crackers?
6. What is MDR TB? In this context examine the challenge of TB.
7. Food security policy has to become farmer-centric. Discuss
8. Assess India's patent ecosystem? How far it is pro innovation?
9. Quantum Computing (QC) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are arguably two of the most transformative technologies of our era. Discuss their applications.
10. What are deep fakes? Examine their impact on society.

ENVIRONMENT

1. What are Biosphere reserves? Discuss their role in conservation of bio diversity.
2. What are animal corridors? Discuss their significance.
3. What is stubble burning? Examine its consequence.
4. What is Project Cheetah. Assess its success.
5. Discuss the problem air pollution.
6. Discuss the problem of stubble burning. Suggest alternative
7. What are the sources of Delhi pollution?
8. What is the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act 2023? How does it affect FRA?
9. Analyze the features of PESA. Critically examine its implementation.
10. The strategically important Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep are seeing a clash between development and conservation. Comment
11. Discuss the environment impact of adoption EV in the context of management of EV batteries.
12. What do you understand by climate finance? How much financial assistance do developing countries need?
13. 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.
14. What do you understand by different generations of bioethanol? Discuss the role of bioethanol in achieving energy independence.
15. Critically examine the question of food vs fuel in the context of bioethanol economy. How can it be revolved?

16. What do you understand by climate smart agriculture? Discuss the need for it.
17. Examine green vs poor debate in the context of climate change
18. What is gene editing? Discuss its potential applications.
19. What do you understand by carrying capacity? Discuss the carrying capacity of Indian Himalayan Region.
20. Discuss the challenge of biomedical waste in India.
21. What is rathole mining? Examine its environmental impact.
22. What do you understand by Net zero?

SECURITY

1. What is meant by hawala transaction? How does it work, especially in reference to terrorist organisations?
2. Discuss the mandate of CBI? How does the federal nature of Indian polity impact its functioning?
3. Analyze the problem of drug trafficking in India.
4. What is the mandate of ED? Critically examine the amendment to PLMA.
5. Discuss the challenges to India's coastal security. Assess our preparedness in this context.
6. How has India's counter-terrorism strategy changed post 26/11?

GS 4

ETHICS

1. Discuss various ethical issues in use of AI.
2. What is aptitude? Why it is important?
3. What is political neutrality? Why it is essential civil service value?
4. Why integrity is considered as the most important value in civil services?
5. Differentiate between sympathy, empathy and compassion with relevant example.
6. Discuss various ethical issues in use of AI.
7. What is integrity? Why it is important?
8. What is accountability? Why it is important?
9. Differentiate between retributive and reformatory approach towards punishment.
10. What is medical ethics?
11. What is work ethics? Why it is important?
12. Is capital punishment ethical.
13. What do you understand by tolerance? Why it is important value?
14. What is moral hypocrisy? Explain in the context of ethics in IR.
15. Why empathy is important in civil services? Explain with examples.
16. What do you understand by leadership? Discuss the qualities of leader.
17. What do you understand by corporate governance?
18. What do you understand by stigma? Explain with example.
19. Discuss the concept of emotional labour.

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