

# PRELIMS 2021 PRACTICE PROGRAMME

**BATCH-3** Starts

Test Timings:  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**20  
DECEMBER  
2020**

## TOTAL 65 TESTS

<b>33</b> SUB SECTIONAL	<b>6</b> SECTIONAL	<b>7</b> CURRENT AFFAIRS
<b>16</b> MOCK TESTS	<b>3</b> CSAT	

4000<sup>+</sup> Topics Covered through  
Smart Solution

PROGRAMME FEE: ₹ 8,500 + GST

# Programme Highlights

1. Our well designed test papers will focus on testing concepts as well as factual knowledge as per UPSC Pattern.
2. Total 65 Tests:
  - a. Sub-sectional Tests - 33
  - b. Sectional Tests - 6
  - c. Current Affairs - 7
  - d. CSAT Tests - 3
  - e. Mock Tests - 16

**Sub-sectional Tests:** Under this each subject will be divided in sub-topics to bring more depth in preparation. These tests will be of *50 Questions* each.

**CSAT Tests:** Under this three tests on Reasoning, Comprehension & GMA, respectively will be held. Each test will consist of *50 Questions*.

**Sectional Tests:** Under this each subject mentioned in the UPSC syllabus will be catered and each test will consist of *100 Questions*.

**Current Affairs:** current affairs tests will consist of *100 Questions*.

**Mock Tests:** Mock tests will be conducted on UPSC pattern. *Paper 1 will consist of 100 Qs. and Paper 2 will consist of 80 Qs.*

3. 3-Layer Performance Analysis including Test Report, Detailed Analysis & integrated All India Ranking for Online & Classroom Aspirants.

# FAQ

## ► What is this program all about?

- PRELIMS PRACTICE PROGRAMME is designed to achieve MAXIMUM SCORE in Prelims 2020 through Speed and Accuracy in solving MCQs which plays the most VITAL role in 2 hrs of prelims examination.
- PRELIMS PRACTICE PROGRAMME will help in covering Subjects from NCERT to ADVANCE level on WEEKLY basis which enhances the understanding of concepts and interconnectivity between them.
- Programme will help in organising the preparation which is very important because due to late start and unorganised study aspirants lag behind and fail in Prelims exam by 2-3 marks.
- This program is designed to help students in Quick Revision; otherwise, they may be lost in the vast ocean of data and information overload.

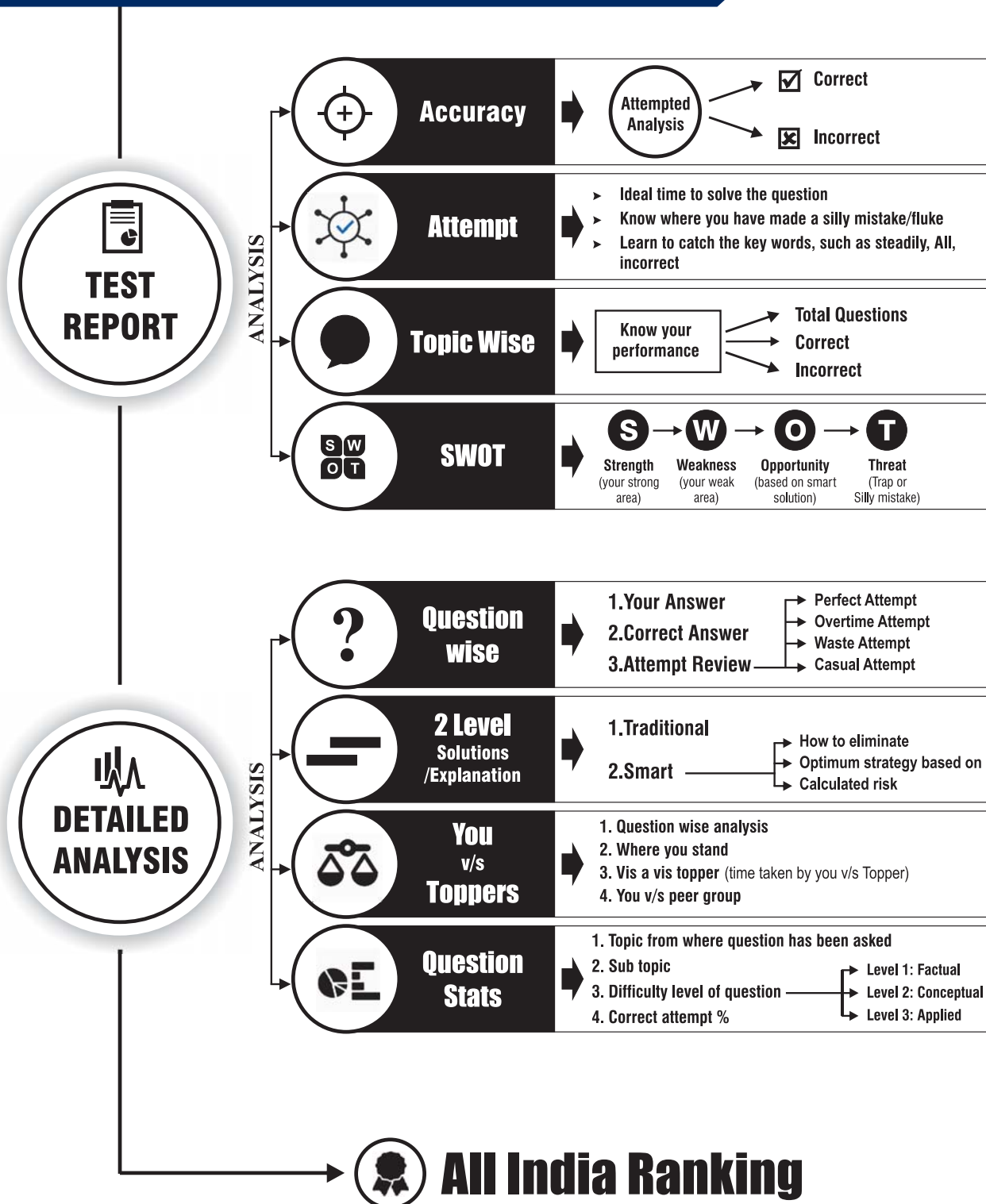
## ► How is it different from other test series?

- Self-Study and regular REVISION is the key to Holistic Preparation.
- Our PRELIMS PRACTICE PROGRAMME will cover each subject in a holistic manner.
- Each subject will be covered rigorously.
- This will help students prepare each subject extensively as well as intensively.
- Programme will test one's knowledge and preparation for prelims rigorously.

## ► How to use this Programme?

- Through our PRELIMS PRACTICE PROGRAMME students will solve 4500+ MCQs with detailed explanations.
- Detailed explanations will help in covering multiple dimensions of the topics in syllabus in stipulated time and full efficiency.
- Explanation with Smart solution will help in learning the art of elimination as it is not feasible for an aspirant to know everything under the sun. The art of eliminating options is the key to solve those questions where students lack sufficient information asked in the exam.

# TEST SCORE ANALYSIS



# Test Schedule

TEST NO.	DATE	SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
<b>SUB-SECTIONAL TESTS: 50 QUESTIONS</b>			
<b>POLITY</b> <b>20 December, 2020 to 30 December, 2020</b>			
1	20 December, 2020 (Sunday)	Polity 1	Fundamentals of Polity (NCERT)
2	23 December, 2020 (Wednesday)	Polity 2	Constitutional Development + Preamble + Union Territories + Citizenship
3	26 December, 2020 (Saturday)	Polity 3	FR + DPSP + FD + Other Constitutional Provisions such as Emergency Provisions etc.
4	27 December, 2020 (Sunday)	Polity 4	Executive + Legislature + Judiciary
5	30 December, 2020 (Wednesday)	Polity 5	Governance + Socio Economic Development + Reforms + Bills + Welfare Schemes + Policies
6	2 January, 2021 (Saturday)	Current Affairs-1	<b>JANUARY TO MAY, 2020</b>

TEST NO.	DATE	SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
<b>ECONOMY</b> <b>3 January, 2021 to 10 January, 2021</b>			
7	3 January, 2021 (Sunday)	Economy 1	Fundamentals of Economy (NCERT)
8	06 January, 2021 (Wednesday)	Economy 2	Basic Concepts of National Income, Money, Banking
9	09 January, 2021 (Saturday)	Economy 3	Budgeting + Fiscal Policy + Sectors (Agriculture + Industrial + Service)
10	10 January, 2021 (Sunday)	Economy 4	Monetary Policy + Financial Market + External Sector + International Institutions
11	13 January, 2021 (Wednesday)	CURRENT AFFAIRS-2	JUNE + JULY + AUGUST, 2020
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> <b>16 January, 2021 to 24 January, 2021</b>			
12	16 January, 2021 (Saturday)	Environment 1	Fundamentals of Environment (NCERT)
13	17 January, 2021 (Sunday)	Environment 2	Environment and Ecology
14	20 January, 2021 (Wednesday)	Environment 3	Biodiversity and its Conservation
15	23 January, 2021 (Saturday)	Environment 4	Environmental Pollution + Climate Change + Global Warming
16	24 January, 2021 (Sunday)	Environment 5	Environmental Governance (India + World)

TEST NO.	DATE	SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
<b>HISTORY &amp; CULTURE</b> 27 January, 2021 to 10 February, 2021			
17	27 January, 2021 (Wednesday)	History 1	Fundamentals of History (Ancient + Medieval)
18	30 January, 2021 (Saturday)	History 2	Fundamentals of History (Modern)
19	31 January, 2021 (Sunday)	Culture 3	Visual Arts + Performing Arts
20	03 February, 2021 (Wednesday)	Culture 4	Religions + Languages + Literature + Institutions
21	06 February, 2021 (Saturday)	History 5	Ancient India
22	07 February, 2021 (Sunday)	History 6	Medieval India
23	10 February, 2021 (Wednesday)	History 7	Modern India (1757 – 1947)
24	13 February, 2021 (Saturday)	CURRENT AFFAIRS-3	SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER 2020
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> 14 February, 2021 to 3 March, 2021			
25	14 February, 2021 (Sunday)	Geography 1	Fundamentals World Geography
26	17 February, 2021 (Wednesday)	Geography 2	Fundamentals Indian Geography
27	20 February, 2021 (Saturday)	Geography 3	Geomorphology + Indian Physiography
28	21 February, 2021 (Sunday)	Geography 4	Climatology + Indian Climate

TEST NO.	DATE	SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
29	24 February, 2021 (Wednesday)	Geography 5	Oceanography + Biogeography
30	27 February, 2021 (Saturday)	Geography 6	Demography + Human Geography + Census
31	28 February, 2021 (Sunday)	Geography 7	Economic Activities + Agriculture + Minerals + Energy
32	3 March, 2021 (Wednesday)	Geography 8	Industry + Transport + Trade + Communication

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

07 March, 2021 to 17 March, 2021

33	07 March, 2021 (Sunday)	Science & Tech 1	Biology + Everyday Science + + Institutions + Award
34	10 March, 2021 (Wednesday)	Science & Tech 2	Biotechnology + Health + Nuclear tech
35	14 March, 2021 (Saturday)	Science & Tech 3	Space + Defence
36	17 March, 2021 (Wednesday)	Science & Tech 4	IT + Telecom + IPR + Nanotech + Robotics

## CSAT

19 March, 2021 to 21 March, 2021

37	19 March, 2021 (Friday)	CSAT	CSAT - Reasoning
38	20 March, 2021 (Saturday)	CSAT	CSAT - General Mental Ability
39	21 March, 2021 (Sunday)	CSAT	CSAT - Reading Comprehension

TEST NO.	DATE	SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
40	22 March, 2021 (Monday)	CURRENT AFFAIRS-4	NOVEMBER + DECEMBER, 2020

## SECTIONAL TESTS: 100 QUESTIONS

24 March, 2021 to 14 April, 2021

41	24 March, 2021 (Wednesday)	Sectional Test	Polity & Governance
42	28 March, 2021 (Sunday)	Sectional Test	Economy
43	04 April, 2021 (Sunday)	Sectional Test	Environment
44	07 April, 2021 (Wednesday)	Sectional Test	History & Culture of India
45	11 April, 2021 (Sunday)	Sectional Test	Geography
46	14 April, 2021 (Wednesday)	Sectional Test	Science & Technology

## MOCK TESTS: 100 QUESTIONS

17 April, 2021 to 09 May, 2021

47	17 April, 2021 (Saturday)	MOCK 1	PAPER 1
48	17 April, 2021 (Saturday)	MOCK 2	PAPER 2
49	18 April, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 3	PAPER 1
50	18 April, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 4	PAPER 2
51	21 April, 2021 (Wednesday)	CURRENT AFFAIRS-5	JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2021

TEST NO.	DATE	SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
52	24 April, 2021 (Saturday)	MOCK 5	PAPER 1
53	24 April, 2021 (Saturday)	MOCK 6	PAPER 2
54	25 April, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 7	PAPER 1
55	25 April, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 8	PAPER 2
56	28 April, 2021 (Wednesday)	MOCK 9	PAPER 1
57	28 April, 2021 (Wednesday)	MOCK 10	PAPER 2
58	1 May, 2021 (Saturday)	CURRENT AFFAIRS-6	BUDGET 2021-22 + ECONOMIC SURVEY + INDIA YEAR BOOK 2020
59	2 May, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 11	PAPER 1
60	2 May, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 12	PAPER 2
61	5 May, 2021 (Wednesday)	MOCK 13	PAPER 1
62	5 May, 2021 (Wednesday)	MOCK 14	PAPER 2
63	8 May, 2020 (Saturday)	CURRENT AFFAIRS-7	MARCH + APRIL, 2020
64	9 May, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 15	PAPER 1
65	9 May, 2021 (Sunday)	MOCK 16	PAPER 2

# 4500+ Topics Covered

- ▶ **4500+ Topics to be covered, through *Smart Solution*. It can be used as *REVISION NOTES***
- ▶ ***SMART Solutions* will be provided so that you learn how to approach a question in the exam, even if you don't have the full knowledge of the topic given.**

## EXAMPLE:

Let's see how smart solution can be effective through UPSC PRELIMS QUESTION OF 2018.

**Q1: Consider the following statements:**

- 1. In the first Lok Sabha, the single largest party in the opposition was the Swatantra Party.**
- 2. In the Lok Sabha, a "Leader of the Opposition" was recognised for the first time in 1969.**
- 3. In the Lok Sabha, if a party does not have a minimum of 75 members, its leader cannot be recognized as the Leader of the Opposition.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**A. Correct Options: (b)**

**Explanation:**

**Leader of the Opposition**

- ▶ **Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - **1952 elections The Congress had won 364 out of 489 Lok Sabha seats in the first ever general election held in India. Its vote share was 45 per cent.**

- The CPI was the second party with just 16 seats. The Swatantra Party was an Indian liberal conservative political party that existed from 1959 to 1974.
- Statement 2 is correct:
  - Leader of opposition was recognized for the first time in 1969.
  - The leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha were accorded statutory recognition in 1977. They get same salaries and allowances that are equivalent to a Cabinet minister – paid by the govt.
- Statement 3 is incorrect:
  - In each House of Parliament, there is the 'Leader of the Opposition'. The leader of the largest Opposition party having not less than one-tenth seats of the total strength of the House is recognized as the leader of the Opposition in that House.

Total 10% seat means

- In Lok Sabha 10% of 543 = 55 (In 3rd statement, it says "minimum of 75 members"), hence it's incorrect.
- In Rajya Sabha 10% of 245 = 25

Smart Solution

- In the first reading most of the candidates will find that statement 1 & 2 are very factual in nature and hard to solve. In this case they skip the question and move on to the next one.
- But, If candidate reads the question further he/she will realize that statement 3 was in news (Congress got only 44 seats in last Lok Sabha elections) and is straight away wrong. In the Lok Sabha, if a party does not have a minimum of 10% (55) members of the total strength (543), its leader cannot be recognized as the Leader of the Opposition.
- Conclusion: Even if you have no idea about statement 1 and 2 and are updated with the current affairs you can straight away eliminate options (a), (c), and (d) and can mark option '(b)' as the correct answer.

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# Sub-Topic Listing

## TEST: 1 - 5 POLITY

**Historical Background +  
Preamble + FR + DPSP + FD +  
Other Constitutional Provisions  
(Emergency, Citizenship etc.)**

### 1. Historical Evolution and Features

- ▶ What is Constitution?
- ▶ Importance of Constitution
- ▶ Historical evolution of the Constitution
- ▶ Constituent Assembly
- ▶ Objectives of the Constitution
- ▶ Salient features of Indian Constitution
- ▶ Unitary features
- ▶ Federal features
- ▶ Parliamentary form of government
- ▶ Presidential form of government
- ▶ Parliamentary vs. Presidential system of government

### 2. Preamble

- ▶ Preamble
- ▶ Basic features
- ▶ Value premises of constitution
- ▶ Terminologies as:
  - ▶ Democratic
  - ▶ Sovereign

- ▶ Socialist
- ▶ Secular
- ▶ Republic
- ▶ Justice
- ▶ Equality
- ▶ Liberty
- ▶ Fraternity
- ▶ Integrity

### 3. Fundamental Rights

- ▶ Meaning and importance of Fundamental Rights
- ▶ Right to equality
- ▶ Right to Freedom
- ▶ Right against Exploitation
- ▶ Right to Freedom of Religion
- ▶ Cultural and Educational Rights
- ▶ Right to Constitutional Remedies
- ▶ Difference between procedure established by law and due process of law
- ▶ Writs and their uses
- ▶ Restrictive limitations on fundamental rights

**4. DPSP**

- Basic features
- Directives
- Economic and Social DPSP
- Gandhian DPSP
- Administrative DPSP
- DPSP related to international peace
- Implementation of DPSP

**5. Fundamental Duties**

- Features
- Link of Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties

**6. Recent Developments**

- Fundamental Duties - Awareness Campaigns is the Duty of Centre
- National Anthem - Mandatory in Cinema Halls - Article 51(a)
- Prevention of Insults to National Honor Act, 1971
- Triple Talaq Issue
- Uniform Civil Code
- MGNREGA: Right to Work
- Making AADHAR Mandatory Violates Fundamental Rights

**7. Citizenship**

- Basic constitutional features
- Methodology of getting citizenship
- Modes of Losing the Citizenship of India
- Concept of dual citizenship
- Citizenship provisions in J&K
- Special privileges enjoyed by citizens in India

**8. Panchayats**

- Brief history
- Provisions of 73rd AA
- Role and functions of different tiers
- Provisions of 74th AA
- Role and functions of different tiers
- Municipal Corporations
- Municipal Councils
- Nagar Panchayats
- The steps taken towards women's empowerment
- Role of State Election Commission
- Role of State Finance Commission
- XIth and XIIth Schedules

**9. The Scheduled and Tribal Areas**

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

**10. Relations Between The Union and The States**

- Administrative relations
- Legislative relations
- Financial relations
- Misuse of emergency powers
- Issue of devolution of funds
- Interstate council
- Zonal council
- Cooperative federalism concept

**11. Services**

- ▶ AIS
- ▶ State services
- ▶ Central services
- ▶ UPSC
- ▶ JPSC and SPSC

**12. Tribunals**

- ▶ Need of tribunals
- ▶ Salient features of tribunals
- ▶ Composition
- ▶ Procedure
- ▶ Powers and functions
- ▶ Different types of tribunals: some examples

**13. Elections**

- ▶ Adult franchise importance
- ▶ Constitutional provisions
- ▶ National and state party
- ▶ Types of elections
- ▶ Electoral reforms
- ▶ State funding
- ▶ Changes in Corporate Funding
- ▶ NOTA in Elections
- ▶ Nagaland Reservation in Urban Bodies
- ▶ E- Postal Ballot

**14. Special Provisions relating to Certain Classes**

- ▶ Reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in centre and state legislatures
- ▶ Representation of the Anglo-Indian Community
- ▶ National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

**15. Official Language Provisions**

- ▶ Official language of the Union
- ▶ Commission and Committee of Parliament on official language
- ▶ Official language or languages of a State
- ▶ Official language for communication between one State and another or between a State and the Union
- ▶ Language of The Supreme Court, High Courts, etc.
- ▶ Special Officer for linguistic minorities

**16. Emergency Provisions**

- ▶ National emergency
- ▶ State emergency
- ▶ Financial emergency
- ▶ Procedure of proclamation and removal of emergency
- ▶ Emergency and fundamental rights
- ▶ Impact of emergencies

**17. Amendments**

- ▶ Procedure of amendment
- ▶ Special majorities
- ▶ Important amendments
- ▶ Special provisions to different states
- ▶ Provisions related to NE states
- ▶ Provisions related to J&K

**Executive + Legislature + Judiciary****1. Union and States**

- State Reorganization Commission (brief)
- Components of Indian territory
- Process of formation of new states
- Zonal Councils
- Union territories
- Special provisions for states

**2. The President**

- Importance of President
- Qualification
- Election procedure
- Advantages and disadvantages of single transferable form of voting
- Presidents' Term of Office and emoluments
- Executive Powers
- Legislative Powers
- Emergency Powers
- Financial Powers
- Miscellaneous powers
- Judicial powers
- Presidents Impeachment
- President as nominal head

**3. Vice President**

- Office of the Vice-President
- Functions

**4. Prime Minister**

- Appointment of PM
- Functions of PM
- Role of PM with respect to

- CoM
- President
- Lok Sabha
- Political Party
- Coalition Government

**5. Council of Ministers**

- Division of CoM
- Role of CoM
- Role of Cabinet
- Responsibilities of the Ministers

**6. Attorney General of India**

- Qualification
- Functions
- Powers with respect to parliament

**7. Parliament**

- Functions of Parliament
- Composition of Rajya Sabha
- Composition of Lok Sabha
- Qualification and disqualification of MPs
- Vacation of seats
- Sessions of parliament
- Law making procedure
- Officers of Parliament
- Parliament Proceedings
- Motions and resolutions in Parliament
- Powers and Privileges
- Budget making process
- Comparison of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

- ▶ Types of majorities
- ▶ Special powers of RS

## 8. The Union Judiciary

- ▶ Integrated judicial system
- ▶ Supreme Court
  - Composition
  - Independence of Supreme Court
  - Jurisdiction of SC
  - Judicial Review
- ▶ High Court
  - Composition
  - Terms and removal
  - Jurisdiction
  - Other powers
- ▶ Lower judiciary
  - Appointment
  - Powers

## 9. Comptroller and Auditor-General of India

- ▶ Appointment
- ▶ Functions
- ▶ Role of CAG in good governance

## 10. The Governor

- ▶ Appointment, term of office, qualification, etc
- ▶ Powers
- ▶ Discretionary powers
- ▶ Ordinance making power

## 11. CM

- ▶ Appointment
- ▶ Powers and responsibilities
- ▶ Relationship between the Governor and the Chief Minister

- ▶ Relationship between CoM and the Chief Minister

## 12. CoM

- ▶ Division of CoM
- ▶ Role of CoM
- ▶ Role of cabinet
- ▶ Responsibilities of the Ministers

## 13. The Advocate-General for the State

- ▶ Appointment
- ▶ Functions

## 14. State legislature

- ▶ The composition of Vidhan Sabha and Vidhan Parishad
- ▶ Qualifications of the Members of Legislature
- ▶ Powers and Functions of State Legislature
- ▶ Relationship between both the Houses
- ▶ Officers of State Legislature
- ▶ Powers, Privileges and Immunities of State Legislatures and their Members
- ▶ Legislative procedure
- ▶ Governor's assent to Bills
- ▶ Procedure in Financial Matters/ Budget

## 15. Recent Updates

- ▶ President Election Procedure (Rights to vote or not to vote)
- ▶ Concept of Office of Profit
- ▶ Types of CAG audit
- ▶ Committee of Governors Report

- Reforms in Parliament functioning to increasing efficiency
- Dilemma of delimitation
- Significance of WHIP
- Declaration of assets of MP's
- NOTA in Rajya Sabha polls
- Demand for a hybrid electoral system
- Various types of electoral systems
- First past the post system
- Proportional representation
- Mixed systems also sometimes referred to as Hybrid system
  - Motion of Thanks
  - Privileges to MP
  - Ordinance making powers
- Parliamentary committees
- National Court of Appeal
- Middle Income Group Legal Aid Scheme
- Public Interest Litigation
- Criminal Defamation
- Capital Punishment
- E-Courts
- Tele-law initiative
- Pro-bono legal services
- Prison reforms
- Law panel on TRIBUNALS
- S.C Collegium proceedings in public domain
- Law Commission Report on United Nations Convention against Torture

## Socio - Economic Development + Welfare Schemes + Governance + Reforms + Bills + Policies

### 1. Social Sector Bills

- The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act
- 'Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016'
- 'Child Labor (Prohibition and Amendment) Bill, 2016'
- Maternity Benefit Bill, 2016
- Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act
- Mental Health Care Bill, 2013
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)
- Anti Trafficking Bill with Stringent Penalty

- HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Bill-2014 - Amendments
- Domestic Violence Act, 2005 - SC Widens Ambit
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 with more Benefits
- Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016
- The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act

### 2. Health

- National Health Mission
- National Ayush Mission

- ▶ Jan Aushadhi Scheme
- ▶ Mission Indradhanush
- ▶ NFHS-4 survey

### 3. Education

- ▶ Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat
- ▶ Mid Day Meal Scheme
- ▶ GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks)
- ▶ SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active - Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)

### 4. Start-up and Skill Development

- ▶ Start Up India Scheme
- ▶ Stand up India Scheme
- ▶ National Student Start-up Policy
- ▶ National Skill Development Mission
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- ▶ DeenDayal Antyodaya Yojana
- ▶ Skill Development Initiative Scheme
- ▶ Self-Employment & Talent Utilisation (SETU)
- ▶ Atal Innovation Mission

### 5. Vulnerable Sector

- ▶ Social Security
- ▶ Atal Pension Yojana
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- ▶ Nai Roshni Scheme
- ▶ USTAAD Scheme (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
- ▶ Nai Manzil Scheme

- ▶ Women and Child Development
- ▶ Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- ▶ Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
- ▶ Digital Gudda Guddi Board
- ▶ Ujjawala Scheme
- ▶ Janani Suraksha Yojana
- ▶ Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram
- ▶ SC/ST
- ▶ Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana
- ▶ Disability
- ▶ Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)

### 6. Rural and Urban Development

- ▶ Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
- ▶ Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan
- ▶ Shyama Prasad Mukharjee Rurban Mission
- ▶ Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- ▶ Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban
- ▶ Housing for all by 2022
- ▶ Smart Cities Mission
- ▶ Hriday - National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana
- ▶ Amrut (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation)

### 7. Inclusive Growth

- ▶ Measurement criteria
- ▶ Government initiatives for inclusive

growth

- Basic Amenities: Housing/Drinking Waters/ Sanitations
- Sustainable Development

## 8. Rural Development

- Rural development and poverty alleviation
- Review of the Existing Programmes
- Development Administration
- Panchayati Raj
- Agriculture and Rural Development

## 9. Miscellaneous Schemes

- Digilocker
- Bharatnet Project (National Optical Fibre Network)
- INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research)
- SAKAAR
- Digital India
- Namami Gange Project (Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission Project)
- Ganga Gram Yojana
- Khelo India
- PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)
- Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF)

## Governance + Reforms + Bills + Policies

## 10. Elections in India

- Salient features of the Representation of People Act, 1950

- Salient features of Representation of Peoples Act, 1951
- Electoral reforms
- Criminalization of politics
- Negative or neutral voting
- State funding of Elections
- Irregularities in polling

## 11. Political Parties in India

- Political parties in India
- Party reforms
- Problems in the working of parties
- Casteism and politic
- Reforms in Party system in India
- Strengthening of Anti-defection measures

## 12. Governing Institutions in India

- Structure of Ministries/ departments
- Political head
- Secretariat organization secretary
  - ◆ Functions of the secretariat
  - ◆ Functions of attached and subordinate office
  - ◆ Other organizations
- Constitutional bodies
- Statutory bodies
- Autonomous bodies
- Public sector undertakings
- The Executive organization
- Advantages of the separation of secretariat and executive organization.
- Strengths and weaknesses of the existing structure

- Recommendations for improving the Organizational structure

**13. Role of Pressure Groups**

- Types of pressure groups
- Role of pressure group in developing countries
- Functions of pressure groups in India
- Pressure groups methods
- Pressure groups and Democracy
- Criticism of pressure groups

**14. Role of SHG, NGOs, Civil Society**

- SHGs
  - Characteristics
  - Role of SHGs in development
- NGOs
  - Functions
  - Role of NGOs in development
- Micro Finance Institutions
  - Salient features
  - Role of MFIs in development

**TEST: 6**  
**CURRENT AFFAIRS - 1**

**JANUARY to MAY,**  
**2020**

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**TEST: 7-10  
ECONOMY****Basic Concepts of National  
Income, Money Banking, and  
Other Provisions + Financial  
Market****1. Basic concepts in Economy**

- Basic concepts of Macroeconomics
- Economy Sectors
- Classification of Economy
- Basic Characteristics of Indian Economy

**2. 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
- Gini Coefficient

**3. Money**

- Indian currency system
- Broad and Narrow Money
- Money multiplier
- Digital Money
- New Monetary Aggregates
- Monetary Policy
- Monetary Policy Committee

**4. Inflation**

- Types of Inflation
- Other variants of inflation
- Effects of inflation
- Measures taken by RBI
- RBI and Government Monetary Policy Committee

**5. Banking**

- Development of Banking System in India
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Public Sector Banks
- Other Important Banks and Financial Institutions
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
- Repo Rate
- Reserve Repo Rate
- Call Rates
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)
- Bank Rate
- Banking Sector Reforms in India
- Payment banks
- Small Banks
- New banking licence
- White Label ATM
- Unified Payments Interface
- Bank Board Bureau
- Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate (MCLR)

- ▶ Priority Sector Lending Certificates
- ▶ Concept of Micro ATM

## 6. Important committees

- ▶ Ratan P Watal Committee on Digital Payment
- ▶ Committee for Market Infrastructure Institution (MII)
- ▶ D. P. J. Nayak Committee
- ▶ Deepak Mohanty Committee Report on Medium-term Path on Financial Inclusion
- ▶ Narasimham Committee Report on Banking Sector Reforms
- ▶ Uday Kotak committee on Corporate Governance
- ▶ Nachiket Mor Committee

## 7. Indian Financial Market

- ▶ Concept and functions of financial markets
- ▶ Importance of money market
- ▶ Types of capital market
- ▶ Distinguish between capital market and money market
- ▶ Nature and functions of a stock exchange
- ▶ Advantages of stock exchanges
- ▶ Limitations of stock exchanges
- ▶ The stock exchanges in India
- ▶ Role of SEBI, IRDA
- ▶ Insurance Industry - Insurance Industry and Reforms
- ▶ Financial Regulators – SEBI, IRDA

## 8. Recent developments in Economic Sector

- ▶ Government to recapitalize the PSB's over the next 2 years

- ▶ New RBI rule and regulation for peer to peer (P2P) lending
- ▶ Domestic Systematically Important Banks (SIBs) of India
- ▶ Financial Inclusion in India
- ▶ The Concept of Bad Bank
- ▶ Alternative Mechanism Panel for PSB consolidation
- ▶ Employee Provident Fund of India
- ▶ Enforcement Department In RBI
- ▶ Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS)
- ▶ Indian Post Payment Bank (IPPB)
- ▶ Indian Gold Coins/Gold Bullion Scheme

## 9. AGRICULTURE

- ▶ New Agri Project - "Green Ag "
- ▶ Operation Green
- ▶ Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund
- ▶ Kisan credit card
- ▶ Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan
- ▶ Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran
- ▶ Agriculture Price Policy (APP) in India
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan
- ▶ Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
- ▶ Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana
- ▶ Foodgrain Production to touch a New Record of
- ▶ 284 83 Million Tonnes in 2017-18
- ▶ Sugar Production
- ▶ Maharashtra Adopt Food Park Model
- ▶ Gujarat's first Mega Food Park inaugurated in
- ▶ Surat
- ▶ Three Year Action Plan of Agricultural Education

## 10. INDUSTRY

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- National Mission on Government e-Market (GeM) portal
- Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk
- Industry” for sericulture
- North East Industrial Development Scheme
- (NEIDS)
- Government Redefi nes MSME
- Udyam Sangam-2018 inauguration
- ‘One District One Product’ Summit inaugurated
- Pharma Promotion Tax Exempt: Tribunal
- Cabinet Identifi ed Champion Services Sectors
- Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI)
- Department of Commerce Developing National
- Logistics Portal
- National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018
- Incredible India Tourist Facilitator Certification

## 11. 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
- 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
- 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-SMART scheme

## 12. BANKING & FINANCIAL SECTOR

- ▶ Central Board of RBI
- ▶ Monetary Policy: A Fine Balance between Growth and Inflation
- ▶ RBI to link interest rates to external benchmarks replacing MCLR
- ▶ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- ▶ Banks Board Bureau
- ▶ New RBI Norms Related to NPAs
- ▶ Parliament's Estimates Committee report on NPA's
- ▶ Prompt corrective action framework of RBI
- ▶ Mehta panel 5-point plan to fight NPAs
- ▶ Project Sashakt
- ▶ Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA)
- ▶ Recapitalization of RRBS
- ▶ Pariwarta' scheme for power sector revival
- ▶ Companies Act Notified
- ▶ The arbitration and conciliation (amendment) bill, 2018
- ▶ Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018
- ▶ Name and Shame Wilful Defaulters
- ▶ National Financial Reporting Authority
- ▶ Public credit registry
- ▶ Currency in Circulation Improved
- ▶ Micro ATM
- ▶ NPCI launched UPI 2.0
- ▶ RBI allows Tokenization of Card Transactions
- ▶ Nilekani Panel on Strengthening the Digital Payments Ecosystem
- ▶ The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Tele-communication (SWIFT)
- ▶ Independent regulator for the payments industry
- ▶ Treasury Bill
- ▶ Participatory Notes
- ▶ Development Impact Bonds
- ▶ Bharat 22 ETF (Exchange Traded Fund)
- ▶ Total Expense Ratio
- ▶ World's First Block-chain Bond
- ▶ Share Repurchase
- ▶ Currency Derivative Trade Limit
- ▶ RBI eases hedging norms for overseas borrowings
- ▶ Commercial papers as a source of funds
- ▶ TReDS platform
- ▶ Merger of three public sector insurance firms
- ▶ Steering committee on fintech related issues
- ▶ RBI buys gold for first time in nearly a decade
- ▶ RBI Surplus transfer to Government
- ▶ RBI Launches Ombudsman scheme for NBFCs
- ▶ Government Owned Non-Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs)
- ▶ Khan Committee recommendation on FPI
- ▶ Graded Surveillance Measure
- ▶ Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- ▶ Board of Management for Cooperative Banks
- ▶ Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
- ▶ Reasons for fall of Rupee

## Budgeting + Fiscal & Monetary Policy + External Sector + International Institutions

### 1. Government Budgeting/ Deficits

- ▶ Budget
  - Plan and Non Plan Expenditure
  - Revenue, Non revenue
  - Receipts, Revenue Receipts, Tax Revenue Receipts, Non-Tax Revenue Receipts
  - Revenue Expenditure
  - Revenue Deficit, Fiscal Deficit, Primary Deficit
  - Deficit and Surplus Budget
- ▶ Deficit Financing

### 2. Fiscal Policy - Revenue

- ▶ Tax Structure in India
- ▶ 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

### 3. Subsidies

- ▶ Food
- ▶ Fuel
- ▶ Fertilizers

### 4. Planning

- ▶ Objectives – Major Objective of Planning

#### ▶ Planning History

- Regional and National Planning
- Imperative and Indicative Planning
- Visvesvaraya Plan, Gandhian Plan FICCI Proposal, Congress Plan Bombay Plan
- Planning Commission and National Development Council (NDC)
- Central Planning – 5 Year Plans, 20 Point Program, MPLADS
- Decentralizes Planning
- Analysis of 5 Year Plans
- 12th FYP –Targets – Economic Growth, Poverty and Unemployment, Education, Health, Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainability, Service Delivery
- NITI Aayog and its work

### 5. Investment Models

- ▶ Measures of Investment
- ▶ Capital and investment
- ▶ Factors affecting investment
- ▶ Classification of Investment
  - FDI
  - Angel Investors and Start-ups
  - M&A
- ▶ Investment Models
- ▶ Role of State
- ▶ PPP (Public-Private Partnership)
- ▶ Savings and Investment Trends

- ▶ National Investment Fund (NIF)
- ▶ Unit Trust of India
- ▶ Global Depository Receipts/Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds
- ▶ Portfolio Investment from Foreign Institutional Investors
- ▶ Non-Resident Indian Investments
- ▶ Mutual Funds
- ▶ Pension Reforms
- ▶ Main Features and Architecture of the New Pension System

## 6. Schemes related to Finance

- ▶ Make In India
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana
- ▶ Digi-DhanVyapar/ Lucky Grahak Yojana
- ▶ Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

## 7. External Sector

- ▶ Fixed Foreign Currency Market
- ▶ Float Foreign Currency Market
- ▶ Balance Of Payments
  - Current Account
  - Capital Account
- ▶ Foreign Portfolio Investment
  - FII
  - FDI
- ▶ Exchange Market
  - LERMS
  - NEER
  - REER
  - EFF

- Purchasing Power
- ▶ Depreciation
- ▶ Appreciation
- ▶ Hard currency
- ▶ Soft currency
- ▶ Cheap currency
- ▶ Dear currency
- ▶ SEZ
- ▶ Convertibility of Currency
- ▶ India's Forex Reserves
- ▶ GAAR
- ▶ Foreign Trade Policy

## 8. International Organizations

- ▶ United Nations
- ▶ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- ▶ International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- ▶ International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- ▶ International Labour Organization (ILO)
- ▶ International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- ▶ International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- ▶ International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- ▶ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- ▶ United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- ▶ Universal Postal Union (UPU)
- ▶ World Bank Group (WBG)
- ▶ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- International Development Association (IDA)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Asian Development Bank
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- New Development Bank
- African Development Bank

## 9. Trade agreements

- RCEP
- TPP
- NAFTA
- MERCOSUR
- Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- ASEAN
- SAFTA

## 10. Recent developments

- GST Suvidha Portal
- GST Regime and its challenges
- National Anti-Profiteering Authority
- Capital Gains Tax Rules
- Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill 2017
- RBI recently released its biannual financial stability report (FSR)
- Panel to draft new direct tax laws to replace the existing income tax Act, 1961

- Budgetary Reforms in 2017-18
- Gender Budgeting in India
- Public Financial Management System (PFMS)
- Public Debt Management Cell (PDMC)
- Monetary Policy Committee
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- Corporate Bond Market
- Commercial Arbitration Centre
- Financial Data Management Centre (FDMC)
- Payment Regulatory Board
- Credit Enhancement Guarantee Fund
- Algorithmic Trading
- Green Bonds, Blue Bonds
- Taxation , Tax Terrorism
- Direct Tax Resolution Scheme 2016
- Income Declaration Scheme, 2016
- Double Tax Avoidance Agreement
- Angel Tax Long term capital gains tax
- Tax Buoyancy Concept
- Inverted Duty Structure
- Sunset Clause and its Significance in Policies
- Nineteenth Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)
- Goods and services tax appellate tribunal
- Cabinet approves increasing of Government ownership in Goods and Services Tax Network
- Input Tax Credit
- E-way bill

- Abolition of institution of income tax Ombudsman and indirect tax ombudsman
- Status paper on debt management
- Finance Bill
- CBDT's new scheme on speedier disposal of tax appeals
- CBDT has released Direct Tax Statistics
- Liberalized Remittance Scheme
- PPF Account Close: Government may Allow Premature Closure
- Foreign Institutional Investor (FII)
- Foreign direct investment (FDI)
- New FDI guidelines for the e-commerce
- INSTEX – Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges
- World Custom Organization
- Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
- India could be removed from US currency monitoring list
- Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC Member Countries
- High Level Advisory Group Constituted for Trade
- Cabotage Law
- Commerce & Industry Minister launches Mobile
- App Niryat Mitra
- 80:20 Scheme on Gold
- Changes in Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
- (FCRA)

## 11. Recent developments in External Sector

- Generalised System Of Preferences
- Taiwan takes India to WTO's safeguard committee on solar duty
- India withdrew most favoured nation status to Pakistan
- 7th RCEP inter-sessional ministerial meeting
- Current Account Deficit

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## ENVIRONMENT

### Basic Concepts

#### 1. Ecology

- Types of Ecology
- Ecological Hierarchy
- Scope of Ecology
- Habitat & Ecological Niche
- Deep vs Shallow Ecology
- Ecological Principles
- Ecological Community
  - Structure and Characteristics of a Community
  - Stratification
  - Ecotones
  - Ecological Dominance
  - Seasonal and Diurnal Fluctuation
  - Periodicity
  - Turnover
  - Interdependence
- Ecological Succession
  - Types and Process of Succession
  - Climax Community
- Range of Tolerance , Maximum Range
- Difference between Ecology, Environment and Ecosystem

#### 2. Ecosystem and its dynamics

- Ecosystem Definitions
- Functions and Properties of Ecosystem
- The Structure/Components of

#### Ecosystem

- Abiotic Components
- Biotic Components
- Ecosystem Dynamics
  - Flow of Energy in Ecosystem
  - Trophic Levels
  - Food Chain
  - Types & Significance of Food Chain
  - Food Web
  - Models for Energy Flow
  - Ecological Productivity
  - Ecological Pyramid
- Biomagnifications
- Biological Control
- Organic Farming

#### 3. Biogeochemical Cycles

- Parts of a Bio Geochemical Cycle
- Types of Biogeochemical Cycle
  - Carbon Cycle
  - Nitrogen Cycle
  - Phosphorus Cycle
  - Sulphur Cycle

#### 4. Biomes: Forest, Grassland, Mountain, and Desert Ecosystems

- Biome
- Grasslands
- Tundra
- Deserts

- ▶ Thar desert
- ▶ Mountain biome

## 5. Aquatic Life Zones: Ocean, Rivers, Lakes, and Wetlands

- ▶ Aquatic ecosystems
- ▶ Basic facts about the ocean
- ▶ Importance of the ocean
- ▶ Zones of the ocean
  - Marine life
- ▶ Coral reefs
- ▶ Coral reefs in India
- ▶ Conserving coral reefs
- ▶ Mangroves
- ▶ Mangroves in India
- ▶ Freshwater in India
- ▶ Importance of lakes
- ▶ National Lake Conservation Plan
- ▶ Wetlands and their importance
- ▶ Ramsar Convention
- ▶ Ramsar Sites
- ▶ Montreux Record
- ▶ Extent and distribution of wetlands in India
- ▶ Conserving the wetlands of India

## 6. Biodiversity Basics

- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ Important kinds of biodiversity
- ▶ Degree of diversity in an ecosystem
  - Endemic species
- ▶ Keystone species
- ▶ Indicator species
- ▶ Invasive species
- ▶ Allopatric and sympatric speciation
- ▶ Bioinformatics

- ▶ Biodiversity distribution
- ▶ Uses and values of biodiversity
- ▶ State of global biodiversity
- ▶ Threats to biodiversity
- ▶ Biodiversity Hotspots
- ▶ Eco-regions
- ▶ Role of traditional knowledge in biodiversity
- ▶ Biopiracy
- ▶ Extinction of species
- ▶ Mass extinction
- ▶ IUCN's classification scheme
- ▶ IUCN Red-List of Threatened Species
- ▶ Level of biodiversity in India
- ▶ Biogeographic classification of India

## 7. Biodiversity Conservation

- ▶ Ex-situ and in-situ conservation
- ▶ Seed banks
- ▶ Zoos in biodiversity conservation
- ▶ Botanical gardens
- ▶ Protected areas
- ▶ State of protected areas in the world
- ▶ UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program (MAB)
- ▶ Characteristics of biosphere reserves
  - International agreements for biodiversity conservation
- ▶ Convention on Biological Diversity
- ▶ Cartagena Protocol
- ▶ Nagoya Protocol
- ▶ Aichi Biodiversity Targets
  - Important Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Areas of India

- Important Bird Areas (IBAs) of India
- Global Tiger Initiative
- Project Tiger
- Project Elephant
- Indian Rhino Vision
- Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species
  - Use of indigenous knowledge for conserving biodiversity
  - Seed village

## Natural Resource Degradation and Management + Environmental Governance + Climate Change

### 1. Effect of Human Activities on Environment

- Effect of Modern Agriculture on Environment
- Effect of Housing on Environment
- Effect of Power Generation on Environment
- Effect of River Valley Projects (Water Resource Projects) on Environment
- Effect of Mining on Environment
- Effect of Transportation Activities on Environment
- Effect of Tourism on Environment

### 2. Water Resource degradation

- Water Cycle (Hydrological Cycle)
- Availability and Quality Aspects (groundwater depletion)
- Water-borne and Water-induced Diseases
- Fluoride Problem in Drinking Water
- Arsenic Problem in Drinking Water

### 3. Minerals & Environmental Degradation

- Mining and Environment
- Sensitivity of Select Ecosystems to Mining
- Impact of Mining
- Indirect Impact of Mining
- International Laws on Mining
- Main Act or Statue to regulate the impact of Indian Mining Sector
- Sustainable Mining

### 4. Deforestation

- Causes of Deforestation
- Implications of Deforestation for Climate Change
- Consequences of Deforestation on the Wildlife of India
- Impact of Deforestation on Indian Monsoon
- Impact of Deforestation on People
- Deforestation Leads to Water and Soil Resources Loss and Flooding
- Economical Impacts
- Strategies for Reducing Deforestation
- Government Programmes for Conservation of Forests
- Legislations for Conservation of Forests using People Participation

- ▶ Steps for Improving People Participation in Forest Resource Management
- ▶ Use of Local Traditional Methods

## 5. Waste Management

- ▶ Solid Waste
- ▶ Hazardous Waste
- ▶ e-Waste
- ▶ Bio Medical Waste
- ▶ Plastic Waste
- ▶ Methods for Waste Management
- ▶ Effects of Poor Waste Disposal
- ▶ Landfill

## 6. Sustainable Development

- ▶ Principles of sustainability
- ▶ Measurement of Sustainability or Sustainable Ethics or Equitable Utilisation of Natural Resource
- ▶ Sustainable Lifestyle (Role of an individual in sustainable, development)
- ▶ Challenges to Sustainable Development
- ▶ International Efforts to Achieve Sustainability

## 7. Environmental Pollution

- ▶ Air Pollution
  - Sources of Air Pollution
  - Effects of Air Pollution
  - Classification of Air Pollutant
  - Control Measures of Air Pollution
  - Air Pollution Disasters
  - Long Range Transport of Gaseous Air Pollutants
  - National Ambient Air Quality Standards

- ▶ Water Pollution
  - Sources of Water Pollution
  - Types of Water Pollutants
  - Effects of Water Pollution
  - Water Quality Standards
  - Control of Water Pollution
- ▶ Thermal Pollution
  - Sources of Thermal Pollution
  - Effects of Thermal Pollution
  - Control of Thermal Pollution
- ▶ Soil Pollution or Land Degradation
  - Sources of Soil Pollution
  - Effects of Soil Pollution
  - Control Measures
- ▶ Noise Pollution
- ▶ Air-borne Diseases
- ▶ Toxic Substances: Toxicant, Toxicity and Toxicology
- ▶ Factors affecting toxicity
- ▶ Carcinogens

## 8. Solid Waste Management

- ▶ Sources of Solid Waste
- ▶ Effect of Solid Waste
- ▶ Control Measures of Solid Waste
- ▶ Solid Waste Management Rules
- ▶ Hazardous Waste Management (HWM)

## 9. Coastal ecosystem management

- ▶ Mangroves
  - Salient features of Mangroves
  - Importance of Mangroves
  - Mangroves in India
  - Mangroves under threats
  - Legal and Regulatory Approaches for Protection

- ▶ Estuaries
  - Importance of estuaries
  - Threats to estuaries
- ▶ Coral Reefs
  - Geographical Conditions Required
  - Uses of coral reefs
  - Conservation of coral reef
- ▶ Steps for Coastal Ecosystem Management

## 10. Environmental Impact Assessment

- ▶ Government Body which Executes EIA
- ▶ Environmental Effects Analysed under EIA
- ▶ Process of EIA
- ▶ EIA Ruling 1984

## 11. Environmental Laws

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Salient Features of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
- ▶ Salient Features of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- ▶ Role of Government in Environmental Protection

## 12. Environment related Institutions and Organizations

- ▶ Pollution Control Boards
- ▶ National Green Tribunal
- ▶ Forest Survey of India
- ▶ National Board for Wildlife

## 13. Schemes

- ▶ National Mission for Clean Ganga
- ▶ India Signs Global Environment Facility Grant
- ▶ Wood in Good Campaign
- ▶ Boat Lab to Study Brahmaputra
- ▶ Wildlife Action Plan
- ▶ SECURE Himalayas
- ▶ Strategic Plan for Human-Elephant Conflict
- ▶ Save the Sparrow
- ▶ Land Degradation Neutrality
- ▶ Biodiversity Heritage Site - Ameenpur Lake
- ▶ Energy Conservation Building Code
- ▶ Special Protection Force for Rhinos
- ▶ Regional Project on Stubble Burning
- ▶ Blue Flag Pilot Project
- ▶ National Afforestation Program
- ▶ National River Conservation Plan
- ▶ National Mission for Clean Ganga
- ▶ National Air Quality Index (AQI)
- ▶ National Action Programme to Combat Desertification
- ▶ Bharat Stage Norms

## 14. International Environmental Governance

- ▶ UNEP
- ▶ UNDP

- ▶ Centre for Biological Diversity
- ▶ WWF for Nature
- ▶ IUCN - Red List
- ▶ Birdlife International
- ▶ International Conventions / Protocols & their Objectives

## 15. Urbanization and climate

- ▶ Pollution in metros and climate change
- ▶ Real estate boom and environment degradation
- ▶ Urban Heat Island
- ▶ Polythene bags and pollution
- ▶ Methane generation from waste

## 16. Impact of agriculture on climate

- ▶ Agriculture increases Carbon Dioxide Emissions
- ▶ Monoculture practice impacts biodiversity
- ▶ Pollution due to use of chemical fertilizers
- ▶ Soil-related effects
- ▶ Fertilizer's Effect on the Environment
- ▶ Impact of livestock on environment
- ▶ Impact of use of Pesticides on environment
- ▶ Impact of GM crop on environment
- ▶ Emission of Methane from agricultural practices
- ▶ Sustainable Agriculture Techniques

## 17. Global Warming & Health

- ▶ Health impacts of global warming
- ▶ Mosquito-borne diseases
- ▶ Ozone depletion and human health

## 18. Recent developments

### ▶ ECOLOGY & BIODIVERSITY

- ◉ Nilgiri Tahr: Climate change threatening 60% of its habitat
- ◉ Wild horses have gone extinct
- ◉ Assam to observe 'Rhino Day' on September
- ◉ Rise in Rhino Population in Kaziranga National Park
- ◉ Freedom Baby: India's first Humboldt penguin dies
- ◉ Swelling Salinity Threatens Gangetic Dolphins
- ◉ Indus Dolphins (BHULAN)
- ◉ Bahuda Rookery: Another Olive Ridley Nesting Site in Odisha
- ◉ Global Tiger Recovery Program
- ◉ Project Tiger
- ◉ Tiger Census 2018
- ◉ Asiatic Lion Conservation Project' launched by Government
- ◉ Vaccination of Gir lions against deadly canine distemper virus
- ◉ Rajasthan's first lion safari inaugurated at Nahargarh Biological Park
- ◉ NTCA, Cheetah Reintroduction Project: Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary
- ◉ Black Panther
- ◉ Monkey Declared Vermin in Himachal Pradesh
- ◉ Harrier Birds
- ◉ Odisha police launch drive to bust Pangolin smuggling racket
- ◉ Uttarakhand HC declares entire animal kingdom as legal entities 'Gaj Yatra'

- Andaman & Nicobar Islands home to tenth of India's fauna species: ZSI
- World's Smallest Land Fern
- Vetiver Grass
- Red sanders
- Removal of rosewood from Appendix II of CITES
- Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve was included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WNBR)
- Conservation of migratory birds and their habitats
- SC directs Centre to declare area around national parks as eco-sensitive
- India Faces Grave Danger to Soil Biodiversity: WWF
- Floods trigger influx of alien fish species in Kerala
- Fire at Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- Mammals of India (MaOI)
- Mangalajodi ecotourism trust
- Sustainable Catchment Forest Management (SCATFORM) launched in Tripura
- Floating Treatment Wetland

#### ► POLLUTION

- Nitrogen Emission
- Black Carbon in Haryana
- Erratic Monsoon Rainfall partly due to Air Pollution
- Ban on Petcoke
- Only Euro VI compliant vehicles to be sold from April 2020: SC
- Air Quality Early Warning System
- Dust Mitigation Plan
- Bio-Jet Fuel Flight
- SATAT Initiative

- WAYU – Air Pollution Control Device
- Uranium Contamination Of Ground Water In India
- Arsenic contamination in paddy plants
- Heavy Metal Water Pollution
- Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Alliance to End Plastic Waste
- Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution adopted in Agra
- Approval for the Trishna Gas project of ONGC which falls in the Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary
- Thoothukudi Sterlite Plant
- Achieving Energy Efficiency Key to Meeting Lower Emissions Commitment
- Akademic Lomonosov: World's First Floating Nuclear Power Plant becomes operational

#### ► CLIMATE CHANGE

- Earth at risk of becoming irreversible hothouse: Study carbon source
- Urban Waste and Global Warming
- The State of the Global Climate in 2018
- El Nino and Climate Change: 2019 may be the hottest year yet
- Sea Level Rise and its Impact
- "Green Good Deeds" Campaign
- Adapting Better to Climate Change Mitigation Plan
- India Spearheading Climate solutions
- Stratospheric barrier to curb warming
- Recovery of Ozone Layer

- Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)
- World Bank's climate action investment for 2021- 25
- UNEP partners with Google for monitoring impact of human activity on global ecosystem

► **CONFERENCES AND REPORTS**

- IPCC Special Report on Climate Change
- COP24 IN KATOWICE: Major Outcomes
- India to submit Second Biennial Report to UNFCCC
- BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change
- Global Cooling Innovation Summit held in New Delhi
- Sustainable Biofuel Innovation Challenge (SBIC)
- Suva Expert Dialogue on Loss and Damage
- India State of Forest Report 2017
- Parliamentary Panel Report on Western Ghats
- 13th CoP of Bonn Convention
- 2018 State Of The World's Birds Report
- Water Bird survey

► **STAPCOR – 2018**

- India to Bring its First Own National Environment Survey (NES) in 2019
- Environment Performance Index (EPI) 2018
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

- Asia Environment Enforcement Awards, 2018
- Environmental Refugee
- World Water Development Report 2018
- Status of Trace and Toxic metals in Indian rivers 2018 Report
- International Dam Safety Conference 2019
- Hindu Kush Himalayan Assessment Report
- India's E-waste Generation
- Eighth Regional 3R Forum
- Global Energy Transformation: A Roadmap to 2050
- India pitches for declaring 2019 as International Year of Millets

► **POLICIES, SCHEMES & INITIATIVES**

- States set to roll out Parivesh
- Draft National Forest Policy, 2018
- NITI Aayog Calls for Clear Policy on Shifting Cultivation
- Draft Rules for Compensatory Afforestation Act, 2016

► **CAMPA**

- Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan
- 'i-Hariyali' app' to increase state's green cover
- Scheme for protection of exotic Neela Kurinji plants
- Scheme to Promote In-Situ (In The Farm Itself) Management Of Crop Residue
- Task Force on Biomass Management
- National Clean Air Programme
- Clean Air' India Ring Initiative

- Ash track mobile application
  - South Asian Nitrogen Hub
  - Scheme for Biomass Based Cogeneration Projects
  - National Policy on Biofuels-2018
  - Waste to Wealth
  - National REDD+ Strategy
  - Ensemble Prediction Systems (EPS): IMD's new forecast model
  - Solar Geo-Engineering (Solar Radiation Management (SRM)
  - Maharashtra's Project on Climate Change Resilient Agriculture (PoCRA)
  - Initiatives to reduce carbon emissions from Farming
  - National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC)
  - Ganga Gram Project
  - Deep Ocean Mission
  - Clean Seas Campaign
  - Blue Flag certification
  - 3d-Printed Artificial Reef
  - Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh to be part in India Tiger Census
  - African countries launch joint initiative to save 4 carnivore species
  - ICFRE inks two MuUs to launch Prakriti programme
  - Himalayan Research Fellowships scheme
  - One Planet One City Challenge Of WWF
  - Smart Food Executive Council
- **RESOURCE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT**
- 2018 Earth Overshoot Day to fall on August 1
  - National Biogas and Manure Management Programme
  - Community Forest Resource
  - Brazzaville Declaration
  - Neknampur Lake (Tulsi and Ashwagandha)
  - NITI Aayog Urges Plan to Save Springs in Himalayas
  - Bhungroo Water Harvesting System
  - Google for Water Resource Management
  - Water Scarce Cities & Composite Water Management Index (CWMI)
  - South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN)
  - The National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank
  - Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA|TS) Partnership
  - Recovery Programme For Wildlife Species
  - New Wildlife Sanctuary at Ghodazari
  - Kaziranga National Park
  - Organic Carbon for Carbon Sequestration
  - Zero Budget Natural Farming
  - State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index 2018
  - Solar City Programme
- **DISASTER MANAGEMENT**
- Disaster Resilient Infrastructure in India (Policies and Guidelines)
  - National Disaster Response Force
  - National Disaster Risk Index
  - Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System(RIMES) for Asia and Africa

- Fire Disaster Management
- Landslide Warning System
- Indian Tsunami Early Warning System

► **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Smartphone Tech Most Damaging to Environment

- Prevention of cruelty to animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill
- Sagar Nidhi
- International Whaling Commission

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## TEST: 17-23

### HISTORY & CULTURE

### Culture of India

#### 1. Visual Art

- Sculptures of Harappan Civilisation
- Sculptures of Mauryan Age
- Post-Mauryan Period
- Jain Sculptures
- Buddhist Sculpture
- Gupta Sculpture
- Medieval School of Sculpture
- Modern Indian Sculpture

#### 2. Architecture in Ancient India

- Harappan Period
- Mauryan Architecture
- Post-Mauryan Period
- Gupta Period
- Temples of Khajuraho
- Temples of Odisha
- Temples of Gwalior
- Temples of Gujarat
- Temples of Rajasthan
- Temples of Bengal
- Temples of Assam
- Temples of Himachal Pradesh
- Temples of Jammu and Kashmir
- Pallava Period
- Chola Period
- Pandya Temples
- Vijaynagar Period

- Nayaka Temples
- Temples of Kerala
- Vesara Style
- Hoysala Style
- Rashtrakuta Period

#### 3. Indo-Islamic Architecture

- Imperial Style (Delhi Sultanat)
- Provincial Style
- Mughal Style
- Sikh Style of Architecture
- Rajput Architecture
- Salient features

#### 4. Modern Architecture

- European Influence
- Indo-Saracenic Architecture
- Post-Independence Period

#### 5. Indian Paintings

- Tradition of Mural Paintings in India
- Tradition of Miniature Paintings in India
- Paintings in the Deccan
- Rajput School of Painting
- Pahari School of Painting
- Miniature Painting in South India
- Regional Paintings
- Modern Paintings
- Contemporary Paintings

**6. Pottery Tradition in India**

- ▶ Ochre: Coloured Pottery (OCP)
- ▶ Black and Red Ware (BRW)
- ▶ Painted Grey Ware (PGW)
- ▶ Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW)
- ▶ Glazed and Unglazed Pottery

**7. Music in India**

- ▶ Main Pillars of Indian Music
- ▶ Forms of Indian Music
- ▶ Musical Instruments
- ▶ Institutions Related to Music

**8. Dances in India**

- ▶ Concept of Dance in India
- ▶ Concept of Ashta Nayika
- ▶ Eight Classical Dance Forms in India
- ▶ Folk Dances
- ▶ Modern Dances

**9. Martial Arts in India**

- ▶ Genesis of Martial Arts
- ▶ Forms of Traditional Martial Arts

**10. Indian Theatre**

- ▶ Classical Sanskrit Theatre
- ▶ Regional Theatre
- ▶ Modern Theatre
- ▶ Renaissance of Indian Theatre

**11. Indian Puppetry**

- ▶ String Puppets
- ▶ Shadow Puppets
- ▶ Rod Puppets
- ▶ Glove puppets

- ▶ Modern Puppetry
- ▶ Tribal Puppetry

**12. Indian Cinema**

- ▶ Cinema in India
- ▶ History of Indian Cinema
- ▶ Classification of Indian Cinema Film
- ▶ Music of India

**13. Religions in India**

- ▶ Pre-Vedic Religion
- ▶ Hinduism
- ▶ Buddhism
- ▶ Jainism
- ▶ Sikhism
- ▶ Islam
- ▶ Christianity
- ▶ Zoroastrianism
- ▶ Judaism
- ▶ Philosophy in India

**14. Bhakti & Sufi Movements**

- ▶ Bhakti Movement
- ▶ Vaishnava Acharyas
- ▶ Other Saints of Bhakti Movement
- ▶ Maharashtra Dharma
- ▶ Sufism

**15. Languages & Literature in India**

- ▶ Sanskrit Literature
- ▶ Pali Literature
- ▶ Prakrit Literature
- ▶ Tamil Literature
- ▶ Telugu Literature
- ▶ Malayalam Literature
- ▶ Kannada Literature

- Odia Literature
- Assamese Literature
- Bengali Literature
- Gujarati Literature
- Rajasthani Literature
- Punjabi Literature
- Marathi Literature
- Hindi Literature
- Persian Literature
- Urdu Literature

## 16. Miscellaneous Topics

- Linguistic Minorities
- International Yoga Day
- Indian Handicrafts
- 11 years of One Rupee Note
- Personalities Related to Culture
- Places of Cultural Interest
- Cultural Institutions in India
- Awards and Honours Associated with Culture
- The Calendar & the Eras
- Science and Technology in Ancient India
- UNESCO's List of Cultural Heritage in India
- Protection and Promotion of Indian Culture and Heritage :Legal Provisions

## 17. Recent developments

- **MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA**
  - ◉ India's First Music Museum
  - ◉ Classical Music of India
  - ◉ Kamsale Dance
  - ◉ Chhau Dance
  - ◉ Kathak Dance
  - ◉ Classical Dances of India

### ➤ ARCHITECTURE & SCULPTURE

- ◉ Badshahi Ashoorkhana
- ◉ Khirki Mosque
- ◉ Bababudan Dargah
- ◉ Bagh-e-Naya Qila
- ◉ Khajuraho Temple
- ◉ Konark Sun Temple
- ◉ Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple
- ◉ Katas Raj Dham
- ◉ Kartarpur Corridor
- ◉ Rani-ki-Vav
- ◉ Buddhist site museum at Lalitgiri in Odisha
- ◉ Monuments of National Importance
- ◉ World Capital of Architecture
- ◉ PanjTirath Hindu religious site declared as national heritage

### ➤ PAINTINGS & OTHER ART FORMS

- ◉ Mithila Paintings
- ◉ Thanjavur Paintings
- ◉ Bagru hand-block printing
- ◉ Kalamkari Art
- ◉ TholuBommalata
- ◉ Dance Panel on Silappathikaram
- ◉ Pochampally Sarees

### ➤ LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

- ◉ Walmiki and Malhar: 2 unknown languages discovered
- ◉ Classical Sanskrit Literature

### ➤ RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY & FESTIVALS

- ◉ Buddhism
- ◉ Vishishtadvaita (Qualified Non-dualism)
- ◉ Sadharan Brahmo Samaj
- ◉ Prayagraj Kumbha Mela 2019

- ◉ Kuthiyottam Ritual
- ◉ Mahamastakabhisheka
- ◉ Dwijing Festival
- ◉ Nongkrem Dance Festival
- ◉ Bathukamma Festival
- ◉ Khajuraho Dance Festival
- ◉ Chithirai Festival
- ◉ National Banana Festival
- ◉ Chardham Yatra
- ◉ Makaravilakku Festival
- ◉ Harvest Festivals around India
- ◉ Pakke Hornbill Fest as 'state festival'
- ◉ Sangai Tourism Festival
- ◉ Behdiengkhlam Festival
- ◉ Cherry Blossom Festival
- ◉ Hornbill Festival
- ◉ Ambubachi Mela

► **INSTITUTIONS & CONFERENCES**

- ◉ Sangeet Natak Akademi
- ◉ Lalit Kala Akademi
- ◉ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- ◉ International Buddhist Conference
- ◉ International conference on Guru Padmasambhava
- ◉ 11th World Hindi Conference
- ◉ 17th World Sanskrit Conference
- ◉ 42nd Session of World Heritage Committee (WHC)

► **HISTORICAL EVENTS**

- ◉ Pietermaritzburg Station Incident
- ◉ Azad Hind Government
- ◉ Battle of Haifa

► **PERSONALITIES**

- ◉ Ramanuja
- ◉ Sant Kabir
- ◉ Tansen
- ◉ Guru Ravidas
- ◉ Swami Vivekananda
- ◉ Pingali Venkayya
- ◉ Sir Chhotu Ram
- ◉ Sri Satguru Ram Singhji

► **9. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES**

- ◉ Swadesh Darshan Scheme
- ◉ Sanskriti Kumbh
- ◉ Bhasha Sangam Program
- ◉ Paryatan Parv 2018
- ◉ National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM)
- ◉ PRASAD Scheme
- ◉ National Culture Fund

► **10. MISCELLANEOUS**

- ◉ GI tag for Telangana's Adilabad, Warangal, Dhurries
- ◉ UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage
- ◉ UNESCO Global Geopark Network Status
- ◉ World Heritage Day
- ◉ Kambala

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**History: Ancient + Medieval India****Ancient India****1. Pre Historic Cultures In India**

- Periodization of Indian Pre History
- Sources of Pre History
- Food Gathering Communities
- Food Producing Men
- Neolithic or the New Stone Age
- Iron Age
- Impact of Iron

**2. Pastoral and Farming Communities**

- Neolithic Phase
- Chalcolithic Phase
- Early Iron Phase
- Geographical Distribution and Characteristics

**3. Indus Valley Civilization**

- Major cities
- Town Planning
- Harappan Trade
- Agriculture
- Domestication of animals
- Crafts
- Religion
- Harappan Pottery
- Weights and Measures
- Script and Language
- Images

- Decline of Harappan Culture

**4. Vedic Society**

- Original Home of Aryans
- Features of Aryan Culture
- Vedic Texts
- Sources for Reconstructing Vedic Society and Culture
- Geography of the Rig Vedic Period and geography of the later Vedic Phases
- Economic Conditions
- Political Organisation and Evolution of Monarchy
- Social Organisation and Varna System
- Religion and Thought

**5. Pre Mauryan Period**

- Formation of states
- The Sixteen Mahajanapadas
- Republics
- Rise of urban centres
- Haryanka dynasty
- Shishunaga dynasty
- Nanda dynasty

**6. The Mauryan Empire**

- Chandragupta and Bindusara
- Megasthenes
- Asoka and His Successors
- Asoka's Inscriptions and Sites
- Asoka's Dhamma
- Mauryan. Administration, Economy,

Society and Art

- ▶ The Arthashastra

## 7. Post-Mauryan India (sc 200-AD 300)

- ▶ Society: Evolution of Jatis
- ▶ Sangam Texts and Society
- ▶ Satavahanas and Other Indigenous Dynasties
- ▶ Foreign Dynasties
- ▶ Commercial Contacts with the Outside World
- ▶ Schools of Art

## 8. Growth of Jainism and Buddhism

- ▶ Jainism
- ▶ Buddhism

## 9. Imperial Guptas

- ▶ Sources of Gupta Rule
- ▶ Political history of Guptas
- ▶ Fahien
- ▶ Gupta Administration
- ▶ Gupta Culture
- ▶ Urban centres in Gupta period
- ▶ Economic Conditions

## 10. Harshavardana

- ▶ Sources for Harsha's Period
- ▶ Early life of Harsha
- ▶ Harsha's Administration
- ▶ Important Officials of the empire
- ▶ Economy under Harsha
- ▶ Society
- ▶ Religion

## 11. The Southern Dynasties

- ▶ The Shatavahanas (230 BC TO AD 225)
- ▶ The Pallavas (AD 330–796)
- ▶ The Chalukyas (AD 535–1190)
- ▶ The Pandyas of Madurai (AD 590–1323)
- ▶ The Chola Dynasty (AD 850–1310)
- ▶ Rashtrakutas (AD 753–973)

## Medieval India

### 1. Central Asian Politics and the Advance of Babur towards India

- ▶ The Timurids
- ▶ The Timurid-Uzbek and Uzbek-Iran Conflict and Babur
- ▶ Babur's Advance towards India.

### 2. Struggle for Empire in North India (Afghans, Rajputs and Mughals)

- ▶ Struggle between Ibrahim Lodi and Babur
- ▶ the Battle of Panipat
- ▶ Babur's problems after the Battle of Panipat
- ▶ Struggle with Rana Sanga
- ▶ Problems of the Eastern Areas and the Afghans
- ▶ Babur's Contribution and Significance of his Advent into India

### 3. Struggle for Empire in North India

- Humayun and the Afghans
- Early Activities of Humayun, and the Tussle with Bahadur Shah
- The Gujarat Campaign
- The Bengal Campaign, and Struggle with Sher Khan

### 4. The Establishment of the North Indian Empire

- The Surs
- Sher Shah's Early Life
- Social and Political Background of Bihar and the Rise of Sher Shah to Power.
- The Sur Empire (1540-56)
- Contributions of Sher Shah

### 5. Consolidation and Expansion of the Empire - Akbar

- Conflict with the Afghans - Hemu
- Struggle with the Nobility: Bairam Khan's
- Regency; Revolt of Uzbek Nobles
- Early Expansion of the Empire (1560-76) - Malwa, Garh-Katanga, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Eastern India
- Relations with the Rajputs - Growth of a Composite Ruling Class
- Rebellions, and Further Expansion of the Empire in the North West

### 6. State and Government under Akbar

- Akbar's Concept of Suzerainty

- Structure of Government, Central and Provincial -the Vikalat, the Central Ministries, Provincial Government, District and Local Government
- The Working of Government - the Ruler, Land-Revenue System, the Dahsala System, the Mansabdari System and the Army

### 7. Akbar's Religious Views

- Relations with the Ulama and Social Reforms
- The Early Phase (1556-73)
- The Second Phase (1573-80) - the IbadatKhana
- Debates - the Mahzar - Breach with Orthodox
- Ulama - Re-organisation of Madadd-i-Maash Grants
- Third or Final Phase - Din-i-Ilahi - State
- Policies and religious toleration

### 8. The Deccan and the Mughals (Upto 1657)

- The Deccani States upto 1595
- Mughal Advance towards the Deccan
- Mughal Conquest of Berar, Khandesh and Parts of Ahmadnagar
- Rise of Malik Ambar, and Frustration of
- Mughal Attempt at Consolidation (1601-27)
- Extinction of Ahmadnagar, Acceptance of Mughal
- Suzerainty by Bijapur and Golconda
- Shah Jahan and the Deccan (1636-57)

- ▶ Cultural Contribution of the Deccani States

## 9. Foreign Policy of the Mughals

- ▶ Akbar and the Uzbeks
- ▶ The Question of Qandahar and Relations with Iran
- ▶ Shah Jahan's Balkh Campaign
- ▶ Mughal - Persian Relations - the Last Phase

## 10. India in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century

- ▶ Jahangir's Accession - his Early Difficulties
- ▶ Territorial Consolidation and Expansion of the Empire - Mewar, East India and Kangra
- ▶ NurJahan, and the NurJahan 'Junta'
- ▶ The Rebellions of Shah Jahan, and the coup de main of Mahabat Khan
- ▶ Jahangir as a Ruler
- ▶ State and Religion in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century
- ▶ Shah Jahan - Consolidation and Expansion of the Empire
- ▶ Evolution of the Mughal Ruling Class and the Mansabdari System

## 11. Aurangzeb - Religious Policies, North India and the Rajputs

- ▶ War of Succession
- ▶ Religious Policy : First Phase (1658-79)
- ▶ Reforms and Puritanical Measures, Hindu

- ▶ Temples, Jizyah; Second Phase (1679-1707)
- ▶ Territorial Consolidation and Expansion of Empire - North India
- ▶ Popular Revolts - Jats, Satnamis, Afghans and Sikhs
- ▶ Breach with Marwar and Mewar

## 12. Climax and Crisis of the Mughal Empire the Marathas and the Deccan

- ▶ Rise of the Marathas - Early Career of Shivaji -
- ▶ Treaty of Purandar - the Agra Visit
- ▶ Shivaji's Swarajya - Administration and Achievements
- ▶ Aurangzeb and the Deccani States (1658-87)
- ▶ Marathas and the Deccan (1687-1707)
- ▶ Assessment of Aurangzeb and the Jagirdari Crisis

## 13. Society-Structure and Growth

- ▶ Rural Society
- ▶ Towns and Town Life
- ▶ Artisans and Master-Craftsmen
- ▶ Women
- ▶ Servants and Slaves
- ▶ Standard of Living
- ▶ The Ruling Classes - Nobility, Rural Gentry
- ▶ The Middle Strata
- ▶ The Commercial Classes

## 14. Economic Life-Patterns and Prospects

- ▶ Inland Trade
- ▶ Overseas Trade - Role of Foreign Trading
- ▶ Companies - Position of Indian Merchants Over-land Trade
- ▶ The Mughal State and Commerce
- ▶ Trend of India's Economy and Prospects during the First Half of the Eighteenth Century

## 15. Religion, Fine Arts, Science and Technology

- ▶ Religion- Hindu Religion, Sikh Religion, Islam
- ▶ Fine Arts - Architecture, Painting, Language and Literature, Music
- ▶ Science and Technology

## 16. Northern India in the First Half of the Eighteenth Century

- ▶ Bahadur Shah I, and the Beginning of the Struggle

- ▶ For Wizarat - Rajput Affairs - Marathas and the
- ▶ Deccan - Accentuation of the Party Struggle
- ▶ Struggle for 'New' Wizarat: Zulfiqar Khan and Jahandar Shah (1712-13)
- ▶ The Saiyid Brothers' Struggle for 'New' Wizarat
- ▶ The Saiyid 'New' Wizarat
- ▶ The Wizarat of M. Amin Khan and Nizam-ul-Mulk
- ▶ Rise of Regional States, Beginning of Foreign Invasions of India (1725-48)

## 17. The Maratha Bid for Supremacy

- ▶ The Marathas and their Policy of Expansion
- ▶ The Marathas and Nizam-ul-Mulk
- ▶ The Maratha Advance into Gujarat and Malwa
- ▶ The Maratha Advance into Doab and Punjab:
- ▶ First Phase (1741-52); Second Phase (1752-61);
- ▶ Third Battle of Panipat

## History: Modern India

### 1. The Advent of Europeans In India

- ▶ The Portuguese in India
  - De Almeida
  - Albuquerque
  - Causes of failure of Portuguese empire in India
- ▶ The Dutch in India
- ▶ The Danes in India
- ▶ 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

## 2. The English in Bengal from 1757 TO 1772

- ▶ Black-hole Tragedy
- ▶ Battle of Plassey
- ▶ Mir Jafar
- ▶ Deposition of Mir Jafar
- ▶ Mir Kasim

## 3. Impact of British Administration

- ▶ Industrialization—Ruin of Artisans and Handicrafts men
- ▶ Impoverishment of Peasantry
- ▶ Emergence of New Land Relations, Ruin of Old Zamindars
- ▶ Stagnation and Deterioration of Agriculture
- ▶ Commercialization of Indian Agriculture
- ▶ Development of Modern Industry
- ▶ Rise of Indian Bourgeoisie
- ▶ Economic Drain
- ▶ Famine and Poverty
- ▶ Nationalist Critique of Colonial Economy
- ▶ Abolition of the Dual System
- ▶ Zamindari system
- ▶ Ryotwari system
- ▶ Mahalwari system

## 4. 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
- ▶ Suppression of Revolt
- ▶ Causes of Failure of Revolt
- ▶ Hindu-Muslim Unity Factor
- ▶ Nature of the Revolt
- ▶ Consequences

## 5. Administrative Changes After 1857

- ▶ Administration - Central, Provincial, Local
- ▶ Changes in the Army
- ▶ Public Services
- ▶ Princely States
- ▶ Administrative Policies
- ▶ Foreign Policy

## 6. Social reforms in India

- ▶ Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- ▶ Swami Vivekananda
- ▶ Swami Dayananda Saraswati
- ▶ Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
- ▶ JyotibaPhule
- ▶ Dr.BhimraoRamjiAmbedkar
- ▶ Henry Vivian Derozio
- ▶ Debendranath Tagore
- ▶ Keshab Chandra Sen
- ▶ Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa
- ▶ Mahadev Govind Ranade
- ▶ Theosophical Society And Annie Besant
- ▶ Syed Ahmad Khan

- ▶ Parsi Religious Reform Association
- ▶ Baba Dayal Das
- ▶ Pandita Ramabai
- ▶ Sarojini Naidu

## 7. Development of Indian Press

- ▶ Early Regulations on Press
- ▶ Struggle by Early Nationalists to Secure Press Freedom
- ▶ Vernacular Press Act, 1878
- ▶ During and After the First World War
- ▶ During the Second World War
- ▶ After Independence

## 8. Development of Education

- ▶ Charter Act of 1813
- ▶ Orientalist-Anglicism Controversy
- ▶ Efforts of Thomson
- ▶ Wood's Despatch (1854) Hunter Education Commission (1882-83)
- ▶ Indian Universities Act, 1904
- ▶ Government Resolution on Education Policy—1913
- ▶ Saddle University Commission (1917-19)
- ▶ Education Under Dyarchy
- ▶ Hartog Committee (1929)
- ▶ Wardha Scheme of Basic Education (1937)
- ▶ Sergeant Plan of Education
- ▶ Kothari Education Commission (1964-66)
- ▶ Development of Vernacular
- ▶ Education Development of Technical Education
- ▶ Evaluation of British Policy on

Education

## 9. Struggle by the Masses

- ▶ Tribal Movements
  - Bhil Uprising
  - Kol Uprising
  - Santhal Rebellion
  - Jaintia and Garo Rebellion
  - Rampa Rebellion
  - Munda Rebellion
  - Khonda Dora Uprisings
  - Tana Bhagat Movement
- ▶ Peasant Movements
  - Champaran Satyagraha
  - Kheda Peasant Struggle
  - Bardoli Movement
  - Moplah Rebellion
  - Tebhaga Movement
  - Telangana Movement

## 10. Terrorist and Revolutionary Movements

- ▶ Terrorist Movements
- ▶ The Revolutionary Movement
- ▶ Reasons for Failure

## 11. The Early Phase of the Freedom Struggle (1900–1915)

- ▶ Partition of Bengal (1905)
- ▶ Swadeshi Movement (1905)
- ▶ Origin of the Muslim League (1906)
- ▶ Resolution of Swaraj (1906)
- ▶ Surat Session: Split in Congress (1907)
- ▶ Morley-Minto Reforms (1909)

## 12. Middle Phase of the Freedom Struggle (1915-1930)

- ▶ World War I-Reforms and Agitation
- ▶ Home Rule Movement (1915-1916)
- ▶ Lucknow Pact (1916)
- ▶ August Declaration of 1917
- ▶ Beginning of the Gandhian Era
- ▶ The Government of India Act (1919)
- ▶ Rowlatt Act (1919)
- ▶ Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (13 April 1919)
- ▶ Khilafat Movement (1920)
- ▶ Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-1922)
- ▶ Chauri-Chaura Incident (1922)
- ▶ Trade Union Movement
- ▶ Communist Movement in India
- ▶ Swaraj Party (1922)
- ▶ Muddiman Committee (1924)
- ▶ Simon Commission (1927)
- ▶ Butler Committee (1927)
- ▶ Delhi Muslim Proposal (1927)
- ▶ Nehru Report (1928)
- ▶ All Parties Muslim Conference (1929)
- ▶ Jinnah's Fourteen Points (1929)
- ▶ Lahore Session (1929)
- ▶ Allahabad Address (1930)

## 13. Closer to Freedom (1930-1947)

- ▶ Civil Disobedience Movement (1930)
- ▶ The First Round Table Conference (12 November 1930)
- ▶ Gandhi-Irwin Pact
- ▶ Second Round-Table Conference (12 September 1931)
- ▶ Civil Disobedience Movement (Second-Phase)
- ▶ Third Round Table Conference (17 November 1932)
- ▶ The Communal Award (1932)
- ▶ Poona Pact (1932)
- ▶ The Government of India Act (1935)
- ▶ World War II and the Indian Political Situation
- ▶ Resignation of Congress Ministers (1939)
- ▶ Poona Resolution and Conditional Support to Britain (1941)
- ▶ August Offer of 1940
- ▶ The Individual Civil Disobedience
- ▶ Two-Nation Theory
- ▶ Demand for Pakistan (1942)
- ▶ Cripps Mission (March 1942)
- ▶ Quit India Movement (1942-1945)
- ▶ The CR Formula (1944)
- ▶ Gandhi-Jinnah Talks (1944)
- ▶ Desai-Liaquat Pact (1945)
- ▶ Wavell Plan and Simla Conference (1945)
- ▶ Provincial and General Elections of 1945
- ▶ Cabinet Mission Plan (1946)
- ▶ Azad Hind Fauj (Indian National Army)
- ▶ Direct Action Campaign (1946)
- ▶ Interim-Government (1946)
- ▶ Mountbatten Plan (1947)
- ▶ India Wins Freedom
- ▶ Indian Independence Act (1947)
- ▶ Partition of India

## 14. Governor Generals During British India

- Robert Clive (1754-1767)
- Lord Warren Hastings (1773-1785)
- Lord Cornwallis (1786-1793)
- Sir John Shore (1793-1798)
- Lord Arthur Wellesley (1798-1805)
- Lord George Barlow (1805-1807)
- Lord Minto-I (1807-1813)
- Francis Rawdon Hastings (1813-1823): (Marques of Hastings)
- Lord Amherst (1823-28)
- Lord William Bentinck (1828-1835)
- Sir Charles Metcalfe (1835-1836)
- Lord Auckland (1836-1842)
- Lord Ellenborough (1842-1844)
- Lord Hardinge-I (1844-1848)
- Lord Dalhousie (1848-1856 great imperialist and colonist)
- Lord Canning (1856-1857 and 1858-1862)
- Lord Elgin-I (1862-1863)
- Lord Lawrence (1862-1869)
- Lord Mayo (1869-1872)
- Lord North Brook (1872-1876)
- Lord Lytton (1876-1880)
- Lord Rippon (1880-1884)
- Lord Dufferin (1884-1888)
- Lord Lansdowne (1888-1894)
- Lord Elgin-II (1894-1900)
- Lord Curzon (1899-1905)
- Lord Minto-II (1905-1910)
- Lord Hardinge-II (1910-1916)
- Lord Chelmsford (1916-1921)
- Lord Reading (1921-1926)
- Lord Irwin (1926-1931)
- Lord Willingdon (1931-1936)
- Lord Linlithgow (1936-1944)
- Lord Wavell (1944-1947)
- Lord Mountbatten (1947-1948)

**TEST: 24**  
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**SEPTEMBER +  
OCTOBER, 2020**

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**TEST: 25-32  
GEOGRAPHY****Geomorphology + Indian  
Physical  
Geography + Soil + Land****Geomorphology****1. The origin of the Earth**

- ▶ Early Theories
- ▶ Modern Theories
- ▶ Star Formation
- ▶ Formation of Planets
- ▶ Solar System

**2. The Evolution of the Earth**

- ▶ Layered Structure
- ▶ Evolution of Lithosphere
- ▶ Evolution of Atmosphere
- ▶ Evolution of Hydrosphere

**3. Geological History of the Earth****4. Earth**

- ▶ Latitude and Longitude including important Parallels and Meridians
- ▶ Motions of the Earth - Rotation, Revolution and their effects
- ▶ Inclination of the Earth's Axis and its effects
- ▶ Local and Standard Time and the International Date Line, Calendar
- ▶ Eclipses - Solar, Lunar

**5. Origin of Life****6. Geological Time Scale****7. Interior of the Earth**

- ▶ Sources of Information
  - Direct
  - Indirect - Earth Quake Waves
- ▶ Volcanoes
- ▶ Crust
- ▶ Mantle
- ▶ Core

**8. Geology**

- ▶ Minerals
- ▶ Major Elements of the Earth's Crust
  - Minerals – Feldspar, Quartz, Pyroxene Amphibole, Mica, Olivine
  - Physical Characteristics – Crystal Form, Cleavage Fracture, Lusture, Color, Streak
  - Transparency, Structure, Hardness, Specific Gravity
  - Metallic minerals – precious Ferrous, Non Ferrous
  - Non-metallic Minerals – Sulphur, Phosphates, Cement
- ▶ Rocks (Aggregate of Minerals)
- ▶ Petrology
- ▶ Rocks & landforms
- ▶ Rocks & Soils

- ▶ 3 Family of Rocks
  - Igneous
  - Sedimentary
  - Metamorphic
- ▶ Rock Cycle

## 9. Earthquakes

- ▶ Waves: P,S, Body , Surface ,
- ▶ Shadow Zone
- ▶ Types of Earthquakes
- ▶ Effects
- ▶ Frequency
- ▶ Locating an Epicentre

## 10. Volcano

- ▶ Types
  - Shield
  - Composite
  - Caldera
  - Flood Basalt
  - Mid Ocean Ridge
- ▶ Landforms (intrusive)
  - Batholiths
  - Lacoliths
  - Lapoliths
  - Phacoliths
  - Sills
  - Dykes

## 11. Geomorphic Processes

- ▶ Earth's Surface
  - Exogenic Forces
  - Endogenic Forces
  - Gradation, Degradation & Agradation
- ▶ Geomorphic Process
  - Endogenic Process

- Diastrophism
  - ◆ Orogenic
  - ◆ Epierogenic
  - ◆ Earthquakes
  - ◆ Plate movements
- Volcanism
- Exogenic Forces
  - Denudation Processes
    - ◆ Weathering
    - ◆ Mass movements
  - ◆ Er

## 12. Distribution of Continents & Oceans

- ▶ Theories
  - Continental Drift Theory
    - Alfred Wegner 1912
    - Pangea, Panthalasa
    - Laurasia, Gondwanaland
  - Evidence in support of Continental Drift Theory
    - Jigsaw Fit
    - Rocks of Same age across oceans
    - Tillite
    - Placer Deposits
    - Distribution of Fossils
  - Forces of Drifting
    - Pole Fleeting Force
    - Tidal Force
  - Post Drift Studies
    - Convectional Current Theory
    - Mapping of the Ocean Floor
- ▶ Continents – plate Tectonics
  - Lithospheric Plates
    - Major Plate

- Minor Plates
- Plate Boundaries
  - Divergent
  - Convergent
  - Transform
- Rates of Plate Movements
- Force of plate movements
- Indian Plate

### 13. Landforms and their Evolution

- Causes
  - Geomorphic Processes
  - Agents
- Geomorphic Agents
  - Erosional or Destructional
  - Depositional or Constructional
- Agents and their Impacts
  - Wind, Running Water, Ground Water, Glaciers, Waves & Currents
- Winds
  - One of the Two dominant agents in Hot deserts
  - Cause – Deflation Abrasion Impact
  - Erosional landforms
    - Pediments and Pediplains
    - Playas
    - Deflation Hollows and Caves
    - Mushroom, Table & Pedestal Rocks
  - Depositional Landforms
    - Barchans
    - Seif
    - Parabolic
    - Transverse
- Longitudinal
- Running Water
  - Erosional Landforms
    - Valleys
      - ♦ Rills
      - ♦ Gullies
      - ♦ Valleys – V Shape, Gorge (Hard Rocks), Canyon (Sedimentary)
    - Potholes & Plunge pools
    - Incised or entrenched meanders
    - River Terraces – paired & unpaired
  - Depositional Landforms
  - Alluvial Fans
  - Delta
  - Flood Plains, Natural Levees, Point Bars
  - Meanders, Slip off bank, Under cut bank
  - Oxbow lake
  - Braided Channels
- Ground Water (Karst Topography)
  - Permeable Rocks
    - Percolation
    - Bedding Plains
  - Limestone and Dolomite Regions
    - Balkans, Adjacent to Adriatic regions
  - Erosional Landforms
    - Pools - Swallow Hole, Valley Sinks (Uvalas), Sinkholes, Collapse sinks (Dolines), Lapies, Ridges, Limestone Pavements
    - Caves – Altering bed of Rocks (Shale sandstone quartzite, Caves and Tunnels)

- Depositional landforms
  - Stalactites
  - Stalagmites
  - Pillar Columns
- Glaciers
  - Erosional Landforms
    - Cirque of Tarn Lakes
    - Hors and Serrated Regions – Arete
    - Glacial Valleys / Troughs – Fjords
  - Depositional Landforms
    - Glacial Till
    - Moraines
    - Eskers
    - Outwash Planes
    - Drumlins
- Waves and Currents
  - High Rocky Coasts & Low Sedimentary Coasts
  - Erosional Landforms
    - Cliffs
    - Terraces
    - Caves
    - Stacks
  - Depositional Landforms
    - Beaches and Dunes
    - Bars, Barriers, Spits
- Weathering
  - Weather over Earth Materials
  - Factors
    - Geological
    - Climatic
    - Topographic
    - Vegetative
  - Major Processes
    - Chemical
      - Physical or Mechanical
      - Biological
    - Chemical – Forces Chemical Action
      - Solution
      - Carbonation
      - Hydration
      - Oxidation & Reduction
    - Physical Forces Gravitational, Expansion, Water Pressure
      - Unloading & Expansion
      - Temperature changes and Expansion
      - Freezing, Thawing, & Frost Wedging
      - Salt Weathering
    - Biological Weathering
      - Burrowing
      - Wedging
      - Plant Roots
    - Effects of Weathering
      - Exfoliation (Flaking) – Exfoliation Domes
    - Significance of Weathering
      - Soil Formation
      - Biomes and Biodiversity
      - Leaching / Enrichment
    - Mass Movements
      - Activating causes
      - Forms of movement – Heave Flow Slide

## 14. Landforms across the world

- Rivers and lakes
- Mountain and Peaks
- Plateaus

## Indian Physical Geography

- ▶ Geological Region
- ▶ Location
- ▶ Classification of The Himalayan System
- ▶ Regional Division of the Himalaya
- ▶ The Purvanchal (or the Eastern Hills)
- ▶ The Peninsula
- ▶ Peninsular Plateaus
- ▶ Physiographic Sub-Units
- ▶ Lakes
- ▶ Drainage Pattern
- ▶ Classification of Drainage
- ▶ Himalayan Drainage
- ▶ Peninsular River System
- ▶ Indian Desert
- ▶ Islands
- ▶ Coastal Plains

### 1. Soil

- ▶ Soil Characteristics
- ▶ Factors Responsible for Soil Formation
- ▶ Stages of Soil Formation
- ▶ Soil Forming Processes
- ▶ Soil Profiles and Horizons
- ▶ Soil Classification
- ▶ Soil Erosion and Conservation

### 2. Land

- ▶ Land-use
- ▶ Land capability classification
- ▶ Causes of Land Degradation

- ▶ Impact of Land Degradation
- ▶ Steps taken by GOI
- ▶ Sustainable Land Management

## Recent Developments

### 1. GEOMORPHOLOGY

- ▶ 'Perihelion': Earth closest to sun
- ▶ Nuna Supercontinent
- ▶ Mount Etna: volcano is sliding towards the sea
- ▶ Research in Third Pole Area
- ▶ Earth's Inner Core is solid but softer than thought
- ▶ Earth's Water A Result Of Asteroid Impacts And Leftover Gas From Sun's Birth: Study
- ▶ BARNARD'S STAR B: 'Super-Earth' found orbiting Sun's nearest single star
- ▶ Korolev Crater
- ▶ Mount Anak Krakatau
- ▶ Scientists discover massive mountains under Earth's crust

### 2. CLIMATOLOGY

- ▶ Shrinking of Ozone layer hole
- ▶ Warming imperils clouds that deter 'hothouse' conditions
- ▶ Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE)
- ▶ Aurora Borealis

### 3. OCEANOGRAPHY

- ▶ Mingingo island
- ▶ Antarctic Circumpolar Current  
How does it help to keep Antarctic frozen

- GEOPHYSICAL PHENOMENON
- EARTHQUAKE & VOLCANOES
  - Havre world's largest deep ocean volcanic eruption
  - Mount Merapi Volcanic Eruption

#### 4. CYCLONES

- Bomb Cyclone
- Mount Soputan
- How the 2015-16 El Nino affected disease outbreaks
- Hurricane Bud
- Cyclone Sagar
- How is naming of cyclone done?
- Titli cyclone : RIMES declared it rarest of rare
- Cyclone Pabuk
- WORLD ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY
- 1. WORLD AGRICULTURE
- The 10th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA)
- World's first 'speed breeding' technique to boost production of wheat
- Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
- Girinka Programme
- Wheat genome project
- Groundwater 'time bomb' is ticking
- The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture 2019
- UN World Food Programme

#### 5. WORLD MINERALS, INDUSTRY & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Massive reserves of mercury hidden in permafrost

- Hong Kong-Zhuhai bridge: World's longest sea crossing
- IEA Bioenergy TCP
- INDIAN GEOGRAPHY

#### 6. PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY: INDIA

- SC rebukes Haryana govt for throwing open for realtors miners
- India International Cherry Blossom Festival- 2018
- Kaleswaram project
- Natiwar Mori Hydro Electric Project
- Mahadayi River water sharing dispute
- Kishanganga project
- Pakal Dul Project
- Turga Pumped Storage Project
- Renuka dam
- Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project
- Lower Kalnai hydropower project
- Mohar Reservoir Project
- Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project
- Par-Tapi-Narmada inter-state river link project
- Uranium contamination in groundwater from aquifers across 16 states in India
- North Koel reservoir project
- Bansagar canal project
- Himalayan springs
- Polavaram multi-purpose project
- Mekedatu dam project
- National Water Awards
- Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan
- National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP)
- Ensemble Prediction Systems (EPS)

**7. AGRICULTURE**

- ▶ National Year of Millets
- ▶ Zero Budget Natural Farming
- ▶ Krishi Vigyan Kendras
- ▶ Water Productivity Mapping of Major Indian Crops
- ▶ IFFCO I-MANDI
- ▶ 'Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/ GM Crops in 2017'
- ▶ Millet Village Scheme
- ▶ Policy bias against rainfed agriculture
- ▶ Possibilities in Jute Sector in India
- ▶ All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (2016-17)
- ▶ International Conference on Recent Advances in Food Processing Technology (iCRAFT)
- ▶ Krishi Kumbh-2018
- ▶ National Mission on Government e-Market (GeM) portal
- ▶ Technology Initiatives for Coffee Stakeholders
- ▶ ENSURE – National Livestock Mission-EDEG .61
- ▶ Sach GOURAV
- ▶ Zea mays in cereals
- ▶ Soil moisture map
- ▶ Categorisation of Farmers in India
- ▶ India's First Aqua Mega Food Park

**8. INDUSTRY**

- ▶ Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)
- ▶ India to build Railway link to Nepal
- ▶ India to build Railway link to Nepal
- ▶ Ratnagiri Mega Refinery
- ▶ Trans Regional Maritime Network (T-RMN)

**9. INFRASTRUCTURE**

- ▶ Zoji La tunnel project
- ▶ Integrated Automatic Aviation Meteorological Systems (IAAMS)
- ▶ Sela pass tunnel
- ▶ Shakti Sthala
- ▶ India's largest dry dock at cochin shipyard
- ▶ India's longest elevated road
- ▶ Eastern Peripheral Expressway
- ▶ Banihal-Qazigund tunnel
- ▶ Water aerodrome in Chilika Lake
- ▶ Western Dedicated Freight Corridor
- ▶ Bogibeel Bridge: India's longest river bridge
- ▶ City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects
- ▶ Kaiga power station-1 creates a world record yet again
- ▶ Noney Bridge: World's Tallest Railway Bridge
- ▶ "The Future of Rail" Report
- ▶ Gas Trading Hub
- ▶ Byorung Bridge: India's longest 300-metre single lane steel cable suspension bridge
- ▶ Ganga Expressway
- ▶ Kerala to get country's 2nd longest rail tunnel for Vizhinjam port connectivity
- ▶ Purvanchal Expressway
- ▶ HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

**10. POPULATION WORLD PATTERNS**

- ▶ India's population grew twice as fast as China's: UN report

**11. MIGRATION**

- ▶ India and the Global Compact for Migration

**12. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

- ▶ 2019 UNDP Human Development Report on Inequality

**13. URBANIZATION**

- ▶ Why the world should be watching India's fast growing cities: How has India intended to solve problems of unsustainable urban growth

**14. PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT**

- ▶ Diversification of Rural Workforce in India

## Climatology + Oceanography + Water Resources

**1. CLIMATOLOGY**

- ▶ Composition
- ▶ Gases
- ▶ Water Vapour
- ▶ Dust Particles
- ▶ Structure
- ▶ Exosphere
- ▶ Thermosphere
- ▶ Mesosphere
- ▶ Stratosphere
- ▶ Troposphere
- ▶ Altitude vs Temperature
- ▶ Solar Radiation Heat Balance Temperature
- ▶ Insolation
- ▶ Aphelion and Perihelion
- ▶ Variability of Insolation at the surface of the Earth
  - Day Season Year
  - Rotation on Axis , Angle of Inclination of sun rays , Length of the day
  - Transparency of Atmosphere,

configuration of land in terms of its aspect.

- ▶ Heat Balance
- ▶ Heating and cooling of atmosphere
  - Conduction
  - Convection
  - Advection
- ▶ 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 pressure
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Local Wind
- ▶ Land and Sea Breezes
- ▶ Mountain and Valley Winds
- ▶ Air mass & fronts
- ▶ Extra Tropical Cyclone
- ▶ Thunderstorms
- ▶ Tornadoes
- ▶ Water in the Atmosphere
- ▶ Water Vapour
- ▶ Precipitation
- ▶ Humidity – Absolute and Relative
- ▶ Saturation – Dew Point
- ▶ Evaporation and Condensation
- ▶ Dew
- ▶ Frost
- ▶ Fog & Mist
- ▶ Clouds
- ▶ Types – Cirrus, Cumulus, Stratus, Nimbus
- ▶ High – Cirrus, Cirrostratus, Cirrocumulus
- ▶ Middle – Altostratus, Altocumulus
- ▶ Low – Stratocumulus, Nimbostratus
- ▶ Vertical Development – Cumulus and Cumulonimbus
- ▶ Precipitation
- ▶ Rainfall, Snowfall, Sleet Hail, Hailstones
- ▶ Types of Rainfall
- ▶ Conventional
- ▶ Orographic
- ▶ Cyclonic
- ▶ World Distribution of Rainfall
- ▶ World Climate
- ▶ The Hot, Wet Equatorial Climate
- ▶ The Tropical Monsoon and Tropical Marine Climates
- ▶ The Savanna or Sudan Climate
- ▶ The Hot Desert and Mid-Latitude Desert Climates
- ▶ The Warm Temperate Western Margin (Mediterranean) Climate
- ▶ The Temperate Continental (SteppClimate)
- ▶ The Warm Temperate Eastern Margin (China TypClimate)
- ▶ The Cool Temperate Western Margin (British TypClimate)

- ▶ The Cool Temperate Continental (Siberian) Climate
- ▶ The Cool Temperate Eastern Margin (Lauren-tian) Climate
- ▶ The Arctic or Polar Climate

## 2. Oceanography

- ▶ Water on the Surface of the Earth
- ▶ Hydrological Cycle
  - Component
  - Processes
- ▶ Oceans
- ▶ Relief of the Ocean floor
- ▶ Divisions of the ocean floor
  - Continental Shelf
  - Continental Slope
  - Deep sea plain
  - Oceanic deep and Trenches
- ▶ **Minor relief features**
  - Mid oceanic ridges
  - Seamount
  - Submarine canyons
  - Guyouts
  - Atoll
- ▶ **Temperature of the Ocean Water**
  - Vertical
  - Spatial
  - Factors affecting Temperature distribution
- ▶ Latitude
- ▶ Unequal distribution of land & Water
- ▶ Prevailing wind
- ▶ Ocean Currents
  - Horizontal & Vertical Distribution
- ▶ Salinity of the Ocean Water
  - Factors affecting salinity
- ▶ Evaporation and precipitation
- ▶ Fresh water flow from rivers
- ▶ Ocean currents
  - Horizontals distribution of sailinity
  - Vertical Distribution of salinity
- ▶ Density of Ocean Waters
- ▶ Movements of ocean Water
- ▶ Factors influencing Movement
  - Temperature
  - Salinity
  - Density
- ▶ Motion – Horizontal and Vertical Currents
- ▶ Waves
  - Motion of waves and water molecules
  - Characteristics of wave
  - Crest and Trough
  - Height
  - Amplitude
  - Period
  - Length
  - Speed
  - Frequency
- ▶ Tides
  - 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
  - Importance of Tides
- ▶ Ocean Currents
  - Primary Force that initiates the movement
- ▶ Heating of solar energy
- ▶ Wind
- ▶ Gravity

- ▶ Coriolis force
  - Secondary force that influence the currents to flow
  - Types of ocean currents:
    - Surface currents & Deep water currents based on Depth
    - Cold and Warm Currents based on Temperature
  - Major Ocean currents of the World
  - Effects of Ocean Currents

### 3. WATER RESOURCE

- ▶ Underground water resource
- ▶ Surface water resources
- ▶ Inland water resources: Utilization of inland water resources
- ▶ Oceanic Water Resources
- ▶ Utilization of oceans by man
- ▶ Water consumption patterns
- ▶ Water Pollution
- ▶ Conservation of Water Resources
- ▶ Techniques of Water Conservation

## Demography + Human Geography + Census

### 1. Demography

- ▶ Concept of human resources
- ▶ Population distribution
- ▶ Physical factors
- ▶ Socio-cultural factors
- ▶ Demographic factors
- ▶ World population distribution
  - Ecumene
  - Non-ecumene
- ▶ Continent-wise distribution of population
- ▶ Density of population
- ▶ Pattern of population density
- ▶ 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
  - Sex composition
  - Literacy
- ▶ Theories of population growth
  - Malthusian theory
  - Marxian theory
  - Demographic Transition Theory
- ▶ Optimum population
  - Over-population
  - Under-population
- ▶ 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

## 2. Urbanization

- Basic Feature and Pattern's of India's Urbanization
- Issues of Urbanization in India
  - Rural Urban Migration
  - Emergence of Slums
  - Urban Transport
  - Waste Disposal
  - Water Supply, Drainage and Sanitation
  - Electronic Waste
  - Urban Poverty
  - Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Bill
- Way Forward to Tackle Issues Related to Urbanization
  - Inclusive Cities/Smart cities
  - Recent government programmes: AMRUT, HRIDAY Scheme
- Migration
- 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 post-liberalisation period
- Functional classification of cities
- Difference between boundaries and frontiers, their classification
- Rural urban fringe characteristics, advantages, problems
- National urbanisation policy
- Factors affecting rural settlements, their types and patterns

## 3. Census

- Literacy
- Sex Ratio
- Family Planning
- Old Age
- Age Structure
- Density
- Population Growth
- Census Terminologies

# Mineral + Energy + Transport + Industry + Forest + Agriculture

## 1. Mineral resource

- Types of minerals: Metallic minerals
- Non-metallic mineral
- Distribution of minerals and mining regions
- Distribution, production and international trade of Metallic minerals: Ferrous metals: Iron ore
- Ferro-alloys and non-ferrous
- Manganese
- Chromium

- ▶ Nickel
- ▶ Tungsten
- ▶ Antimony
- ▶ Copper
- ▶ Bauxite and Aluminium
- ▶ Zinc; Lead
- ▶ Tin
- ▶ Gold
- ▶ Silver
- ▶ Platinum
- ▶ Mineral chemicals
  - Mica
  - Potash
  - Phosphate
  - Nitrates
  - Sulphur
- ▶ Conservation of mineral resources

## 2. Energy resources

- ▶ Classification of energy
- ▶ Production of conventional energy
- ▶ General trends of energy production and consumption
- ▶ Reserves and sources of energy
- ▶ Coal
  - Nature and origin of coal
  - Constituents and kinds of coal
  - Coal fields and coal production
  - Byproducts of coal
  - Conservation of Coal
- ▶ Petroleum
  - Nature and properties of petroleum
  - Origin and recovery
  - Exploration
  - Petroleum refining
  - Petroleum reserves
  - Producing areas
  - Consumption of petroleum
- International trade
- OPEC and its role in oil trade
- ▶ Natural gas: Reserves and Production
- ▶ Hydro-electricity
  - Advantages of hydro-electricity
  - Ideal conditions for generation of hydro-electricity
  - Distribution of potential hydro-power
  - Hydro-electric power generation in India
- ▶ Atomic (nuclear) energy
  - Atomic: source minerals: Uranium
  - World distribution of Uranium
  - Production of Uranium
  - Thorium
  - Production of Atomic (Nuclear) Energy
  - Nuclear Energy
- ▶ Alternative (non-conventional) sources of energy
  - Solar energy
  - Wind energy
  - Geothermal power
  - Tidal energy
  - Wave energy
  - Biomass energy

## 3. Industry

- ▶ Industrial development
- ▶ Iron and Steel Industry
  - Location of iron and steel industry
  - Early localization
  - Development of iron manufacture
  - Distribution of iron and steel industry

- Global steel production
- International trade
- Growth potential of the steel industry
- ▶ Textile Industry
  - Cotton Textile Industry: Location of the industry
  - Recent trends in localization
  - Distribution and production of cotton textiles
  - Woollen textile industry: Location of the industry
  - Silk textile industry: Raw silk manufacture
  - Silk textile manufacturing
  - Synthetic (artificial) silk industry: Distribution of man-made fibre and fabrics.
- ▶ Engineering Industries
  - Machine tools and machines: Areas of production
  - Industrial machinery: Textile machinery
  - Other industrial machinery
  - Agricultural machinery
- ▶ Manufacturing of transport equipment
  - Automobile industry
  - Railway car and locomotive industry
  - Shipbuilding
  - Aircrafts Industry
- ▶ Chemical Industry & Fertilizer
  - Classes of chemicals: Branches of chemical industry
  - Heavy chemical industry
  - Production of acids and alkalies
  - Rise of chemical industry
  - Fertilizer industry: Nitrogen fertilizers
  - Phosphate fertilizers
  - Potash fertilizers
- ▶ Explosives
- ▶ Glass industry: Production of glass
- ▶ Agro-industries
  - Synthetic rubber industry
  - Pulp and paper industry: Essential conditions for pulp production
  - Production of paper and paper board
  - Newsprint
- ▶ Cement industry
  - Distribution of cement industry
  - Recent trends: Main global competitors
- ▶ Petroleum refining industry: Localization
  - Site selection of petroleum refineries
  - History of oil refineries
  - World pattern of oil refining
  - Petroleum products
- ▶ Industrial Regions
  - Characteristics of industrial regions
  - Delimitation of an industrial region
  - Principal industrial regions of the world
  - Industrial regions of Anglo America—USA, Canada, Western Europe and Central Britain, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Italy, Eastern Europe, Poland, Former USSR
  - Eastern Asia—Japan, China, the 'Dragons', India, High tech patterns.

#### 4. Transport

- ▶ Importance and development of transport

- ▶ Means of transport
- ▶ Transport costs and economic distance
- ▶ Operating costs in transport
- ▶ Relative importance of means of transport: Railways, Roads, Pipeline, Oceans, Air transport
- ▶ Profits and freight rates
- ▶ Government's transport policy
- ▶ Transport patterns in the world: Oceanic transport
- ▶ Ocean transport routes
- ▶ Inland waterways
- ▶ Main regions of inland waterways
- ▶ Railways: Factors affecting the railroads
- ▶ Distribution of railroads in the world
- ▶ Air transport: Factors influencing air transport
- ▶ Air transport in various continents
- ▶ Pipeline transport
- ▶ Petroleum (oil) pipelines
- ▶ Gas pipelines

## 5. Vegetation resources

- ▶ Types of natural vegetation
- ▶ Forests
- ▶ Significance of forests
  - Economic significance, Ecological significance
  - Cultural significance
- ▶ Factors of forest development
- ▶ Extent of forest cover
- ▶ Classification of forests
  - Grasslands
  - Desert vegetation
  - Tundra Vegetation
- ▶ Economic utilization of forests
- ▶ Deforestation

- Deforestation in tropical forests
- Deforestation in temperate forests
- Rate and extent of deforestation
- Causes and factors of deforestation: Immediate causes of deforestation
- Indirect deforestation
- Underlying causes of deforestation
- ▶ Conservation of forests
  - Forest conservation strategies
  - Reforestation
  - Monoculture plantation
  - Afforestation
- ▶ Types of forestry
- ▶ Social forestry
- ▶ Agro-forestry

## 6. Basic terms related to Agriculture

- ▶ Performance of the agriculture sector
- ▶ Types of farming in India
- ▶ Dry zone farming
- ▶ Organic farming
- ▶ Cropping seasons in India
- ▶ Cropping Pattern in India
- ▶ Agriculture regionalization
- ▶ Infrastructure factors: Seeds; Fertilizers; Irrigation
- ▶ Land use pattern in India
- ▶ Institutional Factors as land reform
- ▶ Horticulture sector in India
- ▶ Agricultural revolutions
- ▶ Agricultural labours
- ▶ Price Policy for Agriculture
- ▶ Agricultural marketing

- Agricultural Insurance
- Agricultural Census
- Major schemes in agricultural sector
- National Policy for farmers
- Impact of climate change on agriculture
- What is sustainable agriculture?
- Use of IT in agriculture
- Agriculture Issues and Challenges

## 7. Productivity of Crops and conditions for growth

- Wheat
  - Conditions of growth
  - Varieties
  - Types of cultivation
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Rice
  - Conditions of growth
  - Varieties
  - Methods of cultivation
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Maize (Corn)
  - Conditions of growth
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Barley
  - Conditions of growth
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Oats
- Rye
- Beverages
- Tea
  - Condition of growth
- Production pattern
- International trade
- Coffee
  - Types of coffee
  - Conditions of growth
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Cocoa
  - Conditions of growth
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Tobacco
  - Conditions of growth
  - Production pattern
  - International trade
- Fibre Crops
  - Cotton
    - Varieties of cotton
    - Conditions of growth
    - Production pattern
    - International trade
  - Jute
    - Conditions of growth
    - Production pattern
    - International trade
    - Substitutes of Jute: Flax, Hemp
  - Raw Silk
    - Production pattern
    - States
  - Natural Rubber
    - Other sources of rubber
    - Plantations in South-east Asia
    - Production pattern
  - Sugarcane
    - Conditions of growth
    - Production pattern

- International trade
- Sugarbeet—Conditions of growth
- Production pattern
- Sugar industry
- Sugar consumption
- International trade.

## 8. Recent developments in agriculture field

- ▶ NITI Aayog proposed the idea of taxation of agricultural income
- ▶ Removing agricultural commodities from the essential commodities Act: NITI Aayog
- ▶ Feminization of Agriculture
- ▶ e-auction portal : e-Rakam for selling agricultural produce
- ▶ “AGRI-UDAAN” – Food and agri-business acceleration 2.0 to bring startup revolution
- ▶ APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act)
- ▶ SMAM (Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization)
- ▶ Jute-ICARE Project
- ▶ Project CHAMAN
- ▶ Doubling the farmers income: Ashok Dalwai Committee
- ▶ RKVY-RAFTAAR
- ▶ Agro Irradiation Centers
- ▶ Agricultural Marketing and Farm Friendly Reforms Index
- ▶ National Food Security Act
- ▶ Digitization and Agriculture
- ▶ Direct Benefit Transfer in Fertilizer Sector

- ▶ Draft Regulation on Fortification of Foods
- ▶ Law Commission Recommendation on Food Laws
- ▶ Concept of Modern Terminal Markets
- ▶ Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
- ▶ e-Pashuhaat Portal
- ▶ Schemes of Bio-Tech Kisan and Cattle Genomics
- ▶ Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- ▶ Mission Fingerling
- ▶ Ornamental Fishing
- ▶ Agricultural Science Congress
- ▶ RubSiS
- ▶ Ethanol Blending
- ▶ National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources
- ▶ Amendments to the NABARD Act, 1981
- ▶ Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops
- ▶ Neem Coating of Urea
- ▶ National Agriculture Market

## 9. Recent developments in Transport Sector

- ▶ Rural electrification corporation: First green bond
- ▶ Time and costs over runs of infrastructure projects
- ▶ India's First Mega Coastal Economic Zone (CEZ) to come up in Maharashtra
- ▶ Logistic sector gets infrastructure status
- ▶ AIIB approves \$150 million for India infrastructure fund
- ▶ Ro-Ro Ferry service

- Bharatmala project for construction of 24,000 km of highway connecting Western and Eastern part
- Union Ministry of shipping is planning to expand Logistics Data Bank (LDB)
- Railways India Development Fund
- National Infrastructure Investment Fund
- Defence Innovation Fund
- Flexi Fare Method in Railway
- Rail Cadre Management
- TRI-NETRA in Railways
- National Rail Plan 2030
- India's First Caterpillar Train
- Green corridor concept
- Made in India 'Medha' train
- Antyodaya Express
- Smart Railway Station
- Yatri Mitra Seva
- National Highways Interconnectivity
- Vehicle Fleet Modernization Programme
- Transit Oriented Development Policy
- Logistic Efficiency Enhancement Programme
- Indian Bridge Management System
- National Road Safety Policy
- TARANG
- E-trans
- DEEP (Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price)
- GARV II APP

- Trading of Energy Saving Certificates
- Powers for all 24x7
- Draft National Electricity Plan
- Habitat Commitment Index

## 10. Recent developments in Industrial Sector

- Disinvestment of PSUs
- Report titled "India's Labor Market: A New Emphasis on Gainful Employment"
- Wage code Bill in line of recommendations of 2nd National Commission on Labor
- CAR for the operation of Drones in India.
- Draft Evaluation template for the star rating of Minor Minerals
- Online database containing GIS-Enabled portal Maps land related information
- Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor
- Apex Corridor Developmental Authority
- TAMRA PORTAL
- Mining Surveillance System
- COAL MITRA
- M-SIPS for Electronic Sector
- Indian Enterprise Development Service
- Trade Receivables Discounting System
- SME Business Environment Index

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**TEST: 33-36  
SCIENCE &  
TECHNOLOGY****Biology + Biotechnology  
+ Health****Biology****1. Chemical Building Blocks of Life****2. History and Origin of Life****3. Cells**

- ▶ Cell Structure
- ▶ Membranes
- ▶ Cell-Cell Interactions
- ▶ Energy and Metabolism
- ▶ Respiration
- ▶ Photosynthesis
- ▶ How Cells Divide
- ▶ Sexual Reproduction

**4. Genetics**

- ▶ Inheritance
- ▶ DNA, The Genetic Material
- ▶ Gene Expression
- ▶ Gene Regulation
- ▶ Mutation
- ▶ Recombinant DNA Technology

**5. Classification of Living Things**

- ▶ Classification and Domains of Life

- ▶ General Biology/Classification of Living Things/Viruses
- ▶ Prokaryotes
- ▶ Eukaryotes
  - Protists
  - Plants
  - Fungi
  - Animals

**6. Evolution**

- ▶ Evolution of Life
- ▶ Animal Evolution
- ▶ Human Evolution

**7. Tissues**

- ▶ Epithelial tissue
- ▶ Connective tissue
- ▶ Muscle tissue

**8. Economic Zoology**

- ▶ Beneficial animals: Corals
  - Earthworm - Vermiculture
  - Beneficial insects - Prawns - Lobsters - Crabs - Pearl oysters
  - Fishes - Guano - Aquarium - Vivarium.
- ▶ Harmful animals: Disease causing organisms - Vectors - Poisonous organisms - Fouling organisms - Pests.

**9. Endocrine system**

- ▶ Hypothalamus
- ▶ Pineal body (epiphysis)
- ▶ Pituitary gland (hypophysis)
- ▶ Thyroid
- ▶ Adrenal glands
- ▶ Reproductive glands

## 10. Respiration

- ▶ External and Internal Respiration
- ▶ Respiratory system in Plants
- ▶ Respiratory System in Insects
- ▶ Respiratory System in Humans and Animals

## 11. The Transport System in Organisms

- ▶ Transport system in a Cell
- ▶ Transport System in Plants
- ▶ Transport System in Animals
- ▶ Blood Vascular System
- ▶ The Lymphatic System

## 12. Skeletal and Muscular Systems

- ▶ Bone and Skeleton System (Osteology)
- ▶ Ligaments (Syndesmology)
- ▶ Muscular System (Myology)
- ▶ Vertebrates

## 13. Reproduction

- ▶ Asexual Reproduction in Plants
- ▶ Asexual Reproduction in Animals
- ▶ Sexual Reproduction in Plants
- ▶ Sexual Reproduction in Animals

- ▶ Sexual Reproduction in Humans

## 14. Excretion, Osmoregulation and Thermoregulation

- ▶ Excretory products
- ▶ Excretion in plants
- ▶ Excretion in Animals
- ▶ Osmoregulation, ADH and formation of Urine in Animals
- ▶ Physiological and Behavioural Adjustments

## 15. Nutrition

- ▶ Classification by Source of Energy and Carbon
- ▶ Plant Nutrition
- ▶ Animal Nutrition
- ▶ Human Diet
- ▶ The Digestive System

## Biotechnology

### 1. Genetics and biotechnology

- ▶ Industrial genetics
- ▶ Protoplast and cell fusion technologies
- ▶ Genetic engineering
- ▶ DNA sequencing
- ▶ Nucleic acid probes
- ▶ Genomics and proteomics
- ▶ Antisense and RNA interference
- ▶ Potential laboratory biohazards of genetic engineering
- ▶ Bioprocess/fermentation technology

**2. Biological fuel generation**

- ▶ Global warming and the significance of fossils fuels
- ▶ Photosynthesis: the ultimate energy source
- ▶ Biofuels from biomass
- ▶ Bioethanol from biomass
- ▶ Biodiesel
- ▶ Methane
- ▶ Hydrogen

**3. Environmental biotechnology**

- ▶ Microbial Ecology Environmental Biotechnology
- ▶ Waste water and sewage treatment
- ▶ Landfilling technologies
- ▶ Composting
- ▶ Bioremediation
- ▶ Detect and monitoring of pollutants
- ▶ Microbes and the geological environment
- ▶ Environmental sustainability and clean technology

**4. Plant and forest biotechnology**

- ▶ Plant biotechnology
- ▶ Forest biotechnology

**5. Animal and insect biotechnology**

- ▶ Genetic manipulation and transgenic animals
- ▶ Genetically engineered hormone and vaccines
- ▶ Animal organs for human patients
- ▶ Genetically modified insects

**6. Food and beverage biotechnology**

- ▶ Food and beverage fermentations
- ▶ Microorganisms as food
- ▶ Enzymes and food processing
- ▶ Amino acids, vitamins and sweeteners
- ▶ Organic acids and polysaccharides
- ▶ Public acceptance and safety of new biotechnology foods
- ▶ Biotechnology and medicine
- ▶ Pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals
- ▶ Antibiotics
- ▶ Vaccines and monoclonal antibodies
- ▶ Biopharmaceuticals/therapeutic proteins
- ▶ Pharmacogenetics
- ▶ Molecular biology and human disease
- ▶ Diagnostics in developing countries
- ▶ Gene therapy
- ▶ Systems biology and medicine
- ▶ Stem cell biotechnology

**7. Protection of biotechnological inventions**

- ▶ Patent protection Trade secrets
- ▶ Plant breeders' rights

## Space + Defence + Nuclear + Institutions + IT + Electronics + Telecom + Nano + Robotics

### 1. Institutions & Policy

- ▶ India's policy in the field of the science and technology
  - The S&T policy resolution in 1958
  - S&T policy of the 1983
  - S&T policy of the 2003
  - S&T policy 2013
- ▶ Institutional structure
  - Department of Science & Technology
  - CSIR
  - Survey of India
  - Science and Engineering Research Council
  - Technology Development Board
  - National Accreditation Board For Testing And Calibration Laboratories
- ▶ Science and technology as a source of Human Resource Development
- ▶ Awards related to Science
- ▶ New Initiatives Aligned with the National Agenda
- ▶ India and World collaboration in science projects
- ▶ Technology Vision Document 2035
- ▶ National Biotechnology Development Strategy 2015-2020
- ▶ National Intellectual Property Rights Policy
- ▶ Organ donation rules in India
- ▶ Policy on Synthetic Biology

### 2. sPACE

- ▶ Types of orbits
- ▶ Launch Vehicle
- ▶ Satellite communication in India
- ▶ INSAT Satellite application
- ▶ Remote sensing applications
- ▶ Cryogenic rockets
- ▶ Global Positioning System
  - Galileo
  - GLONASS
  - IRNSS
  - GAGAN
- ▶ Chandrayaan – I & II
- ▶ Mars Orbiter Mission
- ▶ Space Organisations
- ▶ Space race/Space junk
- ▶ Recent updates
  - South Asia Satellite: Significance
  - Neutrino Observatory
  - Solar Mission- ADITYA
  - Gravitational Waves

### 3. Defence

- ▶ 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 System
  - Agni
  - Prithvi
  - Trishul

- Nag
- Dhanush
- Astra
- Prahaar
- ▶ BrahMos Missile System
- ▶ Indian Submarines and Naval Ships
- ▶ Light Combat Aircraft
- ▶ Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- ▶ Stealth technology
- ▶ Chemical Weapon
- ▶ Biological Weapon

#### 4. Nuclear energy

- ▶ Types of nuclear reactions
- ▶ Nuclear Power Reactor
- ▶ N-Power Policy of India
- ▶ Advantages of Nuclear Energy
- ▶ Disadvantages of Nuclear Energy
- ▶ Non-energy applications of Nuclear energy
- ▶ Impact of Radiation
- ▶ Issue of Radioactive Waste
- ▶ Institutions involved in Nuclear energy Development, AERB
- ▶ Safety standards in Nuclear Power plants
- ▶ Nuclear & Radiological Disasters

#### 5. IT, Electronics & Telecom

- ▶ **Computers**
  - Generation of computers
  - Computer terminologies
  - Supercomputer and its applications
- ▶ **Information technology**
  - Components of IT
  - IT enabled services

- Application of IT
- ▶ **Display technologies**
  - Cathode ray
  - LCD
  - LED
  - Plasma Monitors
  - OLED
- ▶ **Telecommunications**
  - Mobile generations
  - Smartfones
  - Important concepts
- ▶ **Government initiatives**
  - Digital India Initiative
  - MeghRaj
  - Code Free for India
  - E-Kranti
  - Bharat Net project
  - Bharat QR
- ▶ **Contemporary debates**
  - Net Neutrality
  - Internet of Things
  - Big Data Initiative and Privacy
  - Cyber crime and security

#### 6. Nano-science & nano technologies

- ▶ What is Nanoscience and Nanotechnology?
- ▶ Origination of Nanoscience and Technology
- ▶ Basics of Nanoscience
- ▶ Nanomaterials
- ▶ Applications of nanotechnology
  - Nano medicine
  - Semiconductors and computing
  - Food
  - Textiles

- Sustainable energy
- Environment
- Transport
- Space
- Agriculture
- Adverse Health and Environmental Impacts of Nanotechnology
- Social and Ethical Impacts:
- Nano-science and nano-technology in India

## 7. Robotics

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

## 8. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### ► INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTERS

- Cyber-Physical System
- BullSequana Supercomputer
- National Supercomputing Mission
- Pratyush Computer
- SpiNNaker – World's Largest Brain – Like
- Supercomputer
- Shakti – India's first indigenous Microprocessor
- India's First Locally Developed 4G/LTE Telecom System
- 5G
- IIT – Delhi launches first 5G Radio Lab
- Open Transit Data Platform
- Three Factor Authentication
- Facial Authentication Working
- First in Asia: Facial recognition technology at Bengaluru airport
- Digital Sky Platform
- M2M'Communication
- Mobile Towers are harmless: CP CB
- Adoption of Blockchain Technology to Stop Bank Frauds
- India's First Blockchain District in Telangana
- NASSCOM unveils centre for Data, AI
- Mumbai to have India's First Artificial Intelligence Centre
- Model International Center for Transformative AI (ICTAI)
- Saposhi

- GravityRat Malware
- ToneTag
- World Congress on Information Technology

► **SPACE TECHNOLOGY & EVENTS**

- ISRO's Mission/Programme:
- NASA's Mission/Programme:
- Other Agencies Missions
- Point Nemo
- Exoplanet
- 'Super-Earth' in Constellation Cassiopeia
- Galaxy Proto-Supercluster – Hyperion
- Einstein's Theory of Relativity
- Einstein's theory
- Sun's gravity
- Einstein Ring
- Sunspot Cycle
- Method to simulate, predict solar activity over ten years developed
- ISRO is planning to mine Moon
- NASA confirms saturns rings will be gone in million years
- New Source of Neutrinos in Space discovered
- Earth has three moons
- China unveils 'Heavenly Palace' space station
- The International Space Station (ISS) is celebrating its 20th birthday
- Remove DEBRIS
- The case for making Pluto a planet again
- Icarus- farthest star
- Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMBR)
- Green Propellant
- Plan to Prevent Asteroid Attack
- Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space
- 'EPIC' planet
- Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe
- Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array
- High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment
- GLONASS of Russia
- Pakistan's remote sensing satellites PRSS-1 and PakTes-1A
- Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)
- World's fastest man-made spinning object
- India-Based Neutrino Observatory
- Human space flight Programme
- NASA's Kepler Space Telescope retired
- NASA Parker Solar Probe Mission
- Dwarf planet 'The Goblin' discovery
- Space X BFR lunar Mission
- Meteorite found in Rajasthan
- Unispace Nanosatellite Assembly & Training programme (UNNATI)
- The Lyrid meteor shower
- RAMA (Reconstituting Asteroids into Mechanical Automata)
- Uakitite
- Draft Space Activities Bill, 2017
- Resource Prospector Mission
- GRACE MISSION
- Gaofen – 11

► **DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY**

► India's Missile Development Program

- Prithvi Series
- Agni Series
- Akash
- Nag
- Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)
- Trishul
- Brahmos
- Ballistic Missile Defence System
- Prithvi Air Defence (PAD)
- Advanced Air Defence (AAD)
- K-15 Sagarika
- Dhanush
- Shaurya
- Nirbhay
- Prahaar
- Astra
- Pinaka Rocket
- Made in India' Artillery boost
- Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS)
- Rustom-2
- Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS Varaha launched
- Vijaya: Indigenously built patrol vessel commissioned by Indian Coast Guard
- INS Chakra
- Scorpene Submarine Programme
- Maritime boundary
- Vehicle Location Tracking Devices and Emergency Buttons
- LCA TEJAS clears maiden mid-air refuelling trial
- India's first missile tracking ship

- Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)
- Defence Innovation Hubs
- India's first indigenous anti-nuclear medical kit
- Defence Industry Corridor
- Bhabha Kavach
- Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti
- Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, 1987

► **HEALTH & BIOTECHNOLOGY**

- Rare Diseases
- Thalassaemia
- Down Syndrome
- New Classification of Diabetes
- Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young (MODY)
- Lymphatic Filariasis
- New Influenza Research Programme
- Drug-resistant Superbug Spreading
- Zoonotic Diseases
- Nipah Virus
- Lassa Fever
- Nepal, first country in South-East Asia to Eliminate Trachoma
- Measles Rubella Vaccination
- Zearalenone, a fungal toxin
- Oxytocin
- WHO Publishes Essential Diagnostics List
- Generic Drugs: New Rules Soon for Labelling
- Fixed Dose Drug Combinations (FDCs)
- World's first Bio-electronic medicine
- 5th Global Forum on TB Vaccines

- Drug Eluting Stents
- Dual Mechanism for Embryonic Stem Cells to Maintain Pluripotency
- Scientists Grow Human Oesophagus in Lab
- Three-Parent Babies Permitted in U K
- New Sheep Insemination Technique
- Mass Embryo Transfer
- CRISPR Technology
- Telerobotic Surgery
- Bionic mushrooms
- Biosensor Technique to Detect Chikungunya Virus Mitra Clip
- Blockchain Technology in Drug Supply-chain
- Rosehip neurons: The newest neuron in the human brain
- Nerve Agent
- WHO called for the Elimination of the so-called 'One Centimetre Per Hour' Benchmark
- Earth BioGenome Project
- 100k Genome Asia Project
- Human Microbiome
- Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP)
- Eat Right India Movement
- Food Fortification
- Transgenic Rice with Reduced Arsenic Accumulation
- Fighting Fake Drugs through Blockchain
- Project Dhoop
- Eliminate Trans-fats by 2022
- New Norms for Labelling Packaged GM food
- Animal-Free Testing for Drugs
- Elysia chlorotica
- Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine
- Fortified Rice
- Coloured X-Ray on Human
- 'P Null' Phenotype
- Bacteria Wolbachia
- Affordable Water Disinfection System- Oneer
- Bisphenol A (BPA)
- **NIFTEM**
  - Scutoid: A New Shape Discovered
  - Concept of Living Will
  - ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES
  - Methanol as cooking fuel
  - Gas Hydrates or Flammable Ice:
  - World's first hydrogen train
  - Repurposed Used Cooking Oil (RUCO)
  - Hydrogen-CNG
  - Europe's first solar panel recycling plant
  - Bengaluru Maps its Solar Wealth
  - Shakti Shala Solar Park
  - Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership
  - Apsara – U Reactor
  - Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST)
  - World's first Hyperloop passenger capsule unveiled
  - Hyperloop between Mumbai and Pune
  - Aerogel- Super-insulating gel
  - Thermal Battery
  - India's first coal-gasification fertilizer plant
  - Quadricycles

► **NANO TECHNOLOGY**

- Graphene
- IIT-Madras unveiled world's first remotely operable LEAP microscope
- Particle Decay
- Rydberg Polarons
- KATRIN Experiment
- Cyclone-30 India's biggest cyclotron facility becomes operational

► **SCHEMES & INITIATIVES**

- Prime Minister's Science Technology And
- Innovation Council (PM-STIAC)
- Young Scientist Programme
- Innovate India Platform
- Innovation Cell
- National Statistics Day
- Children's Science Congress
- Imprint II
- Bharatnet Covers 1 Lakh Gram Panchayats
- National Viral Hepatitis Control Program
- National Biopharma Mission
- Agmark online system
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaties
- National Intellectual Property (IP) Award 2018
- Intellectual Property Rights Mascot
- GI Tag

- India to expand polar research to Arctic
- Deep Ocean Mission (DOM)
- Chai Sahay App by Tea Board of India
- MISCELLANEOUS
- Glass Fibre Reinforced Gypsum Concrete
- EyeROV TUNA India's first underwater robotic drone handed over to NPOL
- Nobel Prize 2018
- Prof SN Bose 125th Anniversary
- Stephen Hawking
- Raman Effect
- Li-Fi
- Vaterite
- Impact Based Forecasting Approach
- India's first engine-less train
- Other Scientific Achievements in India in 2018
- Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI)
- Microcrystallites

► **SARAS**

- Silver Copper Telluride
- Ice VII
- 2019 - International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements
- New Element with Magnetic Properties Discovered
- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service (INCOIS)

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<b>TEST: 38</b>	<b>CSAT - 2: GMA</b>
<b>TEST: 39</b>	<b>CSAT - 3: Reading Comprehension</b>
<b>TEST: 40</b>	<b>Current Affairs - 4 (November + December, 2020)</b>
<b>TEST: 41</b>	<b>Sectional Test (Polity &amp; Governance)</b>
<b>TEST: 42</b>	<b>Sectional Test (Economy)</b>
<b>TEST: 43</b>	<b>Sectional Test (Environment)</b>
<b>TEST: 44</b>	<b>Sectional Test (History &amp; Culture of India)</b>
<b>TEST: 45</b>	<b>Sectional Test (Geography)</b>
<b>TEST: 46</b>	<b>Sectional Test (Science &amp; Technology)</b>
<b>TEST: 47</b>	<b>Mock - 1 (Paper 1)</b>
<b>TEST: 48</b>	<b>Mock - 2 (Paper 2)</b>
<b>TEST: 49</b>	<b>Mock - 3 (Paper 1)</b>
<b>TEST: 50</b>	<b>Mock - 4 (Paper 1)</b>
<b>TEST: 51</b>	<b>Current Affairs - 5 (January &amp; February, 2021)</b>

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(Budget + Economics Survey +  
India Year Book - 2020)**TEST: 59** Mock - 11 (Paper -1)**TEST: 60** Mock - 12 (Paper -2)**TEST: 61** Mock - 13 (Paper -1)**TEST: 62** Mock - 14 (Paper -2)**TEST: 63** Current Affairs - 7  
(March + April, 2021)**TEST: 64** Mock - 15 (Paper -1)**TEST: 65** Mock - 16 (Paper -2)

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