



ANSWER WRITING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME GS MAINS & ESSAY through TEST SERIES, CONCEPT CLASSES

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CONCEPT

•100⁺Hrs. (50+ Classes) for Concept Building •150⁺Hrs. Mains Updation Classes after Prelims

GRADUAL ASSESSMENT

- 5 Level of Test for Gradual Improvement.
 - **LEVEL-1** Answer Writing Skilling sessions
 - **LEVEL-2** 57 Topical Test (5 Questions)
 - LEVEL-3 11 Revision Test (10 questions)
 - LEVEL-4 6 Applied Test (20 Questions)
 - **LEVEL-5** 8 Full Mock Test (20 Questions)
- 6 Essay Test (8 Topics Each)
- Test Discussion after Test followed by One-to-One doubt clearing session.

MENTORSHIP

- Personalised Mentorship for Conceptual Clarity
- Post Test Doubt Clearing Session for Marks Improvement



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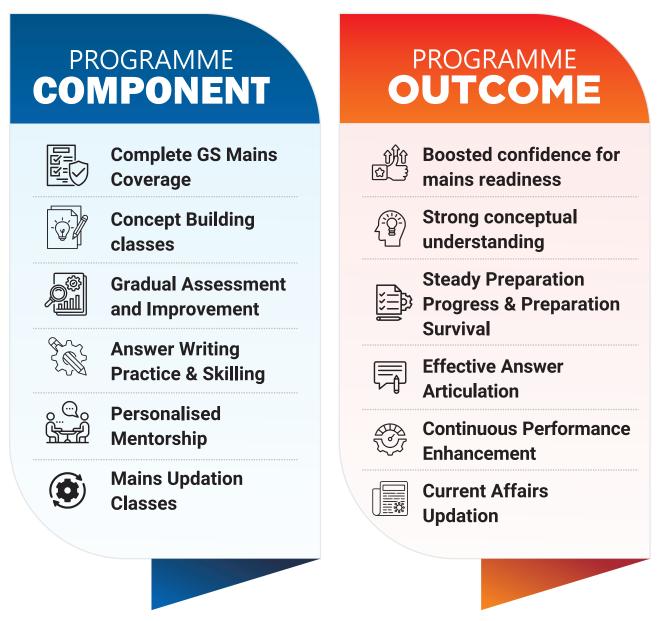
PROGRAMME: 1 TOPICAL+ REVISION + MOCK TEST ₹ 28,000/- (+GST) PROGRAMME: 2 TOPICAL + REVISION TEST ₹ 25,000/- (+GST)

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PROGRAMME **APPROACH**

Preparing for the UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) is an extensive journey that requires continuous validation of learning and refinement of strategies. GS MAINS Q&A is a comprehensive programme meticulously designed to meet every facet of preparation through concept building, skill development, gradual assessment and personalized mentorship. This program serves as a dynamic companion, empowering you for self-study while providing essential guidance to navigate through the complexities of the UPSC CSE.



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PROGRAMME **DELIVERY**

STUDY TARGET & PLANNER

Subject wise study targets and planner including micro listing of the topics of the tests to track the coverage of entire mains syllabus.

3 CONCEPT CLASSES

High utility classes for approach & Conceptual clarity of the subject. It will include detailed schema, strategy and PYQ trend of the Subject.

5 DETAILED TEST DISCUSSION

Each test will be followed by test discussion, designed to help in concept building and Value Addition on other related topics. It is an ultimate approach for complete revision.

ANSWER WRITING SKILLING

Sessions to understand & practice to acquire key skills of Answer writing.

4 TEST & ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE

Total 80 Tests including:

- □ 57 Topical Tests (5 Questions)
- □ 11 Revision Tests (10 Questions)
- □ 6 Applied Tests (After Prelims)
- B Mocks (After Prelims)

6 PERSONAL MENTORING

Mentorship and doubt clearing session after each tests with respective Faculty to provide relevant insights and feedback to each candidate as per his/her Performance.

VALUE ADDITION NOTES

Along with Model Answer of the Questions, Value Addition Notes on the Contemporary Topics.



150 hr. contemporary Issues classes after Prelims for Mains Updation.



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ANSWER WRITING SKILL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

It is important to understand the necessary skills required for answer writing before starting writing the tests. Answer Writing Skill Development Session will involve the Classroom/Live (Online) based learning of Key Skills which are necessary for writing answers in UPSC mains examination.

SESSIONS	THEME & DESCRIPTION	OUTCOME
SESSION-1	 Introduction Clarity Its objective is to identify the Context and Key Demand of the Question 	 Question Decipher Theme of the Question Identification of Keywords Abstract/Hidden Concepts Tonality of question
SESSION-2	 Relevance Along with the identification of Context and Key Demand of the Question, relevant Dimensions and Examples are important 	 Information Recall/Mental Framework Inference and deduction Articulation- Structure Organization
SESSION-3	 Depth Critical analysis is important as it enhances understanding, strategy, and proficiency in answering, aiding exam success comprehensively 	 Application of Concepts Analytical skills and Critical thinking
SESSION-4	 Structure The order of arguments and logical co-relation ensures clarity, coherence, and effective communication, vital for showcasing knowledge and securing marks 	 Introduction of Answer Different Parts of Answer Body Part of The Answer Key Directives & Tail Words Conclusion of Answer Bullet or Paragraph Use of Sub-Heads Flow chart, use of boxes and inter-linkages.

answer writing skill development.



SESSION PLAN

DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
	HISTO	RY
11 JUNE, 2024	Concept Class: 01	 Modern India + Culture
12 JUNE, 2024	Concept Class: 02	 Decline of Mughals Advent of Europeans Advent of Europeans
13 JUNE, 2024	Concept Class: 03	 Impact of British Administration The Revolt of 1857 Social Reform in British India
14 JUNE, 2024	Concept Class: 04	 Tribal Movements Pre Gandhi Era National Movements (Struggle by Masses)
15 JUNE, 2024	Concept Class: 05	 Independence Role of Press Education Peasant Movement
18 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test: 01	 Modern Indian History From About The Middle Of The Eighteenth Century Until The Present- Significant Events, Personalities, Issues
21 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test: 02	 The Freedom Struggle - Its Various Stages And Important Contributors / Contributions From Different Parts Of The Country
24 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test: 03	 Social reforms in British India

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DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
27 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test: 04	 Struggle by Masses- Tribal, working class, peasant revolts, women leaders
28 JUNE, 2024	Concept Class: 06	 Approach to PIC
01 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 05	 Post-Independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country.
02 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 07	 The Salient Aspects Of Art Forms, Literature And Architecture From Ancient To Modern Times
05 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 06	 The Salient Aspects Of Art Forms
08 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 07	 Literature And Architecture From Ancient To Modern Times.
09 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 08	 Industrial Revolution, World Wars Redrawal of National Boundaries, Colonization Decolonization, Political philosophies like Communism, Capitalism, and Socialism etc. — their forms and effect on the society.
12 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 08	 History of the World Will Include Events From 18th Century Such As Industrial Revolution, World Wars, Redrawal Of National Boundaries,
15 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 09	 Colonization, Decolonization, Political Philosophies Like Communism, Capitalism, Socialism Etc Their Forms And Effect On The Society.
18 JULY, 2024	Revision Test: 01	 History Complete Syllabus
POLITY		
19 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 09	 Approach to Indian Polity & Constitution

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DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
20 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 10	 Constitutional Development Preamble State and UTs Citizenship Amendment
21 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 11	 Fundamental Rights Directive Principles of State Policy Fundamental Duties Basic Structure
22 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 12	 Parliamentary System Federalism Centre- State Relations Emergency
23 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 13	 Executive and Legislature (Union & State) Anti-Defection Law UT, Schedule and Tribal Areas
24 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 14	 Judiciary and related issues, Tribunals Constitutional and Non Constitutional Bodies
25 JULY, 2024	Concept Class: 15	 Local Bodies Election Special Provisions for various states Misc.
28 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 10	 Constitutional Development + Comparison with other constitution + System of government
31 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 11	 Preamble Union Territories Citizenship Fundamental Rights

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DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
03 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 12	 DPSPs Fundamental Duties Amendment Basic Structure
06 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 13	 Union executives and legislature
09 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 14	 State executive and Legislature, Federal Structure and issues related to it, Emergency Provisions
12 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 15	 Local bodies, Scheduled areas
16 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 16	Constitutional bodiesNon constitutional bodies
19 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 17	 Judiciary + Elections + Political parties in India
22 AUGUST, 2024	Revision Test: 02	 Polity Complete Syllabus
	ETHIC	S
23 AUGUST, 2024	Concept Class: 16	 Approach Ethics
24 AUGUST, 2024	Concept Class: 17	 Ethics and Human Interface
25 AUGUST, 2024	Concept Class: 18	 Ethics And Governance
26 AUGUST, 2024	Concept Class: 19	
27 AUGUST, 2024	Concept Class: 20	 Approach to Case Studies
30 AUGUST, 2024	Topical Test: 18	 Ethics and Human Interface
03 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 19	Human Values ■
06 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 20	 Aptitude and Foundational Value for Civil Services
09 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 21	 Probity in Governance & Philosophical Basis of Governance Ethics in Administration
12 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 22	o Case Study

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15 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Revision Test: 03	 Ethics Complete Syllabus
	ESSAY	ζ
16 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 21	 Drawing Big Picture and Brain Stormi
17 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 22	 Critical Thinking, Effective Communication and Structuring of Essay
18 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 23	 Context and Perspective Setting
20 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 23	 Essay- Philosophical Topics 1
22 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 24	 Essay- Philosophical Topics 2
23 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 24	 How to write Contemporary Essay
24 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 25	 Common Mistake Discussion
26 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 25	 Essay- Contemporary Topics 1
28 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 26	 Essay- Contemporary Topics 2
	ECONO	MY
29 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 26	 Approach to Indian Economy
30 SEPTEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 27	 Basics of Economy Monetary Policy Banking Finacial Market National Income
01 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 28	 Public Finace Taxation Poverty Inclusive Growth
02 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 29	 Planning Balance of Payment LPG Reforms Agriculture, food processing, and Land Reforms,

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DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
03 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 30	 Industry, Services, Employment
04 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 31	 External Sector Trade, Infrastructure, Investment Models, International Bodies
07 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test: 27	 Basics of Indian economy
10 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test: 28	 Money, Banking and Finance
13 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test: 29	o Public Finance
16 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test: 30	 Sectors of Indian Economy
19 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test: 31	 Foreign Trade, Foreign Capital & Agriculture
22 OCTOBER, 2024	Topical Test: 32	 Human Development and Inclusive Growth
25 OCTOBER, 2024	Revision Test: 04	 Economy Complete Syllabus
	GEOGRA	РНҮ
26 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 32	 Approach to Geography
27 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 33	Origin of EarthGeomorphology
28 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 34	o Climatology
29 OCTOBER, 2024	Concept Class: 35	OceanographyBio Geography
01 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 33	 Geomorphology, Oceanography
04 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 34	 Climatology, Biogeography
05 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 36	 Indian Geography
07 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 35	Indian Physical Geography
09 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 36	o Indian Agriculture

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10 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 37	 Economic Geography Agriculture Human Geography
12 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 37	 Key Natural Resources and Industries Across The World and India
14 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 38	 Demography, Census, Settlement, Migration and Human Development
17 NOVEMBER, 2024	Revision Test: 05	 Geography Complete Syllabus
	GOVERNA	INCE
18 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 38	 Approach to Governance
19 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 39	 Transparency Accountability E-governance Citizen Charter Role of Civil Services in Democracy, Welfare schemes, Poverty, Hunger etc
21 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 39	 Basics of Governance, Transparency & Accountability
23 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 40	 Role of civil services in a democracy, Regulatory Structure and Governance Reforms, Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation
25 NOVEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 41	 Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
27 NOVEMBER, 2024	Revision Test: 06	 Governance Complete Syllabus
ENVIRONMENT		
28 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 40	 Approach to Environment & Ecology

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29 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 41	 Ecology and its dynamics Biogeochemical Cycles Biomes
30 NOVEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 42	 Pollution & Degradation Biodiversity Conservation
01 DECEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 43	 Cliamte Change Conservation efforts: India and World Environmental Governance Environmental laws, bodies, conventions and policies & Environmental Impact Assessment
03 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 42	 Environment & ecology
05 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 43	 Environmental pollution
07 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 44	 Biodiversity, climate change
09 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 45	 Environmental governance
12 DECEMBER, 2024	Revision Test: 07	 Environment & Ecology Complete Syllabus
S	CIENCE & TEC	HNOLOGY
13 DECEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 44	 Approach to Science tech
14 DECEMBER, 2024	Concept Class: 45	 Science & Tech Developments & Their Applications and Effects in Everyday Life
17 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 46	 Biotechnology, Nano Technology, Intellectual Property Rights,
20 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 47	 Computer and IT, AI, Robotics, Space, Defence
24 DECEMBER, 2024	Topical Test: 48	 Contribution of Indians in Science & Technology, Application of Science and Tech in everyday life
29 DECEMBER, 2024	Revision Test: 08	 Science & Tech Complete Syllabus





DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
	INTERNAL SE	CURITY
02 JANUARY, 2025	Concept Class: 46	 Approach to Internal Security
06 JANUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 49	 Linkages between Development and Spread of Extremism + Role of External State and Non-state Actors in creating challenges to Internal Security + Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism
10 JANUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 50	 Challenges to Internal Security through Communication Networks, Role of Media and Social Networking Sites in Internal Security Challenges, Basics of Cyber Security; Money- Laundering and its prevention.
15 JANUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 51	 Security Challenges and their Management in Border Areas + Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate
19 JANUARY, 2025	Revision Test: 09	 Internal Security Complete Syllabus
IN	TERNATIONAL	RELATIONS
20 JANUARY, 2025	Concept Class: 47	Approach to International Deletions
21 JANUARY, 2025	Concept Class: 48	 Approach to International Relations
25 JANUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 52	India and its neighbourhood- relations
29 JANUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 53	 Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests
02 FEBRUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 54	 Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora, Important International institutions, agencies and forums - their structure, mandate
06 FEBRUARY, 2025	Revision Test: 10	 International Relations Complete Syllabus

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SOCIETY			
07 FEBRUARY, 2025	Concept Class: 49	Design of Conjety and Conjet Justice	
08 FEBRUARY, 2025	Concept Class: 50	 Basics of Society and Social Justice 	
12 FEBRUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 55	 Salient Features of Indian Society Diversity of India Effects of Globalization on Indian Society 	
16 FEBRUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 56	 Communalism, Regionalism & Secularism Role of Women and Women's Organization Urbanization, Their Problems and their remedies. 	
20 FEBRUARY, 2025	Topical Test: 57	 Social Empowerment Population and Associated Issues Poverty and Developmental Issues 	
23 FEBRUARY, 2025	Revision Test: 11	 Complete Society Syllabus 	
APPL	IED GS TEST (A	FTER PRELIMS)	
Test - 69	Indian Economy		
Test - 70	Polity & International Relations		
Test - 71	Gov	vernance & Society	
Test - 72	Science & Tec	hnology and Internal Security	
Test - 73	Environment & Disaster Management		
Test - 74	Applied Ethics		
MOCK TESTS (AFTER PRELIMS)			
Test - 75	Мо	ck -1: GS Paper 1	
Test - 76	Mock -2: GS Paper 2		
Test - 77	Mock -3: GS Paper 3		
Test - 78	Мо	ck -4: GS Paper 4	

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DATE	TEST/SESSION NAME	TEST TOPICS
Test - 79	Mock -5: Essay	
Test - 80	Mock -6: GS Paper 1	
Test - 81	Mock -6: GS Paper 2	
Test - 82	Mock -7: GS Paper 3	
Test - 83	Mock -8: GS Paper 4	
Test - 84		Mock -9: Essay

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MICRO SUB TOPIC LISTING

HISTORY		
TEST: 01 (HISTORY)	 Topic: Modern Indian History From About The Middle Of The Eighteenth Century Until The Present- Significant Events, Personalities, Issues 	
 Decline of Mughals Causes of the Decline of the Murempire Aurangzeb and later Mughal rule Society during early 18th centur Rise of Regional States Bengal Hyderabad and Carnatic Awadh Mysore Kerala The Sikhs Rajput states and Jats Marathas 	 The English The French Anglo-French Rivalry First Carnatic War Rise of the Hyderabad State The Second Carnatic War The Third Carnatic War Causes of English Success Battle of Plassey and Buxar Black-hole Tragedy Battle of Plassey 	
 De Almeida Albuquerque Causes of failure of Portuguese in India 	 Mir Kasim BRITISH EXPANSION IN INDIA Bengal 	

- Anglo Maratha Wars
- The Subsidiary Alliance System
- Second Phase of British
- Expansion In India
- The Conquest of Sindh
- Anglo-Sikh Wars
- Doctrine of Lapse
- Annexation of Oudh

ADMINISTRATION BEFORE 1857

- The Dual System
- The Charter Acts
- Judicial System
- Impact of British Administration

ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE BRITISH

- Phase of Mercantilism (1757-1813)
- Phase of Free Trade (1813- 1858)
- Phase of Finance Imperialism (1858 onwards)

TEST: 02

(HISTORY)

IMPACT OF BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

- Industrialization—Ruin of Artisans and Handicrafts men
- Impoverishment of Peasantry
- Emergence of New Land Relations, Ruin of Old Zamindars
- Impact of British Policy on Indian Economy
- Drain of Wealth Theory
- Stagnation and Deterioration of Agriculture
- Commercialization of Indian Agriculture
- Development of Modern Industry
- Rise of Indian Bourgeoisie
- Famine and Poverty
- Nationalist Critique of Colonial Economy
- Abolition of the Dual System

Topic:

 The Freedom Struggle - Its Various Stages And Important Contributors /Contributions From Different Parts Of The Country

The Revolt of 1857

- Economic Causes
- Political Causes
- Administrative Causes
- Socio -Religious Causes
- Influence of Outside Events
- Discontent Among Sepoy's

- Beginning and Spread
- Leaders of the Revolt

Pre Gandhi Era

- Factors in the Growth of Modern Nationalism
- Political Associations Before the Indian National Congress
- Foundation of Indian National Congress



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- Era of Militant Nationalism (1905-1909)
- The Swadeshi and Boycott Movement
- Annulment of Partition The Surat Split
- Home Rule League Movement
- Lucknow Session of the Indian National Congress (1916)

National Movements

- Beginning of the Gandhian Era
- Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
- Non-Cooperation Movement
- Communist Movement in India
- Swaraj Party
- Simon Commission
- Civil Disobedience Movement
- Round Table Conference

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- The Communal Award
- Poona Pact
- Various stag reedom Movement
 - August Offer
 - Individual Civil Disobedience
 - Demand for Pakistan
 - Cripps Mission
 - Quit India Movement
 - The CR Formula (1944)
 - Gandhi-Jinnah Talks (1944)
 - Desai-Liaqat Pact (1945)
 - Wavell Plan and Simla Conference
 - Contribution of various personalities towards freedom struggle

TEST: 03 (HISTORY)	Topic: ◎ Social reforms in British India
Social reforms in India	 Theosophical Society And Annie
	Besant
 Swami Vivekananda 	 Syed Ahmad Khan
 Swami Dayananda Saraswati Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar 	 Parsi Religious Reform Association
 Jyotiba Phule 	 Baba Dayal Das
 Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar 	 Pandita Ramabai
 Henry Vivian Derozio 	 Sarojini Naidu
 Debendranath Tagore 	
 Keshab Chandra Sen 	

- Sri Ramakrishna Paramhamsa
- Mahadev Govind Ranade

- Rajput states and Jats
- Marathas

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TEST: 04 (HISTORY)

Topic:

 Struggle by Masses- Tribal, working class, peasant revolts, women leaders

Tribal Movements

- Different Causes for Mainland and North-Eastern Tribal Revolts
- Characteristics of Tribal Revolts
- Important Tribal Movements of Mainland
- Pahariyas' Rebellion
- Chuar Uprising
- Kol Mutiny
- Ho and Munda Uprisings
- The Santhal Rebellion
- Khond Uprisings
- Koya Revolts
- Bhil Revolts
- Ramosi Risings
- Tribal Movements of the North-East
- Khasi Uprising
- Singphos Rebellion

Peasant Movement

- Champaran Satyagraha
- Kheda Peasant Struggle
- Bardoli Movement
- Moplah Rebellion
- Telangana Movement
- Women leaders
 - Basanti Devi (1880 1974)

- Ashalata Sen (1894 1986)
- Sarojini Naidu (1879 1949)
- Aruna Asaf Ali (1909 1996)
- Bhikaiji Cama (1861 1936)
- Annie Besant (1847 1933)
- Begum Hazrat Mahal (1820 1879)
- Dr Lakshmi Sahgal (1914 2012)
- Ramadevi Choudhary (1899 1958)

Working class

- Rise of Working Class
- Industrialisation in India
- Workers' Movement in Pre-Independence India
- Workers' Movements before the Emergence of Trade Unions
- Initial Attempts to Improve Workers' Conditions:
- Workers' Movements before the Emergence of Trade Unions:
- Formation of Organisations
- Emergence and Growth of Trade Unions
- Strength and Weaknesses of the Movement

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TEST: 05 (HISTORY)

Topic:

- Post-Independence Consolidation and
- Reorganization within the country.

Challenges before India after Independence

- Communal Riots and Regions most affected
- Partition and then Independence:
- Punjab, Bengal and Assam, Sindh
- Radcliffe Commission and challenges before boundary commission
- Radcliffe Commission and itscomposition
- Challenges before the Boundary Commission
- Drawbacks of Commission
- Division of sources
- Finances
- Defence personnel and equipment
- Civil government
- Assassination of Gandhi
- Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Refugees
- Shift to Constitutional Democracy
- Challenges after Independence

The Indian States

- Policy of Equal Federation (1935-1947)
- Plan of consolidation
- Integration of Princely States: Junagadh, Kashmir and Hyderabad
- Aftermath of Integration
- Goa and Pondicherry

- Tribal Integration
- Roots of India Tribal Policy
- Reasons for dismal performance of Tribal Policy
- Positive Development happened due to state's Initiative since 1947
- The Official Language
- Features of Official Language Act
- Framing of the Constitution of India
 - Evolution of the Constitution and main provisions
 - Steps to the Constitution
 - Constitutional Developments
 - The Indian Constitution: Main Provisions
 - The Constituent Assembly
 - Formation
 - Compulsions and Issues in front of Assembly

From Colony to Democracy

- Challenge of building democracy
- Challenges before ECI and conduction of first general election
- Starting of one party dominance
- Dominance of Congress System
- Nature of Congress Dominance
- 1967 elections

- Split in the Congress
- Emergence of Opposition Parties
- Role of opposition parties
- Various opposition parties

Economic Consolidation

- Economic Development and Planning
- Ideas of Development
- Planning
- Formation of Planning Commission
- First five year plan
- Second five year plan
- Achievements of Plans from 1947 to 1965
- Key controversies regarding 5 year plans
- Green Revolution
- Prevailing Conditions before the introduction of Green Revolution
- Initiatives prior to Green Revolution to boost Agriculture
- Government's other positive initiative during Green Revolution Period
- Positive and negative impact of Green Revolution
- Operation Flood and Cooperatives
- Formation of Amul
- Starting and impact of Operation Flood
- Limitations of Co-operativization
- Development of land reforms in India between 1947 and early 1960's
- Abolition of intermediaries
- Tenancy reforms
- Ceiling on land holdings
- Bhoodan Movement
- Aims and advantages of Bhoodan movement

India's External Relations

- Evolution of India's Foreign Policy
- Strategic Issues
- Features of Indian Foreign Policy
- Emergence of NAM and its Summits
- Organizational structure & membership
- India and its neighbours
- India and China
- India and Pakistan (Indo-Pak War, Kargil War, Shimla Agreement, Tashkent Declaration and Agra Summit)
- India and Bangladesh (creation of Bangladesh)
- India with Nepal and Bhutan
- India's relations with two countries of Bipolar world: USA and USSR
- Analysis of Nehruvian Foreign Policy

■ The Crisis of Democratic Order

- The JP movement and Emergency 1975-77: Testing of Indian democracy tested
- Background to emergency (Economic context, Gujarat and Bihar movements, Conflict with Judiciary)
- Declaration of emergency (Crisis and Response)
- Controversies regarding emergency
- Lessons from emergency
- Politics after Emergency (LS elections 1977 and Janata Party)
- The Opposition: Initial years of BJP
- The Naxalite Movement
- Communalism
- Secularism and democracy
- Ayodhya dispute: Demolition and after
- Communalism and use of state power



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- Revival and growth of communalism
- Anti-muslim riots in Gujarat
- The Punjab Crisis
- Operation Blue Star
- Demand of Khalistan
- Basis of Regionalism: Politics in the states
- Roots of tension
- Challenges of Regionalism
- Tamil Nadu (Dravidian Movement), Andhra Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal and J&K (external and internal disputes)
- Secessionist movement in North-Eastern states
- Accommodation and National Integration

Popular Movements

- Nature of Popular Movements
- Environment Movements
- Chipko Movement
- Narmada Bachao Andalon (Sardar Sarovar Project, Debates and struggles)
- Party based Movement and Nonparty based movements
- Caste, Untouchability, Anti-caste politics and strategies
- Issues of Dalit

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- Dalit panthers: Origin and their activities
- Agrarian Struggles
- Bharatiya Kisan Union: Growth and its characteristics
- National Fish Worker's Forum
- Anti-Arrack Movement: Origin and its linkage
- Indian Women since Independence
- Lesson from popular movements
- Recent developments in Indian Politics
 - Context of the 1990s
 - Era of Coalition
 - Decline of Congress
 - Alliance politics
 - Political Rise of other Backward Classes
 - Mandal Implemented: The Mandal Commission
 - Political fallouts
 - NEP-1991, LPG policy, Tax reforms, Privatisation, globalisation and ICT
 - Nuclear policy
 - Emergence of new consensus

 - Terrorist troubles and relations with Pakistan

TEST: 06 (HISTORY)

The Salient Aspects Of Art Forms

Topic:

Culture & Heritage of India

- Aims and objectives of performing arts and their development through various stages.
- Utility of performing arts during the

ancient and the medieval period.

 Appreciate the contribution of classical dances, folk music as well as folk dances in Indian culture and Challenges faced by performing Arts

- Development of drama through various phases in India and recognize the contribution of folk theatre
- Examine the importance of the three art forms in the development of human personality.
- Religious and secular Art in India

Dance

- Tracing Evolution of Dance (Rig Veda, Harappa, Nataraja)
- Classical Dances of India, their evolution and Theme
- Well known Classical dancers of India.

Topic:

Times.

• Themes in Indian folk dances

Drama

- Introduction (Natyashastra)
- Evolution of Drama in India
- Various texts relating to Drama period wise (Mahabhasya, Mrichhakatika)
- Famous Modern Dramas and Dramatists.

Religious Philosophies

- Buddhism and its impact
- Jainism and its impact
- Sufism and its impact Vedanta Philosophy
- Bhakti Traditions

TEST:07 (HISTORY)

Languages & Literature

- Vedic Literature
- Tamil language and Sangam Literature
- Classical languages : Evolution & impact on society
- Trends in Medieval Literature
- Modern Indian Literature

Visual and Performing Arts

- Architecture In India
- Architectural Style of Harappan Civilisation
- Influence of Buddhism and Jainism on Indian architecture
- Stupas, Chaityas and Viharas
- Impact of Persian and Greek invasion on Indian culture
- Mauryan Architecture (322-182 BC)

• Post Mauryan Architecture

• Literature And Architecture From Ancient To Modern

- Gandhara and Mathura school of Art
- Cultural development during Gupta Age
- Temple Architecture and Sculptures
- Nagara and Dravida Styles
- Early Temples
- Rock Cut temples
- Monolithic Temples
- Free Standing Temples
- Pallavas as great temple builders
- Emergence of Nalanda as centre of learning
- Medieval Period architecture
- Delhi Sultanate
- Regional Kingdoms (Mandu, Jaunpur etc)
- Vijaynagara Architecture

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- Mughal Architecture
- Evolution of temple construction in India
- Indo Islamic Architecture
- Colonial Architecture
- Utility of Architectural structures today and in Past
- Conservation and Preservation of Architectural Structures
- Spread of Indian Culture to Southeast Asia
- Bronze Sculptures In India
- Harappan "Dancing Girl"
- Jain Tirthankaras Bronze Images
- Buddha bronze Images (ex Guptas and Vakatakas)
- Pala school of Art (Bronze images, Manuscripts)
- Chola Bronzes
- o Nataraja
- Paintings In India
- Prehistoric Rock Paintings
- Ancient Period
- Murals Paintings
- Bagh Caves
- Sittanavasal Paintings
- Armamalai caves
- Medieval Period
- Pala school of miniature paintings

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- Mughal miniature paintings (synthesis of Indian and Persian style)
- Role of Akbar and his successors
- Development of Pahari, Rajput and Deccan Paintings
- Theme of paintings in Medieval period
- Modern Period
- Bengal school of Art
- Renaissance or revivalist painting
- Madras School of Art
- Decorative Art
- Madhubani
- Kalamkari
- Kalighat
- ₀ Warli
- Pattachitra
- Theme of decorative paintings in India
- Theatre Forms of India
- Significance of Traditional folk theatre in India
- Different forms of traditional folk theatre in India
- Sanskrit theatre in India
- Challenges faced by theatre in India
- Puppet forms in India
- Themes of puppetry in India
- Forms of Puppetry

TEST: 08 (HISTORY)	 Topic: ● History of the World Will Include Events From 18th Century Such As Industrial Revolution, World Wars, Redrawal Of National Boundaries.
Industrial Revolution	 Beginning of Renaissance
 Decline of feudalism 	 Pre-industrial Europe

 Factors that led to industrial revolution and its Impact

French Revolution

- Causes of the revolution in France
- France under Napoleon
- Impact and Signifi cance of revolution

Nationalism in Europe

- Rise of the nation- state system
- Unifi cation of Italy and Germany
- Colonialism and Imperialism

Emergence of USA

- Foundation of American Colonies
- The Independence of USA
- The American Revolutionary War and its impact
- Political Effects of the Revolution
- How did the American Revolution influence the French Revolution?

World War-I

• Causes and Course of the war

- Consequences of World War I
- Aftermath of World War I
- League of Nations

Russian Revolution

- Major events in pre-revolution Russia
- Causes and Course of revolution
- Consequences and Aftermath of the War
- Post-Lenin Russia

Inter War Years (1919 to 1939)

- The Great Depression- an economic perspective
- Rise of Fascism in Italy & Nazism in Germany
- o Soviet Union (USSR)

World War- II

- Causes &Course of the war
- Aftermath & Analysis of the war
- Decolonization Phase

Topic:

 Colonization, Decolonization, Political Philosophies Like Communism, Capitalism, Socialism Etc. - Their Forms And Effect On The Society.

Colonialism and its Analysis

TEST: 09

(HISTORY)

- The age of Imperialism (1870-1914)
- Imperialism in Asia

Development In Middle East

- Democratic reforms in Middle East
- Arab nationalism
- Israel and Palestine

Communism, Socialism and Capitalism

- Capitalism (concept, types and example)
- Communism (concept, types, example)
- Relevance of capitalism in present era
- Socialism

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POLITY



Topic:

 Modern Indian History From About The Middle Of The Eighteenth Century Until The Present-Significant Events, Personalities, Issues

Constitutional Development

- Importance of Constitution
- Historical evolution of the Constitution
- Constituent Assembly
- Objectives of the Constitution
- Salient features of Indian Constitution

Features of Indian Constitution

- Sources of the Constitution
- Salient features of the Constitution
- The Philosophy of the Constitution
- System of Government: Parliamentary & Presidential System
- Role of Convention under the Constitution
- Comparison between Judicial Review and Parliamentary Supremacy

Parliamentary System

- Features of Parliamentary Government
- Features of Presidential Government

- Merits of the Parliamentary System
- Demerits of the Parliamentary System
- Reasons for Adopting Parliamentary System
- Distinction between Indian and British Models
- Comparison with other constitution
 - Synthesis Of Parliamentary Sovereignty And Judicial Supremacy: Some Comparison
 - Constitutional System in USA
 - Constitutional System in UK
 - Constitutional System in Russia
 - Constitutional System in Switzerland
 - Constitutional System in Germany
 - Constitutional System in France
 - The Constitution of South Africa
 - The Constitution of Ireland
 - The Constitution of Canada
 - The Constitution of Japan

TEST: 11 (POLITY)	Topic: • Preamble • Union Territories • Citizenship • Fundamental Rights
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Citizenship

- Meaning and Signifi cance
- Constitutional Provisions
- o Citizenship Act, 1955
- Single Citizenship
- Overseas Citizenship of India

State and UTs

- Union of States
- Parliament's Power to Reorganise the States
- Exchange of Territories with Bangladesh
- Evolution of States and Union Territories

Preamble

- Text of the Preamble
- Ingredients of the Preamble
- Key Words in the Preamble
- Significance of the Preamble
- Preamble as Part of the Constitution
- Amendability of the Preamble

Fundamental Rights

- Features of Fundamental Rights
- Definition of State
- Laws Inconsistent with Fundamental Rights
- Right to Equality
- Right to Freedom
- Right Against Exploitation
- Right to Freedom of Religion
- Cultural and Educational Rights
- Right to Constitutional Remedies
- Writs—Types and Scope
- Armed Forces and Fundamental Rights
- Martial Law and Fundamental Rights
- Effecting Certain Fundamental Rights
- Present Position of Right to Property
- Exceptions to Fundamental Rights
- Criticism of Fundamental Rights
- Significance of Fundamental Rights

TEST: 12 (POLITY)

Topic:

- **Fundamental Duties**
- Amendment
- Basic Structure

Directive Principles of State Policy

- Features of the Directive Principles
- Classification of the Directive Principles
- New Directive Principles
- Sanction Behind Directive Principles
- Criticism of the Directive Principles

- Utility of Directive Principles
- Conflict Between Fundamental Rights and Directive
- Principles
- Implementation of Directive Principles
- Directives Outside Part IV

Fundamental Duties

• DPSPs

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Swaran Singh Committee

- Recommendations
- List of Fundamental Duties
- Features of the Fundamental Duties
- Criticism of Fundamental Duties
- Significance of Fundamental Duties
- Verma Committee Observations

Amendment

- Procedure for Amendment
- Types of Amendments
- Criticism of the Amendment Procedure

Basic Structure

- Emergence of the Basic Structure
- Elements of the Basic Structure

TEST: 13 (POLITY)

Union executive

- The Union Executive
- The President
- Relation between President and Council of Ministers
- Vice President
- Prime Minister
- Council of Ministers
- Attorney General

Union legislature

- Lok Sabha
- Rajya Sabha
- Functions and Powers of Parliament
- Sessions of Parliament: Adjournment, Prorogation, Dissolution etc.
- Lacunas in Parliamentary Functioning in India
- When Does a Bill Lapse in Indian Parliament?
- Types of Majorities Used in the Indian

Parliament.

Union executives and legislature

Topic:

- Election to Rajya Sabha: The Procedure, Relevance of RajyaSabha
- Government Budgeting: Indian Budget for Beginners.
- Budget Documents Made Simple: Key to Budget Documents.
- Cut Motions: Policy Cut, Economy Cut, and Token Cut.
- Misuse of Ordinance promulgation power
- Office of the Speaker: Powers and Issues
- Issue related to office of profit
- Breach Of Privilege: Special privileges to MP's and its implications
- Parliamentary Committees
- Parliamentary Committees in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- Diminishing importance of parliamentary committees

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Anti Defection Law

Provisions of the Act

- Evaluation of the Act
- 91st Amendment Act (2003)

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TEST: 14 (POLITY)

- State executive and Legislature,
- Federal Structure and issues related to it,
- Emergency Provisions

Topic:

Centre- State and Inter-State Relations

- Legislative Relations
- Administrative Relations
- Financial Relations
- Trends in Centre–State Relations
- Inter-State Water Disputes
- Inter-State Councils
- Public Acts, Records and Judicial Proceedings
- Inter-State Trade and Commerce
- Zonal Councils

Federal structure

- Federal Features of the India Union
- Unitary Features of the Constitution
- Is India a true federation?
- Importance of Federalism in India
- Issues and Challenges faced by Indian Federalism
- Critical Assessment of Federal System in India

Emergency

- National Emergency
- President's Rule
- Financial Emergency

• Criticism of the Emergency Provisions

State executive

- The Governor
- Appointment, Tenure and Removal of a Governor
- Can the governor be dismissed arbitrarily?
- Ordinance making power of the Governor
- The Council of Ministers
- Relationship between the Governor and Council of Ministers
- Protection of Governor
- Advocate General

State legislator

- Constitution of Legislatures in States
- Abolition or creation of Legislative Councils in States.
- Composition of the Legislative Assemblies
- Sessions of the State Legislature, prorogation and dissolution
- Right of Governor to address and send messages to the House or Houses.
- Rights of Ministers and Advocate-General as respects the Houses.

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TEST: 15 (POLITY)

Topic:

Local bodies, Scheduled areas

Panchayat

- Evolution of Panchayati Raj
- 73rd Amendment Act of 1992
- Compulsory and Voluntary Provisions
- PESA Act of 1996 (Extension Act)
- Finances of Panchayati Raj
- Reasons for Ineffective Performance

Municipalities

- Evolution of Urban Bodies
- 74th Amendment Act of 1992
- Types of Urban Governments
- Municipal Personnel

- Municipal Revenue
- Central Council of Local Government
- Cooperatives
- Constitutional Provisions
- Reasons for the 97th Amendment

The Scheduled and Tribal Areas

- o 5th schedule areas
- 6th schedule areas
- Composition of autonomous councils
- Role and functions of councils
- Role of Governor with respect to tribal areas
- o Tribal sub plan

TEST: 16 (POLITY)

- Topic: Constitutional bodies
- Non constitutional bodies

Constitutional and Non Constitutional Bodies

- Election Commission
- Union Public Service Commission
- State Public Service Commission
- Finance Commission
- Goods and Services Tax Council
- National Commission for SCs
- National Commission for STs

- National Commission for BCs
- Special Offi cer for Linguistic Minorities
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- Attorney General of India
- Advocate General of the State
- NITI Aayog
- National Human Rights Commission
- State Human Rights Commission
- Central Information Commission

- State Information Commission
- Central Vigilance Commission
- Central Bureau of Investigation

- Lokpal and Lokayuktas
- National Investigation Agency
- National Disaster Management Authority

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TEST:17 (POLITY)	Topic:
Judiciary and related issue	es o Election Process
Supreme Court	 Representation of the People Act, 1950
 High Courts 	 Representation of the People Act, 1951
 Subordinate Courts 	 Delimitation Act, 2002
 Judicial Review 	 Other Acts Relating to Elections
 Judicial Activism 	 Rules Relating to Elections
 Public Interest Litigation 	 Orders Relating to Elections
	 Electoral Reforms
Tribunals	
 Administrative Tribunals 	Political parties in India
 Tribunals for Other Matters 	 The need of political parties
	 Party System in India
 Electoral System 	 Problems in the working of parties
 Election Machinery 	 The Extent of Criminalisation in Politics

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ETHICS		
TEST: 18	Topic: • Ethics and Human Interface	
 Ethics: Basic Introduction Dimensions and Essence of Ethi Approaches of Ethical Study: Inc Perspective and Western Perspective and Western Perspective and Western Perspective and va Basic concepts: morality and va Ethics in public life Ethics in Economic Life Freedom and Discipline Duties and Rights Virtue Ethics 	ian • Values and Ethics in Government: ctive Legislature, Executive and judiciary	
TEST: 19	Topic: • Human Values	
 Human values Human Values Socialization Individual Personality and Values Values and Skill Fundamental and Instrumental V Democratic values 	 Aesthetic values 	
TEST: 20	Topic:	
Aptitude and Foundational Values of Civil Services • Essential Aptitude for civil serval	 Civil Services Accountability 	

- Adaptability, Magnanimity, Perseverance
- Impartiality and Non-Partisanship
- Tolerance and compassion for the Weaker section
- Contribution to society by Civil Services

TEST: 21

Topic:

 Probity in Governance & Philosophical Basis of Governance Ethics in Administration

Probity in Governance

- Concept of Public Service
- Philosophical basis of Governance and Probity
- Information Sharing, Transparency and
- Right to Information

Flaws in RTI and recommendations for Improvement

- Importance of vigilant citizens
- Information sharing and participation Importance of Code of ethics
- Code of Ethics in Professions
- Code of Conduct for Ministers; for Legislators; for Civil Servants; for Regulators and for the Judiciary
- Components of a Citizen Charter
- Steps in formulation of a Citizen's Charter ... Concept of Work Culture
- The Indian Approach to Work
- Methods of improving Work Culture
- Quality of Service Delivery
- Utilisation of Public Funds
- Problems in Fund Release andUtilization Parliamentary Control on Expenditure
- Corruption in India: extent, dimension, and response
- Corruption as a social evil
- Probity in public life Corrupt practice among civil servants and official

misconduct

- Exposing corruption: Civil Society initiatives and role of Whistleblower
- ₀ Act
- Tackling corruption: Role of government and institutions of governance
- Controlling corruption: Various approaches and efficacy

India & World Thinkers Indian Thinkers

- Mahatama Gandhi
- Dr. S Radhakrishnan
- Rabindranath Tagore
- Swami Dayanand Saraswati
- Mahadeva Govinda Ranade
- Sri Aurobindo
- Swami Vivekananda
- Sardar Patel
- Buddha
 Buddha
 Signature
 Signa
- Bhim Rao Ambedkar
- Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- ChhatrapatiShahuMaharaj
- Mother Teresa
- Amitabha Chowdhury
- o Aruna Roy
- T N Seshan

Administrative Thinkers



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- Max Weber
- Elton Mayo
- Peter Drucker
- Chestar Barnard
- Mary Parker Follet
- World Thinkers
- Plato
- Aristotle
- Socrates
- Jeremy Bentham
- o J.S. Mill
- Thomas Hobbes
- John Locke
- Jean Jacques Rousseau
- John Rawls
- Immanuel Kant
- Carol Gilligan
- Jean Paul Sartre
- Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel
- Confucius
- Rene Descartes
- Karl Marx
- Adam Smith
- Thomas Aquinas
- David Hume
- Democritus
- Galileo
- Friedrich Nietzsche
- Montesquieu
- Voltaire
- Thomas Jefferson

Indian & World Leaders

- Benjamin Franklin
- Martin Luther King
- Dalai Lama
- Nelson Mandela

- Mahatma Gandhi
- Siddhartha Gautama
- Swami Vivekananda
- Albert Einstein
- Abraham Lincoln
- Mother Teresa
- o J L Nehru
- o Lee Kuan Yew
- o Henry Ford
- Abdul Kalam
- Wangari Maathai
- Kofi Annan
- o Lech Walesa
- Desmond Tutu
- Elie Wiesel
- King Ashoka
- Sun Yat Sen

Attitude

- Components of Attitude: Affective, Cognitive, Behavioral component
- Functions of Attitude: Adjustive, Ego- Defensive, Value-Expressive , Knowledge Function
- Attitude Formation Model
- Impact of Beliefs and Values on Attitude
- Group Influences
- Social Influence
- Persuasion Tactics and Tools of Persuasion
- Moral Attitude formation
- Political Attitude formation

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ECONOMICS

TEST: 27

Topic:

Basics of Indian economy

Indian Economy and issues relating to Planning

- Role and objectives of Indian Planning
- Planning Experience at the Centre and State level
- Regulatory Role of the State
- Development Strategy in India's Five Year Plan
- Mahalanobis' Four-Sector Growth Model and Employment Generation
- Tackling the Problems of Poverty and Unemployment
- Vital Role of the Public Sector
- Analysis of India's Economic Performance in Development Planning
- Trends in Saving and Capital Formation since Independence
- Role of NITI Aayog in Cooperative federalism
- Resource Mobilization
- Types of Resources: Physical and Financial
- Need for Resource Mobilization- Police State and Democratic Welfare State policies
- Sources of Resource Mobilization: Public Sector and Private Sector
- Taxation and Mobilization of Resources for Economic Growth
- Direct Taxes and Mobilisation of Resources

- Agricultural Taxation & Resource Mobilisation
- Role of Indirect Taxes in Resource Mobilisation
- Mobilization of financial resources through Government Revenues
- Role of Public Debt in resource mobilization and effects: Market borrowing, loans, grants, etc.
- Role of Fiscal and Monetary policies in resource mobilization
- Role of Foreign investment in resource mobilization: Desirability and Consequences
- Multi-lateral agencies and resource mobilization
- Challenges to Resource Mobilization

National Income

- Concepts of National Income
- Calculation of National Income
- Latest India's National Income Estimates
- New Series of National Statistics (Base Year 2011-12)
- Annual Estimates of Expenditures on GDP
- Per Capita Income
- Purchasing Power Parity
- Lorenz Curve , Philip's Curve
- Ginni Coefficient



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TOPIC:

• Money, Banking and Finance

Monetary Policy

Instruments of Monetary Policy

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- Monetary policy in Pre-Reform Era (1948 – 1991)
- Monetary Policy in Post-Reform Era (Since – 1991)
- Urjit Patel Committee Report
- Monetary Policy Committee
- Inflation Targeting

Banking

- Indian Banking System
- Terminologies/Concepts Related to Banking in India
- Nationalization of Banks in India
- Functions of Commercial Banks

TEST: 29

 Challenges Faced by Commercial Banks in India

- Banking Reforms in India
- New Bank License Criteria
- Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks Criteria
- Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
- Financial Inclusion
- Bills related to Banking

Financial system

- Money Market and Capital Market in India
- Regulatory Framework in Indian Capital Market
- Primary Market Reforms in India
- Secondary Market Reforms in India

TOPIC:

Public Finance

Fiscal Policy

- Budget
- Receipts, Revenue Receipts, Tax Revenue Receipts, Non-Tax Revenue Receipts
- Revenue Expenditure
- Revenue Deficit, Fiscal Deficit, Primary Deficit
- Deficit and Surplus Budget

- Deficit Financing
- Subsidies

Taxation

- Tax Structure in India
- o Tax − Direct Tax, Indirect Tax
- Methods of Taxation Progressive , Regressive
- Proportional Value Added Tax VAT in India

- Goods and Services Tax GST , GST Council
- Service Tax
- DTC Direct Tax Code

TEST: 30

TOPIC:

Sectors of Indian Economy

Industrial Policy and Industrial Development: Main Issues

- Mahalanobis strategy and India's industrial policy-Discussing Industrial policy resolution 1948 and 1956 critically
- New Economic Policy and Industrial policy under the policy of liberalization, privatization and globalization
- Phases of Industrial development since independence

Main features of Industrial development in India

- Roles of private sector and public sector, Investment in the industrial sector, employment, productivity, profit etc.
- Strategies for disinvestment and privatization
- Role of Small, Medium and Micro enterprises, Government Policy, main problems, effects of globalization
- New Manufacturing Policy
- Industrial disbursal and Industrial corridors
- SEZs- Main issues like land use, relocation of same industries that exist, exports earnings vs loss of tax income
- Industrial sickness, institutional mechanism to support the sick industries, exit policy issues
- Main constraints in the industrial

development of India

- Effects of globalization on industries, Sub- prime crisis and sovereign debt crisis on Industry in India
- Industrial Finance in India: Role of development banking, commercial banking, venture capital, angel capital in industrialization and promotion of entrepreneurship
- Make in India achievements

Infrastructure

- Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)
- First Freight Village
- Bidder Information Management Systems (BIMS)
- Bhoomi Rashi PFMS linkage
- National E-Mobility Programme Draft National Automotive Policy
- Advanced Motor Fuels Technology Collaboration Programme
- Railways CONCOR begins coastal operations
- o Air Sewa 2 0
- Airports Privatization
- Drone regulations developed by Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Water Aerodrome
- NABH (Nextgen Airports for Bharat) Nirman Initiative
- Bansagar Canal Project



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- Jal Marg Vikas Project
- National Waterways projects in North Eastern Region (NER)
- Declaration of irrigation projects as National Projects
- Portal launched for real-time information on National
- Waterways
- Revised PPP Port Concessions
- Solar Charkha Mission
- Patratu Super Thermal Power Plant
- National Energy Storage Mission
- Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP)
- Srinagar Alusteng Drass Kargil Leh
- Transmission System
- Development of renewable energy
- Additional Strategic Petroleum Reserves established

- TRAI Interconnect Rule
- The TRAI launches integration & availability of TRAI Mobile Apps on UMANG platform
- Cabinet Approves Easing of Spectrum Cap
- Strategic Investment Fund under NIIF
- o O-SMART scheme

Investment Models

- Public Investment Model
- Private Investment Model
- Public Private Partnership Model
- BOT (build-operate-transfer).
- BOOT (build-own-operate- transfer).
- BOO (build-own-operate).
- BLT (build-lease-transfer).
- DBFO (design-build-fi nance- operate)

TOPIC:

• Foreign Trade, Foreign Capital & Agriculture

Role of Agriculture in Indian Economy

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- Land resource
 - Land-use pattern and Land capability classification
 - Causes and Impact of Land
 - Degradation
 - Sustainable Land Management
 - Steps taken by GOI

- Objectives of Land Reforms in India
- Progress of Land Reforms in India
- NITI Aayog Report on Land Leasing

Agriculture Finance

- Features of Agricultural Finance
- Criteria for Agricultural Credit
- Need for Agricultural Finance
- Sources of Agricultural Finance
- Problems of Agricultural Finance
- Measures taken to improve credit fl ow to agriculture

Land Reforms

Co-operative Credit Societies in India

Agricultural Credit Institutions

- Multi Agency Approach
- Commercial Bank
- Lead Bank Scheme
- National Bank for Agriculture and
- Rural Development (NABARD)
- Kisan Credit Card Scheme
- Bank Linkage Programme
- Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)
- Government Policy For Agricultural Credit
- Farmers Service Societies (FSS)

Crop Insurance in India

- Issues Related to Crop Insurance
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- Comparison with Earlier Crop Insurance Schemes

Agriculture Marketing

- Process of Agricultural Marketing in India
- Structure of Agricultural Marketing in India
- Importance of Proper Agriculture Marketing
- Government Measures to Improve Agricultural Marketing in India
- Analysis of APMC Act

Subsidies

Objectives of subsidies

- Transfer of resources from gainers from economic policies to losers from economic policies
- Farm Subsidies
- Fertiliser subsidies
- Subsidy on power
- Subsidy on irrigation
- Rationale of Minimum Support Price
- Impact of MSP on inflation
- Public Distribution System: Objectives, functioning, limitations,, revamping, evolution from universal PDS to targeted PDS, Targeted PDS, a critical analysis of cost and benefit of PDS
- Buffer Stock policy and government's intervention in food market to keep prices under reasonable limits to help consumers
- Food Security bill, questions of resource mobilization for the FSB, criticism of the FSB
- Important questions on the future of Subsidies
- Agricultural Revolutions in India
- Green Revolution
- White Revolution Operation Flood
- Yellow Revolution
- Blue Revolution
- Golden Fibre Revolution: Jute

Food Processing

- Processed Foods Scenario with respect to Specific Sectors
- Infrastructure Development in Food Processing Sector
- Issues in Food Processing Sector
- FDI Policy in Food Processing

- Notable Trends in the Indian Food Processing Sector
- Strategies Adopted in Budget

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- New foreign and domestic investment
- Sector-specific government policies

TOPIC:

Human Development and Inclusive Growth

Inclusive Growth and issues arising from it

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- Meaning and concept of Inclusion
- India's experience of Inclusion
- Why India's growth is not inclusive?:
- Rural economy based growth, Need of Sustainable agriculture, food security and resilience for growth
- What are the solutions?
- Inclusion process through Social sector
- flagship schemes and Ground realities
- Public distribution schemes: Can it be the way to inclusive growth
- Financial inclusion as an instrument of inclusive growth
- Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation as a strategy for inclusive growth
- Social sector development as an instrument for inclusive growth
- Public private partnership for inclusive growth
- Industrial Integration for inclusive growth
- Sectoral and regional diversification as a tool for inclusive growth

Poverty

- Committees
- Poverty Line
- Multi dimensional poverty
- Poverty Alleviation and Employment
- Generation as a strategy

Human development

- Dimensions of Human development
- Measuring Human Development
- India's Performance in HDI
- Roadblocks in India's Human Development
- Steps taken to improve Human Development in India

Foreign trade & International Organizations

- Trends in International Trade
- Foreign Trade Policy
- Balance of Payments and Foreign Capital
- Impact of Globalization on Indian Economy
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- World Bank Group
- AIIB and NDB

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GEOGRAPHY TOPIC: TEST: 33 Geomorphology, Oceanography The origin of the Earth important Parallels and Meridians • Motions of the Earth - Rotation. • Early Theories Revolution and their effects Modern Theories Inclination of the Earth's Axis and its Star Formation effects Formation of Planets Local and Standard Time and the Solar System International Date Line, Calendar Eclipses - Solar, Lunar The Evolution of the Earth Lavered Structure Origin of Life Geological Time Scale Interior of the Earth • Evolution of Lithosphere • Evolution of Atmosphere Sources of Information Evolution of Hydrosphere Direct Indirect - Earth Quake Waves Volcanoes The origin of the Earth Crust • Early Theories Mantle Modern Theories o Core Star Formation Geomorphology Formation of Planets Solar System Geology Minerals The Evolution of the Earth Major Elements of the Earth's Crust Layered Structure • Minerals – Feldspar, Quartz, Pyroxene Evolution of Lithosphere Amphibole, Mica, Olivine Evolution of Atmosphere Physical Characteristics – Crystal Form, Cleavage Fracture, Lusture, Color, Evolution of Hydrosphere Streak • Transparency, Structure, Hardness, Geological History of the Earth Specifi c Gravity Earth Metallic minerals – precious Ferrous , Latitude and Longitude including

Non Ferrous

- Non-metallic Minerals Sulphur , Phosphates , Cement
- Rocks (Aggregate of Minerals)
- Petrology
- Rocks & landforms
- Rocks & Soils
- o 3 Family of Rocks
- o Igneous
- Sedimentary
- Metamorphic
- Rock Cycle
- Earthquakes & Volcanoes
- Waves: P, S, Body, Surface
- Shadow Zone
- Types of Earthquakes
- Effects
- Frequency
- Locating an Epicentre
- Volcano
- Shield
- Composite
- Caldera
- Flood Basalt
- Mid Ocean Ridge
- Landforms (intrusive)
- Batholiths
- Lacoliths
- Lapoliths
- Phacoliths
- o Sills
- Dykes
- Geomorphic Processes
- Earth's Surface

- Endogenic Forces
- Gradation, Degradation & Agradation

- Diastrophism
- Orogenic
- Epierogenic
- Earthquakes
- Plate movements
- Volcanism
- Exogenic Forces
- Denudation Processes
- Weathering
- Mass movements
- Distribution of Continents & Oceans
- Theories
- Continental Drift Theory
- Pangea, Panthalasa
- Laurasia, Gondwanaland
- Evidence in support of Continental Drift Theory
- Rocks of Same age across oceans
- Placer Deposits
- Distribution of Fossils
- Forces of Drifting
- Pole Fleeing Force
- Tidal Force
- Post Drift Studies
- Convectional Current Theory
- Mapping of the Ocean Floor

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- Continents Plate Tectonics
- Lithospheric Plates
- Major Plate
- Minor Plates
- Plate Boundaries
- Divergent
- Convergent
- Transform
- Rates of Plate Movements
- Force of plate movements
- Indian Plate
- Landforms and their Evolution
- Causes
- Geomorphic Processes
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- Geomorphic Agents
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- Agents and their Impacts
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- ₀ Winds
- One of the Two dominant agents in Hot deserts
- Cause De flation Abrasion Impact
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- Pediments and Pediplains
- Playas
- Deflation Hollows and Caves
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- Gullies
- Valleys V Shape, Gorge (Hard Rocks), Canyon (Sedimentary)
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- River Terraces paired & unpaired
- Depositional Landforms
- Alluvial Fans
- o Delta
- Flood Plains, Natural Levees, Point Bars
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- Oxbow lake
- Braided Channels
- Ground Water (Karst Topography)
- Permeable Rocks
- Percolation
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- Water on the Surface of the Earth
- Hydrological Cycle
- Component
- Processes
- Oceans
- Relief of the Ocean fl oor
- Divisions of the ocean fl oor
- Continental Shelf
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- Deep sea plain
- Oceanic deep and Trenches

- Minor relief features
- Mid oceanic ridges
- Seamount
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- Temperature of the Ocean Water
- Vertical
- Spatial
- Factors affecting Temperature distribution
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- Unequal distribution of land & Water
- Prevailing wind
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- Factors affecting salinity
- Evaporation and precipitation
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- Density of Ocean Waters
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- Factors influencing Movement
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- Motion Horizontal and Vertical Currents
- Waves
- Motion of waves and water molecules
- Characteristics of wave
- Crest and Trough

- Height
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- Relation between Gravitational Forces and Tides
- Tidal currents
- Types of Tides
- Based on Frequency Semi Diurnal , Diurnal, mixed
- Based on SME position spring and Neap Tides
- Ocean Currents
- Primary Force that initiates the movement
- Heating of solar energy
- Gravity
- Coriolis force
- Secondary force that influence the currents to flow
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- Insolation

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- Variability of Insolation at the surface of the Earth
- Day Season Year
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- Transparency of Atmosphere, confi guration of land in terms of its aspect.
- Heat Balance
- Heating and cooling of atmosphere
- Conduction
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- Terrestrial Radiation
- Heat Budget of the Planet Earth

- Macro Budget
- Albedo
- Shortwave Radiation
- Long wave Earth Radiation
- Variation in the net Heat Budget at the Earth's Surface
- Temperature
- Factors controlling Temp distribution
- Distribution of Temp Month of January-July
- Range of Temp Month of January- July
- Inversion of Temperature
- Atmospheric Circulation and Weather Systems
- Atmospheric Pressure
- Vertical variation of pressure
- Horizontal distribution of pressue
- World Distribution of Sea Level Pressure
- Factors affecting the velocity and direction of the Wind
- Pressure Gradient Force
- Frictional Force
- Coriolis Force
- Pressure and Wind (Cyclonic & Anticyclone Circulation)
- General Circulation of the Atmosphere Pattern of Planetary Winds
- Latitudinal Variation of Atmospheric Heating
- Emergence of Pressure Belts
- Migration of Belts Following apparent Path of Sun



- Distribution of continents & Oceans
- Rotation of the Earth
- Circulation
- Simplified Global Circulation Hadley Cell , Ferrel Cell
- Seasonal Wind
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- Land and Sea Breezes
- Mountain and Valley Winds
- Air mass & fronts
- Extra Tropical Cyclone
- Thunderstorms
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- Water in the Atmosphere
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- Humidity Absolute and Relative
- Saturation Dew Point
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- World Distribution of Rainfall
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- The Hot, Wet Equatorial Climate
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- Soil Characteristics
- Factors Responsible for Soil Formation
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- Climatic Regions of India
- Soils in India
- Classification of Soils
- Soil textures
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- Types of Forests in India
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- Salient features of Indian Agriculture
- Problems of Indian Agriculture
- Factor Affecting Agriculture
- Geographical factors
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- Major Crops and conditions for growth
- Regionalization of Agriculture
- Various Revolutions in Agriculture Sector
- Green Revolution
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- Agricultural Policies and Initiatives
- Minimum Support Price: Benefits and Challenges
- Agriculture Market Produce Committees: Issues
- National Agriculture Market (NAM)
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- National Livestock Mission
- National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBD)
- Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- Agriculture Export Policy, 2018
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM- KISAN)
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- Operation Greens
- Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).
- Agriculture Census
- Food Security
- Nature of Food Insecurity: Duration, Severity and types
- Trend and Pattern in Food Insecurity
- Causes and Geography of famine
- Key Dimension of food security
- Efforts and Remedies to ensure food security
- Agricultural in Discussion
- Controversy over GM Crops: Benefits and Issues
- Impact of climate Change on Agriculture
- Evergreen Green Revolution for Sustainable Livelihood
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- Blue Revolution: Impact on Rural Economy
- Climate Smart Agriculture
- Need of Agriculture Diversification
- Mixed farming: Hedging Agriculture Risks
- Problems and Prospects of dryzone agriculture
- Plantation Agriculture: Issues involved
- Challenges of increasing Agriculture Productivity and Production
- New 'White Revolution': Need, Scope and Challenges

- Contract Farming: Benefits and Challenges
- Role of infrastructural and institutional factors in the recent transformation of Indian agriculture
- Impact of advanced agricultural technologies on the Environment
- Soil Health Card scheme and rationalisation of fertilizer subsidies
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- Production of conventional energy
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- Producing areas
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- Natural gas: Reserves and Production
- Hydro-electricity
- Advantages of hydro-electricity
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- Ocean transport routes
- Inland waterways
- Main regions of inland waterways
- Railways: Factors affecting the railroads
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- Population increase (growth) in the world
- Causes of rapid increase in population
- Future projections
- Determinants of population growth
- Natural increase
- Characteristics of population
- Age composition
- Population pyramids
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- Literacy
- Theories of population growth
- Malthusian theory
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- Demographic Transition Theory
- Optimum population
- Over-population
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- Population problems
- Population problems of developing countries
- Population problems of developed countries
- Population Policies: of China, of India.
- Various types of rural settlements
- Relationship between house types with relief, climate and building materials

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- Basic Feature and Pattern's of India's Urbanization
- Issues of Urbanization in India
- Rural Urban Migration
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- Water Supply, Drainage and Sanitation
- Urban Poverty
- Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act
- Way Forward to Tackle Issues Related to Urbanization
- Inclusive Cities/Smart cities
- Recent government programmes: AMRUT, HRIDAY Scheme

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- Displacement
- Importance of the Rehabilitation Policy
- Urban settlements: types
- Morphology of urban settlements
- Migration: Push factors and pull factors
- Emigration during colonial, post independent and postliberalisation period
- Functional classifi cation of cities
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- Rural urban fringe characteristics, advantages, problems
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- Information sharing and transparency in government
- RTI and Official Secret Act: Who's winning and why Judiciary wants to remain isolated
- Citizen's Charters
- Benefits of Citizen Charter
- Citizen Charter in India: An Evaluation
- Problems Faced in Implementing the Charters
- Steps to improve Citizen Charters
- Indian Approach to Citizen Charter: Sevottam Model
- Administrative Reforms Commission's Seven Step Model for Citizen Centricity
- Right to Service
- Extent of regulations and openness of media and social networking sites
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- Major E-Governance Projects and challenges in their implementation
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- Functions and responsibilities of various Bodies
- Analysis of Autonomy and functioning of CAG, CBI, CVC and NHRC
- Lokpal and rise of Ombudsman era: a

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- State and operational effectiveness of Local governemnts in India
- Corporate Governance in India Why is it so critical
- Police Reforms in India
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- Improving Governance In Public Systems

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- 7th Pay Commission Report & Repercussions
- AFSPA & Second ARC
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- Accountability & Transparency in NGOs

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- Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- Swachh Bharat Mission
- National Skill Development Mission
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- SansadAdarsh Gram Yojana
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- Role of Foreign aid in Development
- The role and function of pressure groups in India
- Changing Pattern of Pressure

- Group Politics in India
- Socio-Economic Development
- Concept of Human Development
- Economic Growth and Human Development: Two-Way Link
- Measurement of Human Development
- Understanding Poverty
- Dimensions of Poverty
- Linkage between Poverty and Development
- Recommendations of Rangarajan Committee Report
- Poverty Alleviation Strategy Since Independence
- Programmes for Poverty Alleviation
- Concept of Inequality
- World Inequality Report 2018: Findings of the Report

- Income Inequality in India
- Recommendations to Reduce Inequality

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- Manifestations of Hunger and its causes
- Challenges to Food Security
- Global Hunger Index Report, 2018
- Recommendations
- Institutional Measures for Welfare of Vulnerable Sections

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- Sections & Vulnerable groups in India
 - Constitutional Provisions for the Welfare of Society
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- Shortcomings of the Healthcare Sector
- Urgency of achieving Universal Health Coverage
- Evaluation of SWACHH BHARAT MISSION
- Global Nutrition Report 2018
- Initiatives Taken In Health Sector : Ayushman Bharat
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- Seasonal and Diurnal Fluctuation
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- Interdependence
- Ecological Succession
- Types and Process of Succession
- Climax Community
- Range of Tolerance , Maximum Range
- Difference between Ecology,
- Environment and Ecosystem
- Interaction between Species

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- Ecosystem Definitions
- Functions and Properties of Ecosystem
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- Types of ecosystem
 - Terrestrial Ecosystem
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- Sustainable Land Management
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- Noise Pollution
- Toxic Substances: Toxicant, Toxicity and Toxicology
- Factors affecting toxicity
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- Pollution Indicator Species
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- Threats to Biodiversity
- Causes of Biodiversity losses ('The Evil Quartet')
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- Conservation Strategies
- Conservation Tools
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- IUCN Red List
- Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESAs)
- In-situ methods of conservation of biodiversity
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- Green Buildings and their Rating System in India
- Eco-tourism-Advantages & Disadvantages of Eco-tourism

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- Environmental Laws: Provisions in the Indian Constitution towards Environmental Protection
- Salient Features of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act,1981*
- Salient Features of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- Salient features of Forest Conservation Act, 1980
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- Land Degradation Neutrality
- Biodiversity Heritage Site -Ameenpur Lake
- Energy Conservation Building Code
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- UNEP
- UNDP
- Centre for Biological Diversity
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- Ramsar Convention
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- Montreux Record
- Extent and distribution of wetlands in India
- Conserving the wetlands of India
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- International agreements for
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- Aichi Biodiversity Targets
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- Global Tiger Initiative
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- Species
- Use of indigenous knowledge for
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- International Biodiversity conservations
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- Issue of Bio-Piracy

- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology and IPR Issue
- Ethical Dimension In Biotechnology
- Intellectual Property Rights: Issues & Concerns
- IPR (Intellectual Property **Rights**)
 - Copy Rights
 - Trademarks
 - Patents
 - Industrial Design
 - Trade Secrets
 - IPR and Agriculture
 - WIPO

TOPIC: TEST: 47 Computer and IT, AI, robotics, Space,

defence

IT, Telcom & Electronics

- IT Industry in India
- Applications of Information Technology
- **Display Technologies**
- Telecommunication
- **Government Initiatives**
- Contemporary Debates
- Robotics

- What is Robotics?
- Machine vs Computer vs Robots
- Parts of a Robot
- Controller
- Manipulator
- End Effector
- o Sensor
- Classification of Robots
- Rolling Robots

- Walking Robots
- Autonomous Robots
- Artificial Intelligence
- Advantages and Disadvantages of Robot
- Applications of Robotics
- Industrial Sector
- Aerospace
- Healthcare Delivery
- Outer Space
- Exploration
- Military Robots
- Disaster Areas
- Entertainment
- Agriculture
- Domestic work

Renewable Energy

- Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)
- Concept of Green Building
- Tidal , Wave , Geothermal Energy , Fuel Cells

IPR (Intellectual Property Rights)

- Copy Rights
- Trademarks
- Patents
- Industrial Design
- Trade Secrets
- IPR and Agriculture
- o WIPO

Miscellaneous

Nobel Prize

- ₀ Li-Fi
- Vaterite
- Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI)
- Microcystallites
- o Silver Copper Telluride
- o Ice VII
- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service (INCOIS)
- Super Conductivity

Space

- Outer Space Treaty
- Solar Mission- Aditya
- Chandrayaan-2 Mission
- Gravitational Waves
- Importance Of Navigation System
- Reusable Launch Vehicle
- About S N Bose
- Stephen Hawking
- Space Activities Bill, 2017
- o Gaganyaan
- Spitzer Space telescope
- Chandra X-ray Observatory
- Multi-Application Solar Telescope
- Astrosat
- Sunspot
- Neutron Stars
- Air-breathing propulsion system
- Space Junk
- Graveyard Orbit

- Super cluster of galaxies- Saraswati
- Hyperspectral imaging satellite
- Water propulsion System
- Saturn-Cassini Mission
- o OSIRIS-Rex
- o GSAT-17
- o Long March-4B rocket

Space

- Types of orbits
- Launch Vehicle
- Satellite communication in India
- INSAT Satellite application
- Remote sensing applications
- Cryogenic rockets
- Global Positioning System
- GLONASS
- IRNSS
- GAGAN
- o Chandrayaan I & II
- Mars Orbitor Mission
- Space Organisations
- o Space race/Space junk
- Recent updates
- South Asia Satellite: Signifi cance
- Neutrino Observatory
- Solar Mission- ADITYA
- Gravitational Waves
- ISRO's Mission/Programme:
- NASA's Mission/Programme:
- Other Agencies Missions

- Exoplanets
- Einstein's theory
- Sun's gravity
- Einstein Ring
- Sunspot Cycle
- International Space Station (ISS)
- Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMBR)
- Green Propellant
- Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe
- GLONASS of Russia
- Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)
- India-Based Neutrino Observatory
- Human space fl ight Programme
- NASA's Kepler Space Telescope
- Unispace Nano satellite Assembly & Training programme (UNNATI)
- RAMA (Reconstituting Asteroids into Mechanical Automata)
- Draft Space Activities Bill, 2017
- GRACE MISSION
- o 'EPIC' planet

Nuclear Energy

- Types of nuclear reactions
- Nuclear Power Reactor
- Nuclear Plants in India
- N-Power Policy of India
- Radiation and Radioactivity
- Advantages of Nuclear Energy
- Disadvantages of Nuclear Energy
- Non-energy applications of Nuclear

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energy

- Impact of Radiation
- Issue of Radioactive Waste
- Institutions involved in Nuclear energy
- o Development, AERB
- Safety standards in Nuclear Power plants
- Nuclear & Radiological Disasters

Defense

- Missile system and classification
- On the basis of type
- On the basis of launch vehicle
- On the basis of Range
- On the basis of propulsion system
- India's Missile Development Prgram
- ๏ Agni
- o Prithvi
- Trishul
- ₀ Nag

- Dhanush
- o Prahaar
- BrahMos Missile System
- Indian Submarines and Naval Ships
- Light Combat Aircraft
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- Stealth technology
- Chemical Weapon
- Biological Weapon
- Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile
- Pinaka Rocket
- Scorpene Submarine Programme
- Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)
- Defence Innovation Hubs
- Defence Industry Corridor
- Mission RakshaGyan Shakti
- Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, 1987
- Project 75

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Contribution of Indians in science and technology, Application of science and tech in everyday life

Achievements of Indians in science & technology

- Scientists of Ancient India
- Science and Scientists of Medieval India
- Scientists of Modern India

Policies & Reports related to Science

- Technology Vision Document 2035
- National Biotechnology Development

Strategy 2015-2020

- National Intellectual Property Rights Policy
- Policy on Synthetic Biology
- Law Commission Report on Human DNA Profiling
- Diseases
 - Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV
 - Nipah Virus Infection

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- Avian Influenza or Bird Flu
- Bovine TB
- Encephalitis
- Kyasanoor Forest Disease (Monkey Fever)
- Hospital Acquired Infection

- Rotavirus
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Virus
- o Swine Flu
- o Chikanguniya
- Tuberculosis



INTERNAL SECURITY	
TEST: 49	 TOPIC: Linkages between Development and Spread of Extremism+ Role of External State and Non-state Actors in creating challenges to Internal Security+ Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism

Internal Security Challenges

- Social Diversity as Issues of Security Threat
- Challenges from within India
- Neighbours as Issue of Security Threat:
 - Pakistan
 - China
 - Myanmar
 - Bangladesh
 - Bhutan
 - Nepal
 - Sri Lanka
- Non-State Actors as Issue of Security Threat
- Global Indices and Measurement of Vulnerability of a State towards such Non-State Actors
- Law and Order vs. Internal Security

Terrorism Threat to India

- Changing face of Terrorism
- Terror Threats Faced by India
- Broader Framework to Deal with Terrorism

Organized Crime

- Types of Organized Crime
- Problems in controlling organized crimes
- Combating organized crimes
- Linkage of Terrorism and Organized Crime in India
- Linkage between Development and Spread
- Why naxalism is biggest threat to internal security?
- Insurgency in Northeast
 - Introduction
 - Issues & Conflicts
 - Assam Insurgency

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TEST: 50	 Challenges to Internal Security through Communication Networks, Role of Media and Social Networking Sites in Internal Security Challenges, Basics of Cyber Security; Money- Laundering and its prevention.

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Basics of Cyber Security

- Basic Definition
- Types of Cyber Crimes
- Impact and Steps needed Θ
- Recent Incident: Ransomware 0
- National Cyber Security Policy of India 2013

Cyber Warfare

- Factors Contributing/Aggravating Rise of Cyber Attack
- Recent Initiatives for Tackling Cyber Warfare
- Way Ahead

Social Media and Internal **Security Threat**

• Regulation of Social Media in India for Internal Security

• Challenges in Monitoring Social Media

Money Laundering

- Meaning of Money Laundering
- Harmful Effects of Money Laundering
- Steps taken by the Government

Black Money in India

- Parallel Economy in India
- Measures taken to curb Black Money?
- Demonetization for curbing black money
- Impact of demonetization on black money
- Criticisms

TEST: 51	 TOPIC: Security Challenges and their Management in Border Areas + Various Security Forces and Agencies and their Mandate
Security Challenges in Bo	rder Police
Areas	Centre's Role in Policing

- Challenges to Border Management
- Issues Faced in Border Management
- Community Participation for Border Management

SECURITY FORCES AND THEIR MANDATE

Police Reforms in India

- Organizational Structure
- Duties and Responsibilities of the

- Traditional Security Challenges
- Non-Traditional Security Challenges (NTS)
- Recommendations for Police Reforms
- Police we Want in 21st Century
- Various Security Forces and their Mandate
 - Assam Rifles
 - Border Security Force (BSF)

- Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- Central Industrial Security Force
 (CISF)
- Central Reserve Police Force
- National Security Guard
- Issues with Paramilitary Forces

Role of Army in Internal Security

- Strategic Perspective: Why role of Military has become important?
- National Context
- The Indian Army's Response
- Structural Adaptation
- Doctrinal Development
- Leadership Adaptation
- Long-term Perspective

GOVERNANCE ISSUES RELATED TO INTERNAL SECURITY

- Threats, Challenges and Vulnerabilities in 21st Century
 - China: The Long-term Challenge
 - Managing the China-Pakistan
 Collusion
 - Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Threat
 - Aerospace Threats
 - Maritime Security
 - Natural Resources
 - Conflict over Water
 - Energy Security
 - Global Warming
 - Indian Diaspora
 - Economic Warfare

Impact of Governance and Justice Delivery System on Internal Security

- Importance of Good Governance in Internal Security
- Reforms Needed

• National Security Mechanism

- Improving Policing and Intelligence
- Resolving Centre-State Issues in Managing Internal Security

• Issues in Intelligence Services

- Response Mechanism in India
- What are the Major INTELLIGENCE Challenges?
- Steps to tackle the flaws
- What are the probable measures to improve Intelligence Services in India?
- How to Create These Capabilities?

Strategy for Coastal and Offshore Security

- Different Facets of Maritime Security
- Different Reporting Mechanism for Handling Security
- Importance of Coastal Community Participation

\circ Make in India in Defence

- Present Scenario
- Make in India in Defence
- Government Policy
- Strategy for Indigenization
- Skill Development
- Technology acquisition



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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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India & Its Neighbourhood- Relations

India and Its Neighbours

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- Border dispute
- China's string of pearls
- China's Belt and Road Initiative: Prospects and Pitfalls
- Maritime Silk Road" linking the Indian and Pacific Oceans
- Why India is alarmed regarding BRI?
- India's trade defi cit with China
- China's Malacca Dilemma
- 2+1 Dialogue mechanism proposed by China
- A rising China: Challenges the US primacy in Asia and role of India
- Chinese project of diverting Tibetan waters
- South China Sea: objection of China to India's presence
- China denies CPEC backing as 'debt trap' for Pakistan (Debt trap diplomacy of China)
- The Unintended Consequences of India's Policy on Citizenship for Tibetan Refugees
- China's Economic Slowdown

India-Pakistan

• Indo-Pak Relations : Border Dispute and J&K issue

- Terrorism emanating from Pakistan
- Indus waters policy shift
- Dispute over Gilgit-Baltistan
- CPEC in PoK
- Nuclear India-Pak-US
- Indian stance regarding Baluchistan
- India Bhutan
- Bhutan's significance for Indian Foreign policy
- India-Bhutan Friendship Treaty
- Objection of Bhutan to India's Motor vehicle agreement
- Bhutan's rejection of China's BRI

India-Nepal

- Indo-Nepal Relations : Fluctuating ties
- Nepal's tilt towards China
- Nepal-China Transit Agreement: An Evaluation
- India's concern about Nepal's new Constitution
- The Issue of Water and Hydropower Cooperation
- Nepal Bharat Maitri Project

India-Myanmar

- Democracy in Myanmar
- Scope for cooperation between N-E India & Myanmar

- Rohingya issue
- Buddhist Chauvinism
- Major Projects: Kaladan multimodal corridor, India-Myanmar Thailand trilateral highway

India-Bangladesh

- Indo-Bangladesh Relations
- Water Dispute Teesta water issue & Ganga river dispute
- Bangladesh demand to stop the construction of the Tipaimukh Hydro- Electric Power Project on the Barak River
- Differences in approach of India and China towards Bangladesh
- Illegal Immigration
- Understanding Bangladesh's Unexpected Development Success

India-Afghanistan

- Instability in Afghanistan and role of India
- India's cooperation in Afghanistan
- Moscow Format
- India-Maldives
- Geostrategic Importance of Maldives
- Recent developments in Maldives exemplifying recalibration of ties
- FTA Between China and Maldives -Warning For India

India-Sri Lanka

- Sino-Sri Lanka Relationship
- Fishermen issue
- Issues on 13th amendment (Tamil & Minority Rights)

 Human Right violations & OHCHR Resolution on Sri Lanka

Indian Ocean Region

- Indian Ocean region and world affairs
- India is a "Net Security Provider" of the Indian Ocean
- Increasing Chinese influence in the Indian Ocean
- 20 years of formation of IORA
- Piracy in the Indian Ocean
- Seychelles' parliament refusal to ratify an Indian naval base plan on the Assumption Island
- Importance of Seychelles to India

Indo-Pacific

- Concept of Indo-Pacific from perspectives different countries
- East Asia Summit acts as a bridge for Indo- Pacific region
- India-Pacific Regional Dialogue

SAARC/BIMSTEC/BBIN

- SAARC: Challenges and Prospects
- Intra-low regional trade
- BIMSTEC as an alternative to SAARC
- Nepal withdrew from first ever
- BIMSTEC's military drill in India.
- Progress of BBIN project
- Global Issues
- Disarmament
- Climate Change
- Terrorism
- Global Governance

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• Indian Diaspora

India and Extended Neighbourhood

- India-Indonesia
- Indonesia's vision as a "Global Maritime Axis" and It's significance for India
- India-Singapore
- India-Singapore Bilateral Agreement for naval cooperation
- Thailand
- Indo-Thai relations: Challenges & opportunities
- India-Vietnam
- India -Vietnam's strategic cooperation
- India-ASEAN
- Importance of ASEAN in establishing peace and stability in region
- ASEAN-India Relations: Prospects and Challenges in Economic Partnership
- India's cooperation with the ASEAN has been less than China and Japan

Central Asia

- Connect Central Asia Policy
- Importance of central Asia
- Golden Crescent
- Connectivity Projects (INSTC, Ashgabat Agreement, TAPI Pipeline)
- India Mongolia
- India-Mongolia Bilateral Cooperation
- Mongolia launched construction

of first strategically oil refi nery,constructed by India

West Asia/Middle East

- Importance of West Asia for India
- Change in West Asian strategic thinking
- China's engagement in West Asia and challenges to India
- Reasons behind India's active strategic engagements with West Asian countries without participating in West Asian turmoil
- Shia-Sunni wedge in West Asian countries
- Importance of Saudi Arabia
 ,Challenges in India-Saudi Arabia
 Relations
- Plight on Indian migrant workers.
- Relations between India and United Arab Emirates
- Middle East to India Deep water Pipeline (MEIDP)
- India-Iran
- Consolidating India-Iran Cooperation
- Connectivity- Importance of Chabahar port
- Iran nuclear deal: Iran Sanctions & India's Options
- India Israel
- From 'in the closet' into a fast developing open relationship
- strategic significance of the Indo-Israeli relationship
- De-hyphenation of Israel and Palestine

TOPIC:

 Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests

India and World

• India-Africa

• India-Africa Trade relations: Prospects

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- Contribution of Indian Diaspora in various
- fields in Africa.
- African co-operation in ensuring security and peace in Indian Ocean region
- India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Africa's hydrocarbon sector. Strategic Partnership between India and South Africa

• India-Europe

- The first India-Nordic Summit
- What is GDPR? its implication for India
- influx of refugees into Europe
- irritants between India-EU (FTA)
- A new European Union strategy for India
- Ukrainian Crisis' has lead to resurgence of cold war
- Brief on India-UK relations
- Brief on India-France relations
- India and USA
 - Brief of India-US relations
 - Mutually supportive Defence cooperation relationship

- logjams in implementation of civil nuclear cooperation agreement between India and the USA
- Bilateral Social Security Agreements
- The rise of protectionist regime in USA and the challenges for the Indian
- Importance of New Security strategy (NSS) of USA for India
- Recent US extraterritorial Sanctions and their potential impacts on India
- Potential impact of US sanctions towards Russia, Iran and North Korea using CAATSA on US-India relation,
- USA pulls out of INF treaty-Its implication for India
- Pivot to the East policy of the USA
- The Arithmetic of India-U.S. Relations and the Russian Factor
- The First India-US 2+2 Dialogue: An Assessment
- Challenges in Implementing JCPOA after the US Withdrawal
- LEMA-Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement
- Visa, Free Trade and WTO
- India-Canada
 - Uranium Deal

India-Russia

- India's increasing defence deal with USA, Israel
- Russian arms deal with Pakistan
- Stagnation between India-Russia Relations
- Russian proposal of 'Eurasian Economic Union

India-Japan

- Japan's funding of major projects in India
- Nuclear Pact
- Japan's Pacifi sm
- 13th annual India Japan summit

India-Australia

- Australia's "An India Economic Strategy to 2035", a vision document
- Nuclear cooperation between India- Australia
- International Organisaton and Global Issues
- United Nation and UNSC
 - UNSC Reforms : Importance and Challenges

• BRICS

- Advantages of setting up the New Development Bank
- Prospects and Challenges of BRICS

• Commonwealth

- Shared history of Commonwealth
- Relevance in current time and Areas of Cooperation

Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- Benefi ts and challenges of India's entry in SCO
- IMF The International Monetary Fund:
 - issues concerning the reforms in Bretton Wood twins and needs structural reforms to reflect post globalization realities of the world
- NATO The North Atlantic Treaty Organization:
 - Relevance of NATO in post USSR era
- TPP The Trans-Pacifi c Partnership:
 - Will RCEP prove to be a competitor of TPP in the Asia-Pacifi c region
- WTO The World Trade
 Organization:
 - Doha round and Singapore Agenda: Challenges in implementation
 - USA-India dispute
 - Need to revamp WTO
 - Arctic Council: Arctic is attracting global interest
- o IAEA
 - India's nuclear facilities under IAEA Safeguards

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 Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian Diaspora, Important International institutions, agencies and forums - their structure, mandate

UK Referendum – Brexit

- consequences of Brexit for United Kingdom and European Union,
- effect of Brexit on China and India

Refugee problem:

- Does the world need a new UN convention on refugees
- United Nations member states (except the U.S. and Hungary) agreed on a Global Compact for Migration to better manage international migration

Terrorism

- Reasons of rise of far right wing politics in many developed and developing countries
- the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT)
- UNSC's 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee on Jaish-e-Mohammad Chief Masood Azhar
- Security Council Resolution 2322 to enhance the efficacy of international legal and judicial systems
- Lone-wolf attacks.

Yemen Crisis

• Yemen Crisis: Reasons and impacts

South China Sea

- Contention over South China Sea and South China Sea Ruling
- Senkaku and Diaoyu confl ict between China and Japan
- Role of India in the wake of increasing South China Sea dispute

Other

- World coming towards a new multipolar order with USA as a waning superpower and China-Russia axis as an emerging challenger
- India and the International Solar Alliance
- Venezuela-Columbia Border Issue
- AIIB & The Changing World Order
- Multilateral export control regimes
 Signifi cance and challenges of India's Entry
- US-Venezuela Stand-off : Impact on lobal Oil Prices
- Renaissance and Reticence in India's North- South Connectivity Platform
- Strategic Petroleum Reserves: Stocking Oil for Rainy Days
- QUAD: Strategic and economic benefits
- India has been accorded associate

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member status by IEA,: Its importance for India

- Why RIC is as important to India as JAI and BRICS?
- Rising Protectionism and Currency Wars

Indian Diaspora

- Role played by Indian Diaspora
- Issue of safety of Indians abroad
- Schemes for Welfare of Overseas Indian
- Indian Diaspora in Gulf
- Nitaqat law and Present Status

SOCIETY

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- Topic:
- Salient Features of Indian Society
- Diversity of India
- Effects of Globalization on Indian Society

Salient feature of Indian society

- The Indian Society Is Syncretic And Dynamic
- The Merging Of Tradition With Modernism
- The Underlying Theme Of Unity Is Diversity
- The Society Is Largely Agrarian And Rural
- Class And Caste Divide
- Changes within Indian Society and their Repercussions

Diversity of India

- Nature and extent of diversity in India
- Importance of diversity
- Forms of Diversity in India
- Cultural elements of unity in diversity
- Impact of Western Culture on diversity of India
- Extreme Diverse Geography
- Bonds of Unity In India
- Constitutional Safeguards for diversity in India – Role of Constitutional Framers
- Factors Leading to Unity amidst Diversity in India

Challenges of Diversity to Unity (Challenges to National

Integration)

- Diversity of Constituents
- Regionalism and cultural identities
- Casteism
- Communalism
- Social Inequalities
- Regional Disparities
- Ethno-Nationality and Ethnic Conflicts
- Tribal Identity

Effects of Globalization on Indian Society

- Causes of globalisation
- Cost and benefits of globalisation
- Advantages of globalization
- Disadvantages of globalization
- Globalization and its impact on Indian economy
- Developments and challenges
- Advent of New Economic Policy
- Impact of globalization on agricultural sector
- Impact of globalization on Financial Sector
- Impact on Export and Import
- Impact of Globalization on Indian Culture

- Social Dimension of globalization
- Impact of Globalization on Women in India
- Impact of globalization on Caste System
- Impact of globalization on Children
- Impact of globalization on elderly

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- Political consequences of globalization
- Deglobalisation
- Types of Protectionism
- Alter-globalisation

Topic:

- Communalism
- Regionalism
- Secularism
- Role of Women and Women's Organization
- Urbanization, Their Problems and their remedies.

Secularism and Secularization

Western and Indian Concept

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- Process of Secularization
- Secularism and Forced Conversion in India

Communalism

- Factors Responsible for Communal Violence
- Incidence of communal violence in India
- Measures to Deal with Communalism

Regionalism

- Types of Regionalism
- Effects of Regionalism
- Regionalism: Demand for Smaller States
- Strategies to tackle Regionalism
- Sons of Soil Concept

Role of Women and Women's Organization

- 19th Century Women Movements
- Under Social Reform Movements
- Women's Issues During Gandhian Era
- Issues in Post Independence Era
- Violence Against Women
- Developmental Movement
- Uniform Civil Code
- Urbanization & Census 2011
 - Urbanization
 - Trend and pattern of Urbanization
 - Issues Related to Urbanization in India
 - Status of Service Delivery and Governance
 - Urban Development Projects
 - Critical Analysis of Smart City
 Mission

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Topic:

- Social Empowerment
- Population and Associated Issues
- Poverty and Developmental Issues

Social empowerment

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- Constitutional Provisions Relevant to Social Justice & Empowerment of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes
- Status Of Minorities In India
- The Scheduled Castes: From Untouchable To Dalit
- Population of the Scheduled Castes
- Types of Disabilities of the SCs
- From Untouchables to the Dalits: The Process of Identity Formation
- Combating Mechanism against Caste Atrocities and Violence
- The State Efforts for Dalit Emancipation
- Tribals In India
- Chronic Indebtedness
- Forest Related Problems
- Destruction of the Forest Environment and the Tribal People
- Development and Displacement
- Analysis of Forest Rights Act
- Social Justice
 - Concept of Casteism in India
 - Caste and Politics
 - The Reservation Policy Debate
 - Social Justice and Social
 Development

Social Security in India

• Concept

- Social Security System in India
- Organized Sector and Social Security
- Unorganised Sector and Social Security
- Centrally Funded Social Assistance
 Programmes
- Public Initiatives
- Review of the implementation of Social Security Laws in the Country
- Suggestions for Improving the Social Security Matrix

Population

- Population and overpopulation
- Some theories on population
- Size and growth of population in India
- India enters 37-year period of demographic dividend
- Study on demographic dividend in India by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Reasons for High Population in India
- Challenges Associated with Demographic Dividend in India
- How to reap India's demographic dividend
- Empowering youth to reap the demographic dividend
- Demographic dividend to Diasporic Dividend
- Family Planning in India

Fertility in India

o CENSUS 2011

- Highlights of 2011 Census
- Analysis of Sex Ratio Data
- Impact of Skewed Ratio
- Laws related to Prevent Female Infanticide

Recent initiatives

- Trend and Current Scenario of Literacy in India
- Literacy Challenges in India as Whole
- Efforts to Improve the Literacy in Country
- Child Health Indicators and
- Maternal Health
- Initiatives taken by the Government
- Why the Health schemes fail to bring

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change?

- Family Planning and Population Policy of India
- Analysis on Status of Old Age
- Population: Issues & Policy Initiative
- Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011
- Poverty and Developmental Issues
 - Dimensions of Poverty
 - Linkage between Poverty and Development
 - Recommendations of Rangarajan
 Committee Report
 - Poverty Alleviation Strategy Since Independence
 - Programmes for Poverty Alleviation
 - Concept of Inequality
