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GS 1

History

1. **Discuss the impact of Sufism on Indian society, particularly in terms of art and culture, and religious practices.**
2. **Discuss the significance of the Vaikom Satyagraha in the context of social reform movements in colonial India. How did it contribute to the fight against caste-based discrimination?**
3. **Discuss the significance of Indian musical instruments in preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the country. Highlight the contributions of both classical and folk instruments in this regard.**
4. **Differentiate between classical and Hindustani music in India.**
5. **Discuss the contribution of Dr. Manmohan Singh.**
6. **What was economic reforms? Discuss their background.**

Geography

1. What are critical minerals? Discuss distribution of critical minerals in India.
2. Is India's falling fertility rate a cause of concern? Suggest policy measures.
3. Potato is the most important food crop of the world. Discuss geographical condition and distribution.
4. What is land degradation? What causes it? Which areas are the worst affected?
5. Critically examine the differential population growth rates of various states in India.
6. Is India overpopulated? Discuss the challenges
7. What is optimum population?
8. Which regions of India are drought prone?
9. What are earthquakes? What causes them? Describe earthquake prone zones of the world.
10. Where are the Seismic Zones in India?
11. The concern about consequences of falling fertility rates is misplaced. Comment
12. Examine the groundwater crisis in India.
13. What do you understand by soil. Discuss the factors responsible for soil formation.
14. What is soil profile? Explain.
15. What is soil degradation? Discuss the factors responsible for soil degradation.
16. What is soil conservation? Suggest some measures to conserve soil.
17. Discuss the potential of solar energy
18. Discuss the distribution of solar energy potential in the world
19. What is demographic dividend? Discuss Indian demographic dividend potential and challenges to harnessing it.
20. Discuss the problem of ageing in India
21. What is La Nina? How does it impact Indian monsoon?
22. What are tsunamis? Why do they occur? Discuss their geographical distribution.
23. What are rare earths elements? Discuss their geographical distribution

Society

1. "Caste identities are being reinforced rather than diminished in contemporary India." Analyze the reasons behind the persistence of caste-based identities in the context of modernization and globalization.
2. "The caste system in India has evolved from a rigid hierarchical structure to a dynamic social reality." Discuss the historical evolution and the current challenges posed by the caste system in modern India.
3. Inter caste marriages between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of interreligious marriages. Discuss.
4. Analyse the challenges faced by Indian minorities in general and Muslims in particular.

GS 2

Polity

1. Should welfare schemes be replaced with cash transfers? Argue

2. Compare and contrast Indian President's pardoning power with that of US presidents.
3. Make a case for caste census.
4. Analyze the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2024.
5. Analyze the determinants of voting behaviours.
6. Critically examine the problem of Parliamentary disruption. How can it be checked?
7. The process of judicial impeachment in India is criticized for being complex, rare, and ineffective, leading to challenges in maintaining judicial accountability. Critically analyse the existing provisions for the impeachment of judges of the higher judiciary in India, highlighting their limitations. Suggest reforms to make the process more transparent, efficient, and credible.
8. Judicial accountability is a corollary fact of the independence of the judiciary.
9. Discuss the role of the Vice-President of India as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
10. Discuss the role of Indian Parliament? Has it been effective?
11. What do you understand manual scavenging? Analyse the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013)" and NAMASTE scheme.
12. Is India's fiscal federalism loaded against the States?
13. Critically examine the constitutional validity of Section 69 of the BNS.
14. Critically examine the pros and cons of simultaneous elections.
15. The simultaneous elections are impractical and complicated. Critically examine.
16. The Constitution is a unifier of the nation. In the light of the statement discuss the role of constitution.
17. What is basic structure doctrine? Discuss its evolution and its impact on Indian polity.
18. What is constitutionalism? Is constitutionalism in Indian a myth or reality?
19. Discuss the constitutional and legal safeguards provided to minorities in India.
20. Examine the Vertical and Horizontal Fiscal Imbalance (VFI) in India. Suggest ways to correct it.
21. Discuss the impact of MNREGA on poverty alleviation in India.
22. What is the 'no-detention' policy? Critically examine pros and cons.
23. What are refugees? Argue for a refugee law in India.

IR

1. What is de-dollarisation and why Trump warned Brics nations?
2. India and Israel are strategic partners. Discuss
3. Is Israel's war in Gaza putting the global order at peril?
4. Is UNSC still relevant? Suggest ways to improve effectiveness
5. Discuss the mandate of ICC. Is it effective?
6. What do you understand by mineral diplomacy? Discuss India's mineral diplomacy
7. What is India's neighbourhood-first policy. Has it been successful?
8. Critically analyze the effectiveness of the international legal regime for refugees, with special reference to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. Discuss the challenges faced by this regime in addressing contemporary refugee crises and suggest measures to strengthen its framework.

GS 3

Disaster Management

1. Discuss NDMA guideline on earthquake.
2. Analyse the disaster management Bill.
3. What is disaster warning? Discuss their role in disaster management.
4. Assess India's preparedness for tsunamis. In this context discuss National Disaster Management Guidelines: Management of Tsunamis.
5. What is community-based disaster management? Discuss its need.

Economy

1. What is Care economy? Analyze various aspects with focus on female labour force participation rate.
2. Passage to Viksit Bharat is through farmland. In the light of this statement critically examine farmers issue in India.
3. Examine the need for shipping reforms in India.
4. What is de dollarisation. Examine its impact.
5. Discuss non-price policy recommendations aim to achieve a long term and multi-dimensional solution to the agrarian crisis.
6. Why is India failing to become self-sufficient in oilseeds?
7. Analyze the challenges faced by small and marginal farmers in India. What measures govt has launched to alleviate their lot.
8. Argue for Internationalisation of rupee. Are there any concerns.
9. What is energy security? Can nuclear energy help India achieve it?
10. Fertilizer subsidy is causing a skewed nutrient profile.
11. Discuss India's skilling challenge
12. Critically examine Nehru's economic development model.
13. Critically examine challenges of small and marginal farmers. Can collective farming help?
14. What are FTAs? Critically examine India's experience with FTAs.
15. Discuss the need for structural reforms needed in India's economy.
16. The transition to a high-income country needs improvement in productivity. Discuss strategies to improve it
17. Reduction in poverty, not inequality, is the litmus test of inclusive growth. In this context, examine the concept of inclusive growth and whether India is experiencing one.
18. Make a case for levying wealth and inheritance tax on the rich in India.
19. Competition is essential for growth in a free market economy. In the light of this argue for a National Competition Policy.
20. Discuss the problem of inequality of opportunities and inequality of income. How are both related to each other?
21. India has a productivity problem. Why is productivity of Indian economy being low?
22. Argue for legal guarantee of MSP.
23. Critically examine pros and cons of loan waiver.

24. Discuss the need for overhaul of fiscal responsibility framework.
25. Make case for legal guarantee of MSP.
26. What was economic reforms? Assess their impact.
27. India's tax structure is unfairly loaded against the poor and middle classes, while the rich have been beneficiaries of growth. Do you agree. Argue
28. India's tax-to-GDP ratio is low. Give reasons
29. Should the wealth tax be reinstated in India?
30. What is inclusive growth? Has economic growth after 1991 been inclusive?

Environment

1. What are extreme weather events? Is India prepared?
2. Establish relation between soil and climate change.
3. Green hydrogen offers a crucial pathway to decarbonise its industrial sectors. Discuss the challenges in harnessing green hydrogen

Security

1. What are crypto deepfakes? Are they security threats? Make a case for their regulations.
2. Discuss the narco-organised crime nexus in India.
3. Border management is a complex task due to difficult terrain and hostile relations with some countries. Elucidate the challenges and strategies for effective border management. In this context, Comprehensive Integrated management Border management System
4. What do you understand by border management. Analyze the challenges.
5. Can India achieve complete elimination of Naxalism? Discuss government Anti Naxal strategy.
6. What do you understand by border management? Discuss the challenges of India and Bangladesh and Indian Myanmar border management?

Science and tech

1. Critically evaluate the challenges posed by the unchecked use of Artificial Intelligence in sectors like health, education, and law enforcement in India. In this context discuss need of AI Safety institute.
2. Differentiate between Supercomputing and Quantum computing.
3. Discuss the possible application of quantum technology. Also discuss India's National Quantum Mission (NQM)

GS 4

Ethics

1. What are judicial ethics?
2. Discuss the ethical issues in AI.
3. What is whistleblowing? Discuss ethical issues in whistleblowing

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