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### GS 1

#### History

1. **What are classical languages? What benefit they have over other language?**
2. **Write a short note on Pali literature.**
3. **Critically analysis the cause and the results of the Chinese revolution of 1949**
4. **Revolutions, whether in Russia (1917) or in China (1949), are a disastrous way of transforming a country. Comment.**
5. **In the Chinese Revolution of 1949, the elements of communism and nationalism were discernible. Explain the statement in the light of Mao's strategy which was different from that of Lenin.**
6. **Why did Communism survive in China but not in the USSR?**
7. **What are classical languages and schedule languages?**
8. **Review India's role in Bangladesh war of independence.**
9. **What was Assam movement and Assam accord.**

## **Geography**

1. Why North Bihar sees floods every year
2. Why Indian Ocean is important for India?
3. Discuss the locational factors for Indian textile industry. Why is the textile industry struggling to perform better?
4. What is a tsunami? What causes it? Which regions in India are prone to Tsunami?
5. Explain the cause and effect of urban heat island (UHI) effect.
6. What is the Northern Sea Route and how important is it for India?
7. Discuss the reasons for low sex ratio in India. What are the consequences of India's falling sex ratio?
8. Discuss the strategic significance of Galathea Bay.
9. Why have concerns been raised over aging populations in South India?
10. Why NCR region is faces air pollution crisis every year around Nov-Dec?
11. Why Bay of Bengal has so many cyclones?
12. India needs a stable population, not more children. Examine
13. Why is India's eastern coast prone to cyclones?
14. Discuss the distribution of fertilizer industry in India. Why India imports fertilizer.
15. Is there any relation between El Nino and global warming? If yes explain
16. What is regional disparity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India?

## **GS 2**

## **Polity**

1. What is asymmetric federalism? Why is India called asymmetric federal nation?
2. Compare and contrast Indian federalism with American federalism.
3. What is 6th schedule of the constitution? Why is the Union Territory of Ladakh asking for protection of the region under the sixth schedule of the Constitution?
4. What changes has the Union Government recently introduced in the domain of Centre-State relations? Suggest measures to be adopted to build the trust between the Centre and the States and for strengthening federalism.
5. Critically examine pros and cons of One Nation and One election
6. Discuss the deficits in health care sector in India. Has Ayushman Bharat bridged them?
7. Assess the impact of RTI in last 20 years on governance standards of the country.
8. Examine the challenges in implementation of RTI Act.
9. Critically examine challenges facing NGO's in India especially International NGO.
10. Analyze various issue related to organ donation and transplantation in India.
11. Make a case for Universal Basic Income (UBI).
12. Discuss the provisions related to citizenship in the constitution. In this context discuss recent SC judgement on sec 6A of Citizenship Act.
13. Explain the reasons behind frequent disagreements between state governments and Governors. How can it be avoided?



14. **Secularism is an indelible and core part of the Basic Structure of the Constitution. Discuss**
15. **What is constitution? Discuss its function.**
16. **Identify the core constitutional values that have shaped the constitutional culture of India**
17. **Explain India's asymmetric federalism in the context of Ladakh demand of 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule**
18. **Why was Anti -Defection law enacted? Analyse its provisions.**
19. **The implementation of Anti -Defection law has revealed certain gaps and challenges that need to be addressed to make the law more effective and impartial. Discuss**
20. **What then, is euthanasia, the so-called 'mercy killing' of a patient? Differentiate between Active and Passive euthanasia. What is legal position on euthanasia.**
21. **Judgements of the SC continually reshape the forms of federalism in India. Comment**
22. **What is the current status of the U.S.-Israel ties? Why does the U.S. always back Israel?**
23. **Has Model Code of Conduct reduced to a rule book. In the light of this statement critically examine the effectiveness of MCC.**
24. **Make a case for public funding of elections in India.**
25. **Electoral reforms is a must to enhance the quality of democracy in India. What are the suggested reforms by various commissions and committees and how far are they significant to make democracy successful?**
26. **What is Delimitation exercise? Why it is important? Discuss constitutional provisions about it. Also examine challenges**

## **IR**

1. **Why West Asian region is important for India?**
2. **Discuss India's west Asia policy.**
3. **Why SCO remains important for India?**
4. **Discuss India's Indian Ocean strategy.**
5. **What is GCC? Why it matters for India.? Examine in the backdrop of first foreign minister meeting.**
6. **What is citizenship? Discuss the concept along with constitutional provisions.**
7. **Why is Maldives important for India?**
8. **Critically examine India Maldives relation in the context of 'big power competition'.**
9. **Discuss the economic and strategic significance of IMEC. What are the roadblocks it faces?**
10. **What is 'Global Digital Compact' (GDC)? What are the GDC's lacunae?**
11. **Critically examine the evolution of India's Palestine policy.**
12. **Differentiate between Look East and Act East Policy with emphasis on ASEAN.**
13. **Critically examine India – Canada relations.**
14. **The global non-proliferation system is in greater peril than at any time since the Cold War. In the light of this statement discuss nuclear non-proliferation system.**
15. **Examine various issues constraining India Pakistan relationship.**

16. Cold War 2.0 is an emerging and ongoing phenomenon. What implications it has for India.
17. The UK'S decision to transfer sovereignty of the strategically significant Chagos Archipelago to Mauritius is a watershed moment in international relations and maritime geopolitics. Discuss
18. Critically examine India's Myanmar policy.
19. What is Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)? How India benefits from it.

## GS 3

### Disaster Management

1. Is India prepared for next tsunami?
2. 2024 marks 25 years of Odisha Super Cyclone. Has India's cyclone preparedness improved?
3. What is disaster management? How has it evolved in India? What changes were introduced by DM Act 2005.
4. Recent urban floods are manmade. Explain with Chennai example.

### Economy

1. Why skilling efforts by GOI have not yielded result.
2. What is silver economy? Discuss its potential
3. Why India's per capita income is low? How can it be improved?
4. In four working papers prepared by the RBI's Department of Economy & Policy Research, farmers are found to have earned far less share of the consumer rupee in the case of fruits, including banana, grapes and mangoes and essential vegetables such as tomatoes, onions and potatoes. In the light of this statement discuss the challenges of agri marketing in India.
5. A growing wave of speculative activity in the futures and options (F&O) market can be dangerous for Indian economy. Discuss
6. Examine the challenges in horticulture sector.
7. What is PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan? How has it transformed India's logistics sector?
8. Can India achieve 25% manufacturing target?
9. Critically examine issues ailing food and fertilizer subsidy in India. Should India do away with Agri subsidies? What are other alternatives to support farmers?
10. Who are gig workers? Examine the issues faced by them.
11. Analyse the issues facing dairy sector.
12. Share of labour income in GDP has either stagnated or fallen across varying levels of per capita income. In the light of this statement examine various challenges in achieving inclusive growth? What strategies India must adopt?
13. Why some countries are rich while others are poor?
14. India's agricultural sector is the cornerstone of its economy. Discuss
15. Analyse the challenges facing Agri sector. Suggest measures.
16. Examine the relationship between institutions and prosperity.

17. **Global Hunger Index (GHI) that places India poorly in relation to other nations. Give reasons**
18. **Examine causes of food insecurity. Also discuss its effects.**
19. **Critically examine the negative impact of Green Revolution.**
20. **Why India ranks poorly on the Global Hunger Index 2024?**
21. **How is Global Hunger Index computed? Why has the Ministry of Women and Child Development raised concerns over the data collection method?**
22. **Why food inflation is a 'persistent' phenomenon in India? Why has monetary policy failed to quell it?**
23. **The climate crisis disproportionately hits the poor. In this context, examine the challenges of climate change for achieving inclusive growth.**
24. **Analyse the major challenges before India in achieving SDGs.**
25. **Critically examine the employability crisis in India.**
26. **Is dependence on farming for livelihoods and incomes rising in India? What implications it has for a developed India goal.**
27. **Do you think there is a need to revisit India's FTA strategy?**
28. **Critically examine the challenges in port infrastructure in India.**
29. **Persistence of high food inflation adversely affects vulnerable sections. Discuss the long term strategy to handle this problem.**
30. **Discuss the role of micro finance in achieving inclusive growth. Critically examine various issues in micro finance sector.**
31. **What are carbon markets? How do they help in mitigating climate change?**
32. **Discuss the state of female employment in India.**
33. **The most pressing issue before the world today is employment.**
34. **Recent surge in vegetable prices is symptomatic of deeper inefficiencies and vulnerabilities in their value chains that demand urgent policy attention. Examine**
35. **Differentiate between cyclical and structural slowdown. Is India going through one?**
36. **Explain the impact of New Economic Policies (NEP) in 1991 on regional disparity in India.**

### **Environment**

1. **What is green washing? How can it be prevented?**
2. **Examine the impact of climate change on Indian agriculture and farmers. Discuss the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA).**
3. **Discuss the challenges of 'just' energy transition.**
4. **What is climate finance? Examine various issues.**
5. **Discuss long term strategy to handle Delhi air pollution problem.**
6. **What do you understand by biodiversity? Why is biodiversity declining?**
7. **Examine the crop-stubble burning problem. Suggest measures.**

### **Security**

1. **Discuss the problems related to prisons in India.**

2. **Discuss the Anti -Naxal strategy of India.**
3. **Why has Maoist violence subsided in India? What has worked in last one decade?**
4. **What is hybrid war? Is India prepared?**
5. **Discuss various maritime security threats India faces.**
6. **Discuss the problems of cybercrime in India.**
7. **India must adopt an offensive approach against cyberthreats. Comment**

## **Science**

1. **Discuss the significance of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).**
2. **How will AI benefit Indian economy and society? Analyse the barriers that need to be addressed**
3. **AMR threatens to unwind a century of medical progress**
4. **Discuss the therapeutic value of AI.**
5. **Analyse the challenges in harnessing green hydrogen in India.**
6. **What are small modular reactors (SMRs)**
7. **Can nuclear energy help India achieve NET ZERO. What is the present status of nuclear energy.**
8. **Discuss India 3 stage nuclear program. Discuss the significance of Fast Breeder Reactor**
9. **What are GPUs? What are the practical applications for a GPU?**
10. **What is evergreen of patent? How does India patent legal regime prevents evergreening attempt?**
11. **How can biotechnology be harnessed for economic development? Explain with listing out the BioE3 policy features.**

## **GS 4**

## **Ethics**

1. **What is conscience? Why it is importance**
2. **Is conscience a more reliable guide when compared to laws, rules, and regulations in the context of ethical decision-making? Discuss.**
3. **What is crisis of conscience?**
4. **What are bias? Explain with example.**
5. **Who is a good citizen? Do you consider yourself one?**
6. **What is AI ethics?**
7. **What are bias and prejudice? How can they be countered? Explain with example.**
8. **What is value-based diplomacy? How it is different from transactional diplomacy?**
9. **AI deployment must be guided by ethical considerations. Discuss**
10. **Examine various ethical issues in organ donation and trading.**
11. **What are the ethical issues in energy transition from coal to clean energy?**



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