TEST: 7 - BASICS OF SOCIETY & GOVERNANCE

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INDIAN SOCIETY

UPSC Syllabus

- Salient features of Indian Society
- Diversity of India
- Effects of globalization on Indian society
- National Integration, communalism, regionalism & secularism
- Role of women and women's organization
- Social empowerment, poverty and developmental issues
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable section
- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources
- Issues relating to poverty and hunger
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.

Sub-Topic Listing

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

(1) Concepts of Unity and Diversity

(2) Forms of Diversity in India

(3) Reasons for so much Diversity

(4) Bonds of Unity In India

- Geo-political Unity
- The Institution of Pilgrimage
- Tradition of Accommodation
- Tradition of Interdependence
- Role of Sensitive Leaders
- Constitutional Safeguards – Role of Constitution Framers

(5) Challenges of Diversity to Unity (Challenges to National Integration)

- Diversity of Constituents
- Regionalism and Cultural Identities
- Casteism
- Linguism
- Communalism
- Social Inequalities
- Regional Disparities
- Ethno-Nationality and Ethnic Conflicts
- Tribal Identity

(6) Basic Sociological Concepts

(7) The Family and Kinship

(8) Concept of Patriarchy In India

SECULARISM, REGIONALISM AND COMMUNALISM

(1) Secularism And Secularization

- Western and Indian Concept

- Process of Secularization
- Secularism and Forced Conversion in India

(2) Communalism, Fundamentalism And Communal Violence

(3) Regionalism

- Regionalism in India
- Types of Regionalism
- Effects of Regionalism
- Regionalism: Demand for Smaller States
- Strategies to tackle Regionalism
- SONS OF SOIL CONCEPT

SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

(1) Constitutional Provisions Relevant to Social Justice & Empowerment of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes

(2) Status Of Minorities In India

(3) The Scheduled Castes: From Untouchable To Dalit

- Population of the Scheduled Castes
- Types of Disabilities of the SCs
- From Untouchables to the Dalits: The Process of Identity Formation
- Combating Mechanism against Caste Atrocities and Violence
- The State Efforts for Dalit Emancipation

(4) TRIBALS IN INDIA

- Chronic Indebtedness
- Forest Related Problems
- Destruction of the Forest Environment and the Tribal People
- Development and Displacement
- Analysis of Forest Rights Act

(5) WOMEN MOVEMENTS

- 19th Century Women Movements – Under Social Reform Movements
- Women's Issues DuringGandhian Era
- Issues in Post Independence Era
- Violence Against Women
- Developmental Movement
- Uniform Civil Code

(6) SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Concept of Casteismin India
- Caste and Politics
- The Reservation Policy Debate
- Social Justice and Social Development

(7) SOCIAL SECURITY IN INDIA

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

(8) UNDERSTANDING POVERTY

- Dimensions of Poverty
- Linkage between Poverty and Development
- Recommendations of Rangarajan Committee Report
- Poverty Alleviation Strategy Since Independence
- Programmes for Poverty Alleviation
- Concept of Inequality

GLOBALIZATION

(1) Meaning of Globalization

(2) Reasons for Globalization

(3) Dimensions/Impact

- Political
- Cultural and Social
- Economic

(4) Anti-Globalization Movement

(5) New Localism

URBANIZATION & CENSUS 2011

(1) Urbanization

- Trend and pattern of Urbanization
- Issues Related to Urbanization in India
- Status of Service Delivery and Governance
- Urban Development Projects
- Critical Analysis of Smart City Mission

(2) CENSUS 2011

- Highlights of 2011 Census
- Analysis of Sex Ratio Data
- Impact of Skewed Ratio
- Laws related to Prevent Female Infanticide
- Recent initiatives
- Trend and Current Scenario of Literacy in India
- Literacy Challenges in India as Whole
- Efforts to Improve the Literacy in Country
- Child Health Indicatorsand Maternal Health
- Initiatives taken by the Government
- Why the Health schemes fail to bring change?
- Family Planning and Population Policy of India
- Analysis on Status of Old Age Population: Issues & Policy Initiative
- Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(1) Secularism, Regionalism & Communalism

- Secularism and Anti Conversion
- Regionalism: Demand for Smaller States
- Socio-Economic Caste Census, 2011
- Gender Discrimination in the Corporate Sector

(2) ISSUES RELATED TO WOMEN

- Gender Discrimination in Corporate Sector
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Bill on Banning Triple Talaq
- Adultery No Longer a Crime : SC
- Unwanted Girls in India
- Altruistic Surrogacy in India
- Women in Panchayats
- Women Participation in Economy
- # Me Too Movement
- Draft National Policy for Women, 2016
- Laws Related to Stalking in India
- Debate on the Issue of Marital Rape
- India's Maternity Laws need Serious Tweaking
- Women in Judiciary Matters
- SC's Judgment on Dowry
- Gender Budgeting: Critical Analysis

(3) Issues Related to Children

- Issues Faced by Children in War Zone
- High Dropout Rate of Girls in India
- Child Trafficking
- Safety of Children in Schools
- Issue of Malnutrition in India
- Amendments Proposed in Child Labour Act
- Plight of Street Children
- Juvenile Justice System
- Child Marriages in India
- Death for child Rape
- Draft National Child Protection Policy
- National Action Plan for Children, 2016

(4) OTHER ISSUES

- India's Family Planning Programme: Critical Analysis
- Demography and Policy Planning
- India's Ageing Report
- Legalising Same Sex Marriage
- Domestic Workers: Issues and Laws
- Development Leading to Displacement
- Moral Policing
- Euthanasia and Living Will
- Inadequacies in existing Human Trafficking laws in India
- Transgender Bill passed in LokSabha with Amendments
- Mental Health Care Bill
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act
- Manual Scavenging
- Mob lynching and Rule of Law
- Issue Related to Undertrials
- Income Inequality in India
- Indigenous People in India : An Analysis
- Debate Over Death Penalty
- Global Slavery Index Report
- Right to Privacy Judgement
- SC Verdict on SC/ST Atrocities Bill
- Social Stigma Attached with HIV

(5) HEALTH & EDUCATION

- Allied Health Care Professions Bill, 2018
- Ahead on Malaria: On reduction in cases in India
- India and Neglected Disease Treatment
- TB Status in India and Bedaquiline Patent Challenge
- Status of E-Pharmacies in India
- Changes Proposed in No Detention Policy
- National Policy on Education
- Capacity Building for Primary Health Care
- NITI Aayog on Privatisation of Urban Health Care
- National Health Policy, 2017
- Regulating Private Healthcare
- India's Nutrition Challenge
- Food Fortification
- Sanitation and Nutrition Linkage
- Ayushman Bharat

(6) MISCELLANEOUS

- Is social media polarizing society?
- Draft Social Security Code
- Uniform Civil Code
- Critical Analysis of Stand Up India Scheme
- SC Suggests for Prison Reforms
- Statue of Unity

(7) Etc.

GOVERNANCE

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- Pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation
- Development processes and the development industry the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability
- e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential
- Citizens Charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures
- Role of civil services in a democracy
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies7

Sub-Topic Listing

(1) Governance

- Concept of Good Governance
- Issues Concerning Governance
- Right Based Approach in Policy Making
- Public Policy Making and Policy Implementation
- How to Establish Good Governance

(2) Transparency & Accountability

- **Right to Information**
  - Information sharing and transparency in government
  - RTI and Official Secret Act: Who's winning and why Judiciary wants to remain isolated
- **Citizen's Charters**
  - Benefits of Citizen Charter
  - Citizen Charter in India: An Evaluation
  - Problems Faced in Implementing the Charters
  - Steps to improve Citizen Charters
  - Indian Approach to Citizen Charter: Sevottam Model

- Administrative Reforms Commission's Seven Step Model for Citizen Centricity
- Right to Service

- **Extent of regulations and openness of media and social networking sites**
  - T.K. Visanathan Committee On Hate Speech
  - Role of MEDIA in bringing Transparency and Accountability
  - Social Media and Accountability
- **E-Governance**
  - Role of E-Governance in bringing Transparency and Accountability
  - Major E-Governance Projects and challenges in their implementation
- **Role of civil services in a democracy**
  - Linkage of Civil Services and Democracy
  - Debate on Lateral Entry in Civil Services
  - Relation between Civil Servants and Political Executives
  - Performance Appraisal System in Bureaucracy
  - Reforms Needed In Indian Bureaucracy
- **Codes of Ethics and Code of Conduct**
  - Paid news abuse by social media a poll menace
  - Model code of conduct
- **Utilization of Public funds**
  - Significance of Public Accounts Committee
  - Challenges of corruption and incompetence

(3) Regulatory Structure and Governance Reforms

- **Functions and responsibilities of various Bodies**
  - Analysis of Autonomy and functioning of CAG, CBI, CVC and NHRC
  - Lokpal and rise of Ombudsman era: a critical evaluation of journey traveled so far
  - State and operational effectiveness of Local governemnts in India
  - Corporate Governance in India - Why is it so critical
- **Police Reforms in India**
- **Curb On VIP Culture**
- **Prison Reforms in India**
- **Improving Governance In Public Systems**

(4) DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND THE DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY

- Role of Self Help Group in Development
- Shortcomings and Recommendations to Improve Self Help Group
- Role and functions of NGOs in the Development
- Challenges Faced by NGOs in India
- Issue of Fund Mismanagement
- Role of Microfinance Institutions in Development Process
- Issues Related to Microfinance Institutions and Recommendations
- Role of Foreign aid in Development
- The role and function of pressure groups in India
- Changing Pattern of Pressure Group Politics in India

(5) Socio-Economic Development

- **Concept of Human Development**
  - Economic Growth and Human Development: Two-Way Link
  - Measurement of Human Development
- **Understanding Poverty**
  - Dimensions of Poverty
  - Linkage between Poverty and Development
  - Recommendations of Rangarajan Committee Report
  - Poverty Alleviation Strategy Since Independence
  - Programmes for Poverty Alleviation
  - Concept of Inequality
  - World Inequality Report 2018: Findings of the Report
  - Income Inequality in India
  - Recommendations to Reduce Inequality
- **HUNGER**
  - Manifestations of Hunger and its causes
  - Challenges to Food Security
  - Global Hunger Index Report, 2018
  - Recommendations
- **Institutional Measures for Welfare of Vulnerable Sections**
  - Issues Related to the Weaker Sections & Vulnerable groups in India
  - Constitutional Provisions for the Welfare of Society

- Institutional Measures for the Welfare of the Society
- Issues with the Institutional Mechanisms

■ **HEALTH**

- Public Health System of India
- Shortcomings of the Healthcare Sector
- Urgency of achieving Universal Health Coverage
- Evaluation of SWACHH BHARAT MISSION
- Global Nutrition Report 2018
- Initiatives Taken In Health Sector : Ayushman Bharat
- National Health Policy

■ **EDUCATION**

- Challenges of Education sector in India
- Right to Education and Challenges to EWS Children
- Initiatives by Government

(6) Role of civil services in a democracy

- Concept of civil services
- Need for civil services
- Different role of civil services
  - Law making
  - Policy formulation
  - Policy implementation
  - Policy evaluation
  - Civil services as protector of democracy
  - To protect minorities (religious and linguistic)
  - To promote Inclusive and sustainable growth

(7) Pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity

- What are pressure groups?
- Types of pressure groups
- Significance of pressure groups in India
- Differentiate between a pressure group and a political party
- Evaluation of pressure groups role

(8) Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies

- Appointment of CAG (procedure of appointment)- composition of CAG
- Functions and responsibilities of CAG
- Powers and privileges of CAG (provided by constitution and different Acts of Parliament.)
- Appointment of ECI (procedure of appointment)- composition of ECI
- Functions and responsibilities of ECI
- Powers and privileges of ECI (provided by constitution and different ACTs of Parliament)
- Appointment to UPSC (procedure of appointment)- composition of UPSC
- Functions and responsibilities of UPSC
- Powers and privileges of UPSC (provided by constitution and different ACTs of Parliament.)
- Appointment to Finance commission (procedure of appointment)- composition of Finance commission
- Functions and responsibilities of Finance commission
- Powers and privileges of Finance commission (provided by constitution and different ACTs of Parliament.)
- National commission for SCs and STs.

(9) Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies

- SEBI , CVC , CBI, Planning CommissionNDC, PMO
- TRAI, IRDA
- National Human Rights Commission
- State Human Rights Commission
- Central Information Commission
- State Information Commission
- National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
- Medical Council of India
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- Biodiversity Authority of India
- Press Council of India
- Forward Markets Commission
- Inland Waterways Authority of India
- Role of CAG
- 14th Finance Commission: Analysis
- 7th Pay Commission Report and Repercussions
- AFSPA and Second ARC
- Inter-State River Water Dispute: Cauvery dispute
- Role of NitiAayog

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(1) Second ARC REPORT

- Functions of Government
- Issues in Organizational Structure of GOI
- Good Governance and Citizen Centric Administration
- e-Governance
- Ethics in Governance

(2) Initiatives for Transparency & Accountability

- Public Accountability Concept
- Virtual ID for AADHAR
- Social Media & Accountability
- Accountability & Transparency in NGOs
- Autonomy of CBI
- Analysis of Functioning Of CAG
- People Centric Governance
- Pro-Active Governance & Timely Implementation (PRAGATI)
- Right Based Approach in Policy Making
- Direct Benefi t Transfer
- Issues Related to Making Aadhaar Mandatory
- Reforms Needed In Indian Bureaucracy
- Performance Appraisal System In Bureaucracy
- Curb on VIP Culture
- Social Audit Law

(3) Organisation/Bodies

- 14th Finance Commission Analysis
- 7th Pay Commission Report &Repercussions
- AFSPA & Second ARC
- Role of NITI Aayog
- Significance of Public Accounts Committee
- Right to Information
- Accountability & Transparency in NGOs

(4) Scheme

- PradhanMantri Jan-DhanYojana (PMJDY)
- Swachh Bharat Mission
- National Skill Development Mission
- National Food Security Act, 2013
- SansadAdarsh Gram Yojana
- Smart City Mission
- Saubhagya Plan
- NAMAMI GANGE
- Critical Analysis of Stand up India scheme
- MGNREGA

(5) POLICIES

- NITI Aayog's Report on Rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)
- Law Commission's 268th Report on Bail Reforms
- Model Land Leasing Law Prepared by NITI Aayog
- T K Visanathan Committee on Hate Speech
- Law Commission Report on Tribunals in India
- Law Commission Report on United Nations Convention against Torture

(6) Miscellaneous

- Inter-State Water Dispute
- Debate on Directly Elected Mayor
- Debate on the Issue of Lobbying in India
- Media Role & Censorship Issue
- The Role of States in India's Foreign Policy

(7) Etc.