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### GS 1

#### History

1. **Discuss the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi in freedom struggle movement in India.**
2. **Why was emergency imposed? Examine its impact. What lessons can be drawn?**

#### Society

1. **Despite affirmative action programmes, caste continues to shape inequalities. Discuss**
2. **What are the determinants of fertility rate of a population.**
3. **What is dominant caste? Why are they demanding reservations?**
4. **Women empowerment is best toll to control population. Comment.**
5. **Impact of climate change is gendered. Discuss**
6. **Assam get flooded every year. Is it because of its geography? What other factors have led to this?**
7. **The rapid growth of India's aging population poses serious health challenge. Discuss**

## **Geography**

1. **What are mangroves? Why are they important? Examine factors that threaten mangrove ecosystem.**
2. **What are heat waves? Discuss the favourable factors that causes heat waves?**
3. **What role do the oceans play in regulating the climate and supporting life on Earth? How climate change relates to oceans?**
4. **Why land degradation in India has increased and suggest measures how to deal with it?**
5. **What are wildfires? Discuss the factors responsible for forest fires.**
6. **Which regions in India are prone to forest fires? Explain why?**
7. **Discuss the strategic importance of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**
8. **What are transshipment ports. Explain with example.**
9. **Explain the monsoon mechanism**
10. **Discuss the strategic importance of Andaman Nicobar Islands. What are the ecological and social concerns about NITI Aayog's mega project on Great Nicobar Island?**
11. **Why Himalayas are vulnerable to disasters?**
12. **What are Glacial Lake Outflow Floods? Why are they increasing?**
13. **What is rain-shadow effect?**
14. **What is coral bleaching? Discuss the factors responsible for it.**
15. **What is western disturbance? Discuss its impact on India**
16. **Why forest fires are increasing? How can they be controlled?**
17. **Why urban cities are getting flooded frequently?**
18. **What is land degradation? Analyse the factors responsible for it.**
19. **Why Assam get flooded every year?**
20. **Land degradation and desertification is the biggest threat to humanity. In this context analyse the reasons and suggest measures to combat it.**
21. **Why coffee prices are growing? Discuss the geographical distribution of coffee cultivation.**
22. **What are extreme weather events? Are we prepared for it?**
23. **Discuss the hydro power potential of North east India. Are there any Environmental and social concerns.**
24. **Discuss the distribution of population in the world.**
25. **What is demographic dividend? Explain with case of India.**
26. **The growth and development of a country is linked to population dynamics. Discuss**
27. **India has become world's most populous country? Should we be worried?**
28. **Why eastern India is less developed compared to other regions? Discuss budget imitative to improve it.**
29. **What is deep sea mining? Why India is interested in it? Are there any concerns?**

## **GS 2**

### **IR**

1. **What is CPEC? Why is India opposed to it?**

2. What do you understand by 'The String of Pearls'? How does it impact India? Briefly outline the steps taken by India to counter this.
3. India's 'Neighbourhood First policy' guides its approach towards the management of relations with countries in its immediate neighbourhood. Discuss
4. Is India's 'neighbourhood first policy' unable to win regional allies?
5. What is the mandate of ICC? Is it effective?
6. What are Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence? Are they still relevant?
7. Is NAM still relevant?
8. Discuss major issues in India-Nepal ties.
9. What is Indus Water Treaty? Make a case for its review.
10. What are news issues at WTO? Discuss India's position on them.
11. Examine the challenges facing India -Nepal relations? Why Nepal is important for India.
12. What is IPEF? Critically examine pro's and con's of India joining IPEF.
13. NATO is not only the most successful and strongest, but also the longest-lasting Alliance in history. Comment
14. What is QUAD? Discuss its significance and challenges for India.
15. Will expansion of BRICS help India?
16. Examine the challenges facing India -Nepal relations? Why Nepal is important for India.
17. Argue for India's bid for UNSC Permanent membership. Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UNSC
18. The need for reforms in the United Nations security council (UNSC). Discuss
19. What is the BIMSTEC grouping and how is it significant for India and region?

## **Polity**

1. Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Analyse the efforts to stop human trafficking in India.
2. Discuss the status of "Right to property" in India.
3. What is Mission Karma yogi? How can it help in achieving the dream of developed India?
4. What determines voting behaviours in India?
5. Discuss the nature of party system in India.
6. The share of women parliamentarians has never crossed the 15% mark in India's 70-year-old electoral history.
7. Women's Reservation Bill Is Significant, but Concerted Efforts Needed to Realise Full Potential. Comment.
8. What are cabinet committees? Discuss their role? Also suggest reforms in their functioning.
9. What is Cooperative federalism? Is cooperative federalism myth or reality in India?
10. Analyze the challenges in India federalism.
11. Discuss the evolution of Indian federalism in last 75 years.
12. 'Constitutional Morality' is rooted in the Constitution itself and is founded on its essential facets. Explain the doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' with the help of relevant judicial decisions.

13. How can the impartiality of the Speaker's office be preserved? What are the main roles of the Speaker?
14. Discuss issues and challenges in organ transplantation in India. Analyse the legal regulation governing organ transplantation.
15. Do we need state governors? Argue in the backdrop of recent SC observation regarding pending Bills.
16. Why exam leaks have become common in India. Analyse how the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 checks it?
17. What is PESA? Assess its implementation. Has the PESA has boosted forest conservation in India
18. Discuss the present position of Right to Property in Indian Constitution in the light of recent case pertaining to Art 31
19. What is Leader of Opposition? What is its significance? What has been recent controversies regarding it.
20. What are 6th Scheduled Areas? How are they governed? Why is Ladakh demanding one?
21. Discuss the role of speaker? How can impartiality of speaker be maintained?
22. Discuss the increasing burden of NCDs in India.
23. 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) Act, 2023.
24. Discuss the 'reform' the criminal justice system.
25. What is Climate Right? Do we have climate right in India? How can it be enforced?
26. What is Special Category Status? Why are so many poor and even middle-income states clamouring for a SCS status?
27. What is concurrent list? Will removing concurrent list will strengthen Indian federalism?
28. Critically examine the three criminal laws. Will they bring reform in Criminal Justice system?
29. What are cabinet committees? Discuss its role.
30. What are parliamentary privileges? Do we need to codify it.
31. Is Women's Reservation Act of 2023 a symbolic gesture or a Significant Stride Towards Empowerment?
32. In recent times, we are witnessing that Parliamentary control over the executive is becoming quite ineffective. Discuss.
33. Examine the various challenges facing the Indian Parliament.
34. Examine India's population policy with emphasis on family planning.
35. Should States get special packages outside Finance Commission allocations?
36. Disruption is Parliament's biggest problem. Critically examine.
37. Discuss the need for reform in civil services.
38. Why women have not been fairly represented in Parliament in independent India?
39. Examine the factors responsible for increasing criminalisation of Indian Politics.
40. Do you think the Finance Commission needs to have a relook at criteria for Fiscal Devolution
41. What are special category states? Discuss the criteria on basis of which it is given?

42. Discuss the challenges in harnessing demographic dividend in India.
43. Discuss the need for reform in civil services.
44. Is India equipped to deal with the rise in its elderly population? Discuss the elderly policy.
45. How prevalent is illegal coal mining in India? What are the legal frameworks governing coal mining in India?
46. What is the mandate of Niti Aayog? Has it succeeded?
47. Compare and contrast Niti Aayog with Planning Commission
48. In India, a sanitation worker dies every 5 days. Discuss their protection and welfare. Are they effective?
49. Discuss the growing challenge of mental health in India.
50. Do you think it is time we examine reservation policy in India.

### GS 3

#### Economy

1. How does inequality affect growth? How can inequality be tackled?
2. Over the last two decades, labour's contribution is much lower than growth of the working age population would suggest, in sharp contrast to what China and Korea achieved during their demographic transition. Explain reasons and implications
3. Critically examine agriculture subsidy. How have they impacted the cropping pattern?
4. Discuss the challenges facing Indian agriculture.
5. Why net financial savings is falling? Should we be concerned?
6. Do we need to review India's FTA?
7. Justify the need for FDI in Indian economy. Explain why it is on declining trend in recent years.
8. Make a case for tranship port.
9. Examine the challenges in India ports.
10. Discuss reforms needed in Indian agriculture.
11. Why India lags in manufacturing?
12. Water crisis in India is linked to faulty cropping pattern. Do u agree? explain with example.
13. The quality of Employment determines how benefits of growth reach people. In the light of this, discuss the quality of employment in India.
14. Suggest measures to make India a manufacturing hub
15. Should Minimum Support Price be legalized? Argue your case
16. Discuss the significance of livestock in Indian economy. Discuss the challenges. Examine various government initiatives in this field
17. Differentiate between FTA and BITs? Which one is better suited for Indian economy?
18. Discuss the impact of GST.
19. Unemployment problem is the biggest challenge before India. Examine reasons and solutions.
20. Why economic inequality is rising in India? How can it be arrested?
21. Argue for legal guarantee of MSP.
22. Why India's per capita income is low? How can it be improved?

23. What is buffer stock? Discuss its significance.
24. What do you understand by employability. Do you think it is the missing link in the job crisis in India. What are we missing doing so? Where will the jobs that India desperately needs come from? Explain.
25. Rather than a China plus one policy, it is nearshoring or friendshoring that is gaining vogue. Comment
26. Discuss the danger of retail credit boom
27. What do you understand by Human Capital. Assess India's human capital.
28. The National Crime Records Bureau data tells us that 1,00,474 farmers and agricultural workers committed suicide between 2015 and 2022. Discuss the reasons behind this.
29. What are the possible solutions to the agrarian crisis.
30. Examine India's EV policy. How does the revised policy align with India's goals of enhancing local manufacturing and technology adoption in the EV industry?
31. There has been demand from industry for expansion of the ₹1.97-lakh crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme. In this context explain how this scheme is different from previous attempts of government to boost manufacturing.
32. What is informal economy? Assess its growth in last one decade. Critically examine governments attempt to formalize it.
33. Analyse the trend in employment growth in India as per the KLEMS data recently released by the RBI
34. Does India's agriculture policy need a relook?
35. Rising household spending in the last decade seems to have been driven by a savings dip and rise in debt. Is it cause of concern?
36. Quality jobs will reduce the reliance on populist schemes that are resulting in severe fiscal stress. Comment
37. India ranks second in global agriculture production, but its share in global agricultural exports is only 2.4%. Explain why? What can be done to improve India's share?
38. Discuss the scope and significance of food processing in India.
39. Discuss the state of inform economy in India.
40. India needs women in workforce to fully tap economic potential. Discuss
41. Analyse the major constraints in doubling farmers income.
42. Over the years, there has been a perceptible shift in the employment structure in India. Explain
43. Do you think its time to rethink inflation targeting in India? Give arguments
44. Despite global food prices falling since July 2022, domestic food prices have continued to rise in low-income nations. Explain
45. Analyse the reasons of low productivity of Indian agriculture.
46. Discuss the need to move from basic food security to nutritional security.
47. What is jobless and job loss growth? Argue for Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme in place for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme
48. Discuss the need to shift away from subsidies to investments in agriculture.
49. Discuss the strategy laid out in Budget 2024-25 to increase productivity and resilience in agriculture



50. Budget 2024-25 highlights the importance of the MSME sector in the Indian economy. In this context, discuss the challenges of MSME sector along with initiatives in budget to solve them.
51. Has PLI scheme failed?
52. Critically examine India's FDI policy with emphasis on China.
53. As per budget 2025 India has decided to move away from fiscal deficit targeting. In the light of this critically examine FRBM Act.
54. What is inclusive growth? Explain how MSME achieves inclusive growth
55. Discuss the major challenges of animal rearing with focus on fodder.
56. Examine why India's dependence on China has significantly increased over the past 20 years and what China's growing presence in India might mean.
57. Discuss how the budget 2025 aims in achieving demographic dividend?
58. Discuss how budget will help boost food and nutrition security.
59. The budget has Shifted focus from fiscal deficit to debt-GDP ratio. Why

### **Environment**

1. Explain the paradoxical relationship between agriculture and Climate change.
2. What is carrying capacity?
3. What do you understand by biodiversity. Analyse the factors responsible for decline.
4. Discuss environmental impacts of illegal mining in India.
5. Differentiate between Climate adaptation and climate mitigation? Why Economic Survey argues for climate adaptation, not mitigation

### **Security**

1. Discuss the internal security challenge.
2. Discuss the need for national security doctrine.
3. The drug menace in India's northeastern states has major implications for the country's external and internal security. Discuss
4. Twenty-five years after Kargil, reforms of India's national security system are still too incremental and tentative. Comment

### **Science and tech**

1. What are deepfakes? Discuss their impacts. Is present legal regime sufficient to handle them?
2. Why India lags behind in innovation?
3. Can India increase the share of manufacturing to 25% of GDP? Explain how?
4. Analyse the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) Bill.
5. The importance of science, technology, research, and development in building the foundations of a great Indian economy cannot be understated. In this context give reasons why India is lagging in science, technology, research, and development.
6. Why are dengue cases on the rise worldwide?
7. What is personalised medicine?

8. Nuclear energy is expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat. In the light of this statement explain the 3-stage nuclear program and challenges in harnessing nuclear energy

### Disaster Management

1. Are Indian cities prepared for heat waves?
2. What are crowd disasters? Discuss the factors that trigger them? Discuss NDMA guideline about crowd disasters

### GS 4

### Ethics

1. What is moral authority and legitimacy? Why it is important in governance.
2. What is mob justice? Is it ethical?
3. Discuss ethical issues in organ donation.
4. Discuss the ethical issues in whistleblowing?
5. What is civil duty? How can it be inculcated in citizens?
6. What do you understand by quality of service? Explain with recent example.
7. What is integrity? Why it is important in civil services?
8. What are All India Services (Conduct) Rules 1968, and the IAS (Probation) Rules 1954
9. What is intragenerational and intergenerational equity.
10. Case study: Corporate Ethics and Environment Protection

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