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GS 1

History

1. Discuss the reasons for the tribal unrest in Chotanagpur region during British Rule.
2. What was Jharkhand movement? Trace its evolution.
3. Indian National Army trials were the definite cause of the withdrawal of the British rule in India in August 1947. Comment

Geography

1. Jharkhand is a rich state inhabited by poor people. Discuss the resource base of the state and reasons for its backwards
2. Discuss the distribution of oil seeds production in India.
3. India has demographic divide.
4. What do you understand by demographic dividend? Discuss challenges in harnessing it.
5. What are atmospheric rivers? Explain their formation.
6. Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulse.
7. Discuss the distribution of pulse crop in India.
8. Discuss the transformative potential of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).
9. What is Red Sea crisis? What has been the financial impact so far? How has the crisis hurt Indian interests?
10. How important is the Red Sea trading route to India? Can the IMEC address the Red Sea crisis?
11. Discuss the Land-use Changes in India in the last 70 years.
12. What are the different types of environmental problems of land resources in India?
13. What are the important strategies for agricultural development followed in the post-independence period in India?
14. Why is Suez Canal so important? Why trade through it has been decreasing in recent times?

Society

1. Discuss the challenges emerging from fast population growth and demographic changes.
2. India should focus on population development rather than n population control. Discuss
3. Women empowerment is key to population control.
4. Is burden of a growing population an obstacle to its continued economic growth?
5. How changing demographic dynamics can help women workforce participation rate.
6. The implications of the growing population on human development in India
7. Women empowerment is best tool to fight cycle of poverty, malnutrition and ill health.
8. What is patriarchy? How does it impact women?

Polity

1. Do we need small states? Explain with case study of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.
2. What ails India's health system?
3. Environmental governance needs to be institutionalised. Discuss
4. Discuss the Sarkaria Commission recommendation regarding Governor.
5. Should criminal defamation be abolished?
6. What do you mean by union territory? How is it different from a full-fledged state? Why is Ladakh demanding statehood?
7. What is the 6th Schedule? Why is Ladakh demanding to be included in the 6th Schedule? Can it be done?
8. Discuss various issues pertaining to Indian federalism.
9. Why malnutrition persists in India. Discuss the policy to counter it.
10. What is UCC? Why does India need a UCC? Is it the right time to implement UCC?
11. What do you understand by proxy representation?
12. Trace the evolution of jurisprudence around the death penalty in India.
13. What are the challenges that democracy faces in our country and elsewhere?
14. What is democracy? Differentiate between substantive and procedural democracy
15. What are simultaneous elections? Discuss pros and cons.
16. Discuss the need for electoral reforms in India.
17. Supreme Court's judgment on the Electoral Bonds Scheme is a much-needed boost for the flagging Right to Information Act. In this context, examine the implementation challenges of the RTI Act.
18. What were electoral bonds? Why did the SC hold them unconstitutional.
19. Starting from inventing the 'basic structure' doctrine, the judiciary has played a highly proactive role in ensuring that India develops into a thriving democracy. In light of the statement, evaluate the role played by judicial activism in achieving the ideals of democracy.
20. Discuss the role of the Supreme Court.
21. The Places of Worship Act imposes a non-derogable obligation towards enforcing our commitment to secularism under the Indian Constitution.
22. Discuss the challenges in affordable housing.
23. Should the right to health be a legal guarantee? Argue
24. The role of governors was always envisaged as a bridge between the elected governments at the state and the Union. Discuss
25. What is constitutionalism? Is constitutionalism in India a myth or reality?
26. Should India have regional benches of the Supreme Court?
27. Structure and functioning of political parties need to be reformed. Discuss
28. There is a deep chasm between the functioning of the state finance commissions (FC) as envisioned and the reality on the ground. Comment
29. "Everyone wants decentralisation, but only up to his level". In the light of this statement critically examine decentralisation in India.

30. Analyze various issue in horizontal distribution and vertical distribution in fiscal federalism in India.
31. What do you understand by North South divide in fiscal federalism in India? How can it be resolved?
32. Why was the Surrogacy (Regulation) Rules, 2022 challenged? What does the new amendment stipulate? Why were the modifications deemed necessary by the Supreme Court?
33. There is a dietary transition in India in last 3 decades. Discuss implications

IR

1. Expanded BRICS coalition is poised to redefine global economic cooperation and geopolitical influence. Critically comment
2. Why has BRICS failed to become an effective force?
3. What is mandate of WTO? Why is WTO dispute settlement is not working?
4. Discuss the geo economic importance of Kaladan Project
5. Discuss India- UAE relationship.
6. Why is gulf important for India.
7. Discuss the significance of gulf region for India.
8. Analyze India -UAE relationship.
9. Discuss India Greece relations.
10. Why India's food stocking policy which has been contentious at WTO?
11. What is at stake for India at 13th Ministerial Conference of the WTO (MC13)?
12. How has Ukraine war changed the global order?
13. Discuss the implication of Ukraine war on India.

GS 3

Economy

1. Discuss the challenges in India achieving \$7trn target by 2030.
2. What is growth-inflation dynamics? Discuss the need for harmony between fiscal and monetary Policy.
3. What is disinvestment? Discuss its objective and importance.
4. Why MSME is considered as prerequisite to inclusive growth? Discuss their challenges.
5. What is understood by Agricultural diversification? Discuss its need.
6. Animal husbandry and fishery can double famers income. Discuss
7. What is populism? Discuss its impact on economy.
8. Why India imports edible oil?
9. Discuss the need of FDI.
10. What is tax buoyancy?
11. Discuss the need to move away from subsidies to investment in Indian agriculture
12. J.P. Morgan unveiled its plan to include Indian local currency government bonds (LCGBs) in its Government Bond Index Emerging Markets (GBIEM) Global index suite. In this context, are there any risk of internationalisation of India's bond market?

13. What is public debt? Discuss its impact.
14. What are reasons for rise in global debt?
15. Why has investments stagnated? How far rising inequality is responsible for it?
16. What are strategic oil storages
17. Discuss the need for disinvestment.
18. What do you understand by circular economy? How can it help in sustainable development?
19. Normally countries shift from agriculture to industry and then later to services, but India shifted directly from agriculture to what are the reasons for the huge growth of services vis -à-vis industry in the country? Can India become a developed country without a strong industrial base?
20. Why has industrialisation been stagnant in India?
21. Account for the failure of manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labour-intensive exports. Suggest measures for more labour-intensive rather than capital-intensive.
22. “Industrial growth rate has lagged behind in the overall growth of Gross-Domestic-Product (GDP) in the post-reform period” Give How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate?
23. Analyze the reasons for high inflation in India.
24. What is MSP? How it is calculated?
25. Discuss the implication of MSP on cropping pattern and agriculture economy.
26. Why are farmers demanding for legal MSP? Are there any concerns?
27. Examine agri crisis in India.
28. Discuss the macroeconomic Impact of harmonizing electoral cycles.
29. What is cropping pattern? Discuss the factors determining cropping pattern.
30. Why is India not self-sufficient in pulses?
31. What is the potential Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Discuss its determinants. Also mention the factors which constrained India in achieving its potential GDP.
32. Discuss the impact of IMEC on Indian economy.
33. Giving MSP legal status will be counterproductive? Do you agree? Argue
34. There is an economic rationale exists for a regime of MSPs backed by law. Comment
35. Is de-globalization a reality? What will be impact on world and Indian economy?

Science and tech

1. What do you understand by digital public goods? Discuss applications.
2. Why does India lag behind science and technology?
3. What is Nano Fertilizer? Discuss its advantage.
4. What do you understand by deep tech? Discuss its applications.
5. Critically examine Draft Patents (Amendment) Rules 2023. Does it compromises patients interests.
6. What is CART – T cell therapy? Discuss its application
7. What are stem cells? Discuss its applications? Are there any concerns?
8. What is Quantum Computing? Discuss its implications

Environment

1. **What are wetlands? What ecosystem services they provide. Discuss legal and institutional architecture for their preservation and protection.**
2. **What is the definition of 'forest'? Discuss in the context of recent SC observation on Forest (Conservation) Act.**
3. **Discuss the problem of water pollution in India.**
4. **Discuss the challenge of solid waste management in India.**
5. **Discuss the challenge of land desertification in India.**

GS 4

Ethics

1. **What are ethical issues in use of stem cells?**
2. **What do you understand by trust? Does trust in national government matter?**
3. **Is it ethical to use AI to clone voices for creative purposes?**
4. **AI has raised several ethical issues**
5. **What is sensitivity? Why it is needed?**
6. **What are ethical issues in surrogacy?**

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