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GS 1

Geography

1. Why air pollution problem in Delhi becomes worse every winter?
2. What are challenges faced by cities? Explain with examples.
3. Coastal India faces multiples challenges. Explain
4. Discuss the potential of wind energy in India. Examine various challenges in harnessing it.
5. What is Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)? Discuss its impact.
6. Discuss the geographical condition and distribution sugarcane and tea in India. Do we need to review their exports from India.
7. Why is north India blanketed by smog every winter?
8. Discuss the resource potential of Africa.

9. Why is Africa poor despite rich in resources.
10. What is artificial rain? Explain the mechanism. Can it help to solve pollution problem of Delhi? Are there any dangers?
11. What is climate/ geo engineering? Discuss its significance in the context of climate change.
12. Describe the distribution of aereut in India.
13. What is desertification? Discuss the causes and suggest remedies.
14. Discuss the potential of offshore mineral resources in India.
15. Critically examine issues in Deep Sea mining.
16. Discuss the potential of hydro power energy of Himalayan states in India. Are there any potential dangers?

Society

1. For India, rapid urbanisation is crucial for harnessing the demographic dividend of a young population. In this context, examine the challenges of urbanisation.
2. Who are sexual minorities? Discuss the challenges faced by them.
3. Why rising economic prosperity has not translated into greater employment for women?
4. The economic inequality and social inequality overlap in India. Comment
5. Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation. Argue by giving suitable illustrations.
6. Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism.

History

1. Discuss the contribution women in constitution making.
2. Discuss the reasons behind tribal uprising during British rule.
3. Discuss the nature of tribal revolts in India during British rule. Did they achieve their objectives?
4. Discuss Munda rebellion with emphasis on contribution of Birsa Munda.
5. Trace the evolution of cooperative movement in India.
6. The Portuguese were the first Europeans to establish a strong maritime and colonial presence in India. Examine the process of the Portuguese conquest of Indian territories and critically evaluate their contributions to Indian society, economy, and culture.
7. The Constituent Assembly of India played a pivotal role in drafting a visionary Constitution that laid the foundation of modern Indian democracy. Discuss the composition, functioning, and philosophical underpinnings of the Constituent Assembly. How did it address the challenges of diversity and inclusion while framing the Indian Constitution?
8. Discuss the significance of Lothal in understanding the maritime trade and urban planning of the Indus Valley Civilization.

9. The Harappan civilization exhibited advanced urban planning and technological achievements. Critically analyze with special reference to drainage systems, granaries, and dockyards.
10. The discovery of the Harappan Civilization, also known as the Indus Valley Civilization (IVC), is one of the most significant events in Indian history.

GS 2

Polity

1. Why are southern states accusing centre of 'injustice' in tax devolution. Are they justified?
2. Discuss the evolution of right to property in India.
3. Assess the status of implementation of DPSP.
4. Indian model of secularism is sometimes referred as positive in contrast to western model. Explain
5. Critically examine fiscal federalism in India with emphasis on Art 292 and 293.
6. What is the constitutional status of sexual minorities in India. Assess legal and institutional measures for their welfare.
7. What is healthy ageing? Discuss its need in India. Explain World Bank's healthy longevity initiative (HLI).
8. Discuss the growing challenges of NCDs in India.
9. What do you understand by judicial activism? Examine the role of judicial activism in India in promoting social justice and protecting fundamental rights especially expansion of Article 21
10. "Judicial activism sometimes leads to judicial overreach." Critically analyze this statement with reference to recent judgments by the Indian judiciary. Discuss the implications of judicial overreach on the doctrine of separation of powers.
11. How has judicial activism shaped public interest litigation (PIL) in India? Evaluate the benefits and challenges of PIL as a tool for social change.
12. "Judicial activism in India has both strengthened and strained the concept of separation of powers." Critically assess the impact of judicial activism on the relationship between the judiciary, executive, and legislature.
13. Discuss the role of the Supreme Court of India in addressing issues of environmental protection through judicial activism. Provide examples of landmark cases where the judiciary intervened to uphold environmental rights
14. The recent AMU judgement will have far-reaching implications for the Indian educational landscape. Discuss
15. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 has been a significant step toward ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for persons with disabilities in India. Critically analyze the key provisions of the Act and discuss the challenges faced in its effective implementation. Suggest measures to overcome these challenges to create a more inclusive society."
16. The state of Manipur reflects a classic case of the failure of the constitutional machinery, necessitating invocation of Article 356 by the President of India. In the light of this statement examine Article 356 and its evolution in last 75 years.

17. **NCR pollution crisis is a collective governance failure. Comment.**
18. **Discuss ideals and objectives of our Constitution as delineated in the Preamble**
19. **The Indian constitution has been characterised as a social revolution. Explain why?**
20. **Discuss the problem of undertrials in India.**
21. **Critically examine the constitutionality of Bulldozer Justice in the light of recent SC judgment.**
22. **Most municipalities have ended up becoming mere extensions of the state governments.**
23. **"Urban local bodies (ULBs) are the backbone of urban governance, yet they face several structural and functional challenges." Analyze the key challenges faced by municipal governance in India and suggest measures to address them.**
24. **What are cooperatives? Discuss their constitutional and legal status.**
25. **Make a case for lateral entry to civil services.**
26. **Cash transfers can help make India less unequal but are not a magic bullet. Examine.**
27. **Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the 'Preamble'. Are they defensible in the present circumstances?**
28. **What can France learn from the Indian Constitution's approach to secularism? Explain Indian model of secularism given in constitution.**
29. **The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976 is often referred to as the "Mini-Constitution" due to the significant changes it brought to the Indian Constitution. Discuss the major provisions of the 42nd Amendment and critically analyze its impact on the balance of power between the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary.**
30. **As we commemorate the 75th anniversary assess whether we have achieved the ideals and goals of the constitution.**
31. **Critically examine the Places of Worship Act 1991.**
32. **What is the significance of the Preamble to Indian constitution? How has it evolved?**
33. **'Socialism' was added to the Preamble of the Indian Constitution by the 42nd Amendment. Discuss the relevance of the principle of socialism in contemporary India. How has it influenced the socio-economic policies of the state? Illustrate with suitable examples.**
34. **Why is The Places of Worship Act 1991 the so controversial.**
35. **The ability to amend its provisions has proved to be Constitution's strength. In the light of this statement examine the significance of amendment provisions under Art 368.**
36. **What is basic structure doctrine. Discuss its significance.**
37. **Is MNREGA failing? Give reasons**
38. **Analyze the key issues and constraints in implementing the RTI Act.**
39. **Assess the functioning of Election Commission of India. Also discuss the need for electoral reforms.**
40. **Does Indian constitution contradict India's civilizational ethos?**
41. **What is passive euthanasia. Is it legal in India? Examine provision related to it if any.**

42. Urban local bodies are financially constrained. Give reasons and remedies.

IR

1. Examine the role played by Indian diaspora in US in strengthening India- US relations.
2. Why Indonesia is Important to India? Discuss In the light of this examine India – Indonesia relations.
3. Why didn't India join RCEP? Do you think it was wrong decision?
4. What is IMEC? Discuss its significance for India and world. Also examine the challenges.
5. What are trade wars? What impact it can have on India?
6. How climate change can affect global trade.
7. Examine the significance of Africa in India's foreign policy with respect to economic, strategic, and energy interests. How can India leverage these opportunities?
8. India's engagement with Africa has been driven by South-South cooperation. Discuss how this approach can help address the developmental needs of African nations.
9. Compare and contrast India and China's Africa policy.
10. Strategic competition between the United States and China is impacting how the two countries relate to each other across the world, including in Latin America. Discuss
11. The India-Latin America relationship has been infused with new life in the recent years. Discuss
12. Why Guyana a small South American nation has become important to India's strategic calculus.
13. Why LAC region is important?

GS 3

Economy

1. Why are real rural wages stagnant in India? Examine its impact.
2. Why is economy failing to create sufficient jobs despite decent economic growth?
3. How millets can be popularised?
4. Discuss the potential for coastal shipping in India. Examine the challenges.
5. What is dedicated freight corridor? Why was it needed? How will it boost the economic growth?
6. What is cropping pattern? Discuss factors that determine cropping pattern.
7. Discuss the need for aligning the crop pattern as per the country's needs.
8. There has been a paradigm shift from diversified cropping patterns to mono-cropping patterns. Examine its implications.
9. What is monopoly? How does it impact the economy? Do we have any law against it?
10. What is middle income trap? Will India fall in it?
11. Do you think India risks missing its Demographic Dividend?

12. Discuss the challenges in PDS. Suggest measures to improve.
13. What do you understand by MSP? How it is calculated? Do we need to relook it?
14. Although Green Revolution resulted in food self-sufficiency it also led to environmental degradation. Discuss
15. Discuss the need for direct tax reforms. Suggest few measures.
16. What are freebies? How do they affect the economy?
17. Make a case for review of India's FTA with emphasis on India -ASEAN FTA.
18. Discuss the employment crisis in India.
19. What is natural farming? Discuss challenges of scaling it.
20. What's ailing the Indian economy?
21. Critically examine the food Inflation problem in India.
22. What is regenerative agriculture? Make a case for it.
23. Discuss governments effort in promoting natural farming in India.
24. Assess the progress in alleviation of global hunger and poverty.
25. Cooperatives have played a vital role in country's development. Comment.
26. Cooperatives have the potential to revive agriculture and make it sustainable. Discuss
27. Why India has a persistent trade deficit? Should we be worried?
28. Why are vegetable prices persistently high? Suggest measures.
29. Critically examine pro's and cons's of Chinese FDI in India along with India's recent policy changes on this issue.
30. Examine the impacts of high debt.
31. Critically examine India's debt-to-GDP ratio. Is it too high? How can it be managed?
32. Distributing freebies to win elections can have a debilitating
33. Discuss the need to revisit and modernise the Seeds Bill of 2004 and the Seeds Policy of 2002

Science

1. What are crypto currencies? Make a case for their regulations.
2. How space technology harnessed for the nation's development.
3. Critically examine pros and cons of GM crops.
4. Modern medicine under threat because of the growing burden of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Is the world in general and Indian in particular prepared for it?

Security

1. Discuss the problems related to Indian prisons. Suggest few reforms.

2. Discuss the potential and challenges posed by drones to national security.

Environment

1. Critically examine legal, institution and policy response to Delhi's air pollution problem.
2. What is Circular Economy? Discuss India 's policy approach to transition from Linear to Circular Economy
3. What is biopiracy? Discuss international and national effort to curb it.
4. Discuss the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification. How does it protect the fragile coastal ecology.
5. Discuss the food-versus-fuel conflict of ethanol blending.
6. What do you understand by carbon market? Explain India's carbon market. Examine the challenges associated with it.
7. CoP29's hasty decision on carbon credits could do more harm than good. Do you agree? Argue
8. Assess government initiatives to control air pollution in India. Where are we failing?
9. Make a case for Environmental Health regulator.
10. Examine issues in carbon credit.
11. Better incentive for crop diversification, greater investment in switch to electric vehicles and other innovative technologies are needed to address the pollution crisis in Delhi.
12. Discuss the economic and social costs of air pollution in India.
13. Critically examine the outcome of COP29.
14. Analyse the key challenges in plastic pollution management in India.
15. Analyse the main features of High Seas Treaty. Discuss the challenges in its implementation.

GS 4

Ethics

1. Discuss how behaviour change happens.
2. Why do sexual minorities face discrimination in urban cities? How can the attitude of society towards them change?
3. What is business ethics? Explain with emphasis on ethical investments.
4. What is professionalism? Why it is important to be ethical along with being skilled?
5. Explain professional ethics
6. Discuss the ethical issues related air pollution.
7. What is bribery? Discuss the impact of bribery and corruption on India's economy and corporate organisations.
8. Examine the ethical issues in assisted dying.
9. What is medical ethics? Explain with examples.

10. Explain the concept of constitutional morality.

11. What is accountability? Why it is important? How is it enforced?

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