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**GS QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE UPSC 2022 MAINS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE QUESTIONS GIVEN BY THE KSG IN TEST SERIES FOR 2022**

**PAPER – I**

**Few observations:**

1. We can witness a kind of consistency in the pattern of GS-1 paper in terms of the weightage provided to various sub-sections.
2. World history has been absent totally, again!
3. Factual themes have been picked up in recent years. For e.g., this time we see specific questions on significance of straits and isthmus; characteristics and type of primary rocks; colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas; significance of the lion and Bull figures in Indian Mythology art and architecture.
4. Most of the themes have been in news, which re-emphasize the need for reading newspaper. NO CURRENT AFFAIRS MATERIAL CAN BE A SUBSTITUTUTE FOR IT.
5. Interconnections and interlinkages between themes from same sections and different sections:
  - Temple sculpture and social life
  - Impact of 'Work from Home' on family relationships
  - growth of Tier 2 cities and the culture of consumption
  - Role of ocean currents in fishing
  - Significance of geographical features in international trade
6. Static section covers at-least 60-70 percent of the total questions. Hence, for Geography section specially reading of NCERTs thoroughly have become very important.

**How we have helped you?**

**Following examples give you an idea how we have time and again picked themes which have the most probability of appearing in the real exam, few examples are:**

1. How will you explain the medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days? (Answer in 150 words)

**Temples are universal and inclusive, having a wider reach cutting across various sections of society. In this context elaborate on the socio-economic and cultural significance of temples in India. (Test-M5-02, M-102)**

2. Why did the armies of the British East India Company – mostly comprising of Indian soldiers – win consistently against the more numerous and better equipped armies of the Indian rulers? Give reasons. (Answer in 150 words)

**The policy adopted by the British to consolidate their rule in India included the establishment of a proper administrative system as well as securing the boundaries of the newly conquered territories. Substantiate. (Test M215)**

3. Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mideighteenth century? Give reasons. (Answer in 150 words)

**British rule in India caused a transformation of India's economy into a colonial economy. In this context discuss the impact of British rule on various sectors of Indian economy. (Test M5-02, M-102)**

**Assess the impact of commercialization of agriculture on Indian peasant and artisan society during British rule. (Test MD-06)**

**The British land revenue policy was the villain which not only played foul with Indian agriculture but also furthered the economic drain from India to England. Elucidate. How do they still impact modern-day agriculture in India? Analyse. (Test-M12)**

4. Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks. (Answer in 150 words)

**India is endowed with a rich variety of mineral resources due to its varied geological structure. Elaborate. Why is the vast alluvial plain tract of north India devoid of minerals of economic use? (MD-02)**

5. Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological department. (Answer in 150 words)

**Discuss about the vulnerability of India's coast to cyclone. Highlight the measures taken for mitigation, preparedness and cyclone management. (Test M5-03)**

6. Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan trap'. (Answer in 150 words)

7. Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread. (Answer in 150 words)

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

8. Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships. (Answer in 150 words)

**How technological advancement has led to the change in the patterns of employment? Analyse the challenges associated with platform economy with special reference to the emergence of the concepts of 'work from home' and 'work from anywhere'. (Test M13, M-02)**

9. How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption? (Answer in 150 words)

10. Given the diversities among the tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category? (Answer in 150 words)

**Tribal communities offer invaluable heritage to our country. Substantiate. Critically analyze how the imperatives of 'development' have governed the policies of state in the context of tribals. (Test-M12)**

**Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration of tribals in Indian society. (Test-M017)**

11. The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples. (Answer in 250 words)

The major characteristic of eighteenth-century India was the weakening of the centralised empire and a dispersal of political power across the regions. In this context discuss the rise of regional states in the 18th century. (Test M-006)

National integration and reorganization is a long drawn process. What challenges did regionalism and communalism pose in integration and consolidation of India post-independence? Do these forces still play a critical role? (Test M-006)

It can be argued that today the regions are not merely political, linguistic or cultural constructs but also possess economic connotation and denotation. In this context analyse the shift in the basis of demands of reorganization of state. (Test-M16)

Re-organization of Indian states was a long-drawn process. Comment. Do you think the demand for creation of new states reflect the need for another reorganization? Justify your answer with suitable argument. (Test M-12)

12. Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture. (Answer in 250 words)

**The Gupta and post-Gupta period was characterised by certain changes in Indian economy and culture which marked the beginning of medieval age in India. Discuss. (M005)**

13. Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture. (Answer in 250 words)

**The Art of the Mauryan Period is linked to political ideology and religious practice of the State. Comment. (Test M11)**

14. What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (Answer in 250 words)

**What are ocean currents? Explain their influence on the coastal climatic condition. (Test-M004)**

15. Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them. (Answer in 250 words)

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

16. Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade. (Answer in 250 words)

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

**Explain the types of marine resources. How do such resources reshape the world of geopolitics? Give example in the context of Indo-pacific developments? (Mains Answer writing Workshop)**

17. Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How? (Answer in 250 words)

**Explain the role of atmospheric processes in influencing the weather patterns on earth. (Test M-004)**

**Bring about the role of local winds in influencing regional climate. Illustrate with examples. (Test M-04)**

**What are Jet streams? How do they impact Indian climate? (Test M5-07)**

18. Analyze the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion. (Answer in 250 words)

19. Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words)

**The most spectacular forms of Indian cultural expression are closely associated with religion. In light of this statement analyse the principle of religious tolerance as the basic principle of Indian society. (Test-M5)**

**The idea of 'Secularism' demands our special attention and non-partisan reflection not because it represents a utopia based on Eurocentric imagination but because secularism is intrinsically embedded in the India we know. Elaborate. What is the utility of this idea for Indian democracy? (Test-M11)**

**The most spectacular forms of Indian cultural expression are closely associated with religion. In light of this statement analyse the principle of religious tolerance as the basic principle of Indian society. What are the major threats to the idea of 'religious freedom' in India? (Test MD-06)**

**Pluralism is an established feature of life in India and plays an important role in our secular culture. (Test M13)**

**Do you agree with the proposition that India represents the paradox of "Secularism in a religious country"? (Test M-218)**

**Nation building relies on the foundational strength of pluralism in Society. Comment. What are the challenges associated with pluralism in Indian Society? (Mains Answer writing Workshop)**

20. Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. (Answer in 250 words)

**The outbreak of COVID-19 has acted like an inflection for the already fragile ecosystem of globalization. Critically examine how COVID-19 outbreak has led to the mutation of globalization. What will be the future of globalization in the new technological age? (Test-M16)**

**Assess the impact of digital globalization on Indian society. (Test M017)**

**What do you mean by Globalisation 4.0? In what ways it is distinguished from the previous phases of globalization? Explain its impact on women and Silver Economy? (Mains Answer writing Workshop)**

## PAPER – II

### Few observations:

1. We can witness a kind of consistency in the pattern of GS-2 paper in terms of the weightage provided to various sub-sections.

2. Static portion related to important legislations and constitutional provisions has been repeatedly asked.

**Example: Representation of Peoples Act (2020, 2022)**

**Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (2022)**

**Person with Disability act 2016 (2022)**

3. Static themes have been picked up in recent years. For e.g., this time we see specific questions on Legislative powers of the Governor; Role of Vice President as Chairman of Rajya Sabha; Decentralisation of Power; Right of movement and residence.
4. Most of the themes have been in news, which re-emphasize the need for reading newspaper. NO CURRENT AFFAIRS MATERIAL CAN BE A SUBSTITUTUTE FOR IT.
5. Interconnections and interlinkages between themes from same sections and different sections:
  - Inflation and unemployment has been asked in GS-2.
  - Constitutionalization of various bodies and its impact
  - India's climate policy and geo-politics
  - India's relations with various countries and geo-politics
  - Donor agencies and community participation
6. Static section covers at-least 40-50 percent of the total questions. Hence, for Polity and constitution section, specially reading of NCERTs and standard textbook thoroughly have become very important.

**How we have helped you?**

**Following examples give you an idea how we have time and again picked themes which have the most probability of appearing in the real exam, few examples are:**

1. "The most significant achievement of modern law in India is the constitutionalization of environmental problems by the Supreme Court." Discuss this statement with the help of relevant case laws.
2. "Right of movement and residence throughout the territory of India are freely available to the Indian citizens, but these rights are not absolute." Comment.
3. To what extent, in your opinion, as the decentralisation of power in India changed the governance landscape at the grassroots?

**While the decentralisation process has taken a strong root with many visible positive outcomes, several challenges exist that act as a hurdle to the deepening of decentralisation and local self-governance. Elaborate. (Test MD-07)**

4. Discuss the role of the Vice –Presidents of India as the chairman of the Rajyasabha.
5. Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body.

**What are the reasons which necessitated the formation of National Commission for Backward Classes? To what extent, it has been successful in serving its purpose? (Mains Answer writing Workshop Practice question)**



6. The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss.

**Highlight the vision of Gati Shakti Master plan? How will it facilitate last mile connectivity of infrastructure? (Test M5-09)**

**Highlight the potential of PM Gati Shakti plan in transforming the logistics sector. What are the challenges in its execution? (MD-02)**

**National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), National Monetization Pipeline (NMP) and PM Gati Shakti form a trinity of complementary initiatives that can address the critical issues plaguing the infrastructure sector in the country. Justify. What are the challenges in execution of these critical initiatives? (Test- M18)**

7. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 remains only a legal document without intense sensitisation of government functionaries and citizens regarding disability. Comment.

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

8. Reforming the government delivery system through the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme is a progressive step, but it has its limitations too. Comment.

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

9. India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka.' Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in the light of the preceding statement.

**India has certain advantages in its complex relations with Sri Lanka. How can India use these in order to harness the opportunities created by the intensifying competition with China in its relations with Sri Lanka? (Test M-17) (Provided as an OTOP)**

10. Do you think that BIMSTEC is a parallel organisation like the SAARC? What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the two? How are Indian foreign policy objectives realized by forming this new organisation?

**Highlight the significance of BIMSTEC for India. Why it has emerged as the preferred grouping of countries in South Asia? (Test M5-08)**

**The thread and axle of eastern Indian connectivity is inextricably associated with the Bay of Bengal subregion and the resultant opportunities that can be brought about through the presence of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) as a platform for multilateral connectivity. Critically analyse. Briefly account for some of the initiatives taken by India to enhance regional connectivity. (Test M-17)**

**Success of South Asian integration depends on the success of SAARC. BIMSTEC can complement SAARC but is no substitute for it. Comment. (Mains Answer writing Workshop Practice question)**

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

11. Discuss the procedures to decide the disputes arising out of the election of a Member of the Parliament or State Legislature under The Representation of the People Act,

1951. What are the grounds on which the election of any returned candidate may be declared void? What remedy is available to the aggrieved party against the decision? Refer to the case laws.

**Explain the significance of representation of people's act in ensuring orderly conduct of elections and preventing criminalization of politics in India. (Test M-13)**

12. Discuss the essential conditions for exercise of the legislative powers by the Governor. Discuss the legality of re-promulgation of ordinances by the Governor without placing them before the Legislature.

**The negative image of governor's office as above all "an agent of the centre" has proved difficult to erase. In light of this statement critically analyse the issues associated with the discretionary powers of the governor. (Test MD-01)**

13. While the national political parties in India favour centralisation, the regional parties are in favour of State autonomy." Comment.

**What are the challenges before the national and regional political parties of India in present times? (Test M5- 08)**

14. Critically examine the procedures through which the Presidents of India and France are elected?

**What are the differences between presidential and the parliamentary form of government? Suggest some structural reforms that need to be addressed to improve the effectiveness of Indian Parliament. (Test M5-04)**

15. Discuss the role of the Election Commission of India in the light of the evolution of the Model Code of Conduct.

**To what extent Election commission has justified its role as the guardian of free and fair elections? (Test M5-04)**

**Enumerate the powers and functions of the Election Commission of India. Despite various constitutional provisions to ensure the independent and impartial functioning of the Election Commission it has some flaws which hinders its impartial functioning. Discuss. (Mains Answer writing Workshop Practice question)**

16. Besides the welfare schemes, India needs deft management of inflation and unemployment to serve the poor and the underprivileged sections of the society. Discuss.

**Inflation is not neutral, and in no case does it favour rapid economic growth. Critically examine the statement. Why is the exchange rate falling and what are the implications at a time inflation is high and growth weak? (Test MD-02)**

**Discuss the challenge of rural unemployment in India. How will you evaluate the performance of specific schemes launched to generate rural employment? (Test MD-02) (Given as an OTOP)**

**Analyse the impact of food inflation on India's food security. Suggest measures to control the immediate risks arising out of high levels of food inflation. (Test M007)**

**Critically analyse the benefits and limitations of inflation targeting with special reference to the role of Monetary policy Committee (MPC). (Test MD-10)**

17. Do you agree with the view that increasing dependence on donor agencies for development reduces the importance of community participation in the development process? Justify your answer.

**Explain the role of informal associations in making governance more participatory and citizen centric. (Test M5-02)**

18. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 remains inadequate in promoting incentive-based system for children's education without generating awareness about the importance of schooling. Analyse

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

19. How will 12U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?

**Provided as a theme for Practice. (Important current themes)**

20. Clean energy is the order of the day.' Describe briefly India's changing policy towards climate change in various international fora in the context of geopolitics.

**The North-South dynamics have an important role to play in the development of international environmental policy. In this context discuss the issues associated with climate finance and technology transfer and its implications on India's environmental action. (Test MD-03)**

**The trajectory of climate risks and complementary strengths of nations in the region presents a strong case for collaboration among south asian nations on climate and disaster related issues. Discuss. (Test MD-02)**

## PAPER – III

### Few observations:

1. We can witness a kind of consistency in the pattern of GS-3 paper in terms of the weightage provided to various sub-sections.
2. Some focus areas should be: Themes covered in PYQs (Organized crime, coastal management, PPP, financial inclusion, food processing sector, public distribution system); Factual themes. For e.g., this time we see specific questions on Photo-chemical smog, cellulose, James web telescope, Kyoto protocol)
3. Most of the themes have been in news, which re-emphasize the need for reading newspaper. NO CURRENT AFFAIRS MATERIAL CAN BE A SUBSTITUTUTE FOR IT.

**How we have helped you?**

**Following examples give you an idea how we have time and again picked themes which have the most probability of appearing in the real exam, few examples are:**

1. Why is Public Private Partnership (PPP) required in infrastructural projects? Examine the role of PPP model in the redevelopment of Railway Stations in India. (Answer in 150 words)

**It is now over 25 years since infrastructure reforms, and the famous, “public-private partnership” (PPP) format was introduced in India. Review the achievements and challenges of this model of investment with special reference to BoT Model. (Test M-14)**

2. Is inclusive growth possible under market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India. (Answer in 150 words)

**Real growth is impossible without inclusion. In this context explain the significance of financial inclusion in boosting inclusive growth with special reference to the Digital Banking Units. (Test M07)**

3. What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent? (Answer in 150 words)

**Mains Destinaire (OTOP)**

4. Elaborate the scope and significance of the food processing industry in India. (Answer in 150 words)

**Elaborate the policy taken by the government of India to boost the potential of the food processing sector? (Test M-07)**

**Though the supply chain appears to be quite linear, there are many moving parts and complexities that make supply chain management difficult. In this context analyse various challenges in managing the upstream and downstream supply chains for food processing sector. Suggest reforms. (Test M-13)**

5. The increase in life expectancy in the country has led to newer health challenges in the community. What are those challenges and what steps need to be taken to meet them? (Answer in 150 words)

**A key learning emerging from the ongoing pandemic is that it has showcased how a healthcare crisis can be transformed into an economic and social crisis. What measures are needed to build an effective and resilient healthcare system? (Test M5-04)**

**India’s healthcare policy must continue focusing on its long-term healthcare priorities. Identify these priorities and the appropriate measures needed to achieve them. (Test M5-04)**

6. Each year a large amount of plant material, cellulose, is deposited on the surface of Planet Earth. What are the natural processes this cellulose undergoes before yielding carbon dioxide, water and other end products? (Answer in 150 words)
7. Discuss in detail the photochemical smog emphasizing its formation, effects and mitigation. Explain the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol. (Answer in 150 words)

8. Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples. (Answer in 150 words)

**How are flash floods different from floods? Suggest measures to effectively limit the damage caused by flash floods and cloudbursts. (Test- M008)**

9. Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels. (Answer in 150 words)

**Critically assess the effectiveness of India's internal security apparatus in the fight against terrorism and organized crime. Suggest reforms. (Test MD-03)**

10. What are the maritime security challenges in India? Discuss the organisational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve the maritime security. (Answer in 150 words)

**India's coasts have always been vulnerable to anti-national activities. Examine the security concerns faced by Indian coasts. What are the initiatives taken by the government to strengthen the coastal security? (Test- M13)**

11. Economic growth in the recent past has been led by increase in labour activity." Explain this statement. Suggest the growth pattern that will lead to creation of more jobs without compromising labour productivity. (Answer in 250 words)

**Mains Destinaire (OTOP)**

**Indian poverty persists not only due to insufficient economic activity but also due to the presence of large unorganized sector. Substantiate. Do you think India is witnessing greater formalization of economy in recent times? How will formalization impact the employment sector? (Test- M007)**

12. Do you think India will meet 50 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2030? Justify your answer. How will the shift of subsidies from fossil fuels to renewables help achieve the above objective? Explain. (Answer in 250 words)

**Mains Destinaire (OTOP)**

13. What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India? (Answer in 250 words)

**Highlight the significant features of e-NAM. What are the issues and constraints related to agricultural marketing?**

14. What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India? (Answer in 250 words) 15

15. Launched on 25th December, 2021, James Webb Space Telescope has been much in the news since then. What are its unique features which make it superior to its predecessor Space Telescopes? What are the key goals of this mission? What potential benefits does it hold for the human race? (Answer in 250 words) 15

**James Webb Telescope have expanded the view with a promise to reveal vital clues to cosmic mysteries that have long puzzled scientists. Discuss, how James Webb telescope will contribute in the advancement of scientific discoveries? (Test- M010)**

16. What is the basic principle behind vaccine development? How do vaccines work? What approaches were adopted by the Indian vaccine manufacturers to produce COVID-19 vaccines? (Answer in 250 words)

**Immunization and Vaccine development (Important current themes)**

17. Discuss global warming and mention its effects on the global climate. Explain the control measures to bring down the level of greenhouse gases which cause global warming, in the light of the Kyoto Protocol, 1997. (Answer in 250 words)

**Discuss the significance of United Nations Conference on the Human Environment as a watershed moment in the history of climate action. Do you think the North- South dynamics is the greatest challenge to successful climate action? Justify with suitable arguments. (Mains Answer writing workshop)**

18. Explain the causes and effects of coastal erosion in India. What are the available coastal management techniques for combating the hazard? (Answer in 250 words)

**Coastal ecosystems are observed to be under stress from ocean warming and Sea level rise that are exacerbated by non-climatic pressures from human activities on ocean and land. Discuss. Suggest a framework for climate resilient coastal adaptation. (Test M-16)**

**What threats do coastal communities face? List the steps taken by India to make its coasts resilient. (Mains Answer writing workshop)**

19. What are the different elements of cyber security? Keeping in view the challenges in cyber security, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy. (Answer in 250 words)

**Threats to cyber security are one of the biggest risks to National security. In this context critically analyse the effectiveness of India's cybersecurity policy. How can Artificial intelligence be used to mitigate these threats? (Mains Answer writing workshop)**

**As a major chunk of the society's activities moved to the digital realm, India is grappling with an expanded threat to cyber security emanating from state-sponsored and non-state actors. Substantiate. Suggest measures. (Test M-08)**

20. Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues gest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism. (Answer in 250 words)

**Recent deaths of security personnel in counter-insurgency operations points to the issues with internal security capability of India at many levels and highlights the challenge that Left-wing extremism continues to pose. Discuss. Also, highlight the need**

**for police reforms to boost India's internal security capability. (Mains Answer writing workshop)**

**PAPER – IV**

**SECTION A:**

**Few observations:**

- We can witness more or less same pattern of GS-4 paper in terms of the weightage provided to various sub-sections.
- This paper was more focussed on the importance of conceptual understanding in core areas like Ethics, Foundational values for civil servants, Aptitude and attitude etc.
- Specific topics like good governance, CSR, whistleblowing, rule of law were asked. Questions were more oriented towards illustrations and examples. (Making note of various ethical examples through various news can be very helpful)
- Questions were connected to the previous year papers.

**Interconnection between GS4 2022 and PYQs:** Following connection between the keywords and PYQs will reflect the importance of previous years papers.

- **Effective service:** 1(a) of 2022 was more connected to 1(b) of GS4 2021. Both questions were focussed on core values required for effective public service. Identify ten **essential values that are needed to be an effective public servant**. Describe the ways and means to prevent non-ethical behaviour in the public servants. **(2021)**
- **Positive attitude/ mind-set:** 2(a) focuses on that officer should have positive mindset. 4(b) of 2020 also stressed on the requirement of positive attitude in civil servants. **A positive attitude** is considered to be an **essential characteristic** of a civil servant who is often required to function under extreme stress. What contributes to a positive attitude in a person? **2020**
- **Ethics in human life:** 2(b) has asked about **what does the ethics promotes in human life**. Exact same question was asked in 1(b) of 2014. What does ethics seek to promote in human life? Why is it all the more important in Public Administration? **(2014)**
- **Repetition of Quotes:** 3(b) of 2022 was asked in 5(b) of 2017. "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are father, the mother and the teacher." – **A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**. Analyse. **(2017)**
- **Interconnected between quotes:** Quotes of Dalai Lama was asked in 2021 and asked again in 2022. Quotes of Vivekananda was asked in 2020 and 2021.
- **Good governance:** 4(a) of 2022 asked about good governance, which was earlier asked in 2(a) of 2016. What do you understand by the terms 'governance', '**good governance**' and 'ethical governance'? **(2016)**
- **Key terms asked again:** Keywords in 5(b) of 2022 has been asked earlier.

- **Constitutional morality:** What is meant by the term 'constitutional morality'? How does one uphold constitutional morality? (2019)
- **Conflict of interest:** Conflict of interest in the public sector arises when (a) official duties, (b) public interest, and (c) personal interest are taking priority one above the other. Show can this conflict in administration be resolved? Describe with an example. (2017)
- **Probity in public life:** What do you understand by probity in governance? Based on your understanding of the term, suggest measures for ensuring probity in government. (2019)
- **Challenges of digitalization:** The current Internet expansion has instilled a different set of cultural values which are often in conflict with traditional values." Discuss. (2020)
- **Devotion to duty:** "Non-performance of duty by a public servant is a form of corruption". Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer. (2019)
- **Corporate social responsibility:** 6(b) of 2022 asks about the efficiency and sufficiency of CSR. Role of CSR in companies was asked in UPSC mains 2017. Corporate social responsibility makes companies more profitable and sustainable. Analyse. (2017)

### How we have helped you?

**Following examples give you an idea how we have time and again picked themes which have the most probability of appearing in the real exam, few examples are:**

1. (a) Wisdom lies in knowing what to reckon with and what to overlook. An officer being engrossed with the periphery, ignoring the core issues before him, is not rare in the bureaucracy. Do you agree that such preoccupation of an administrator leads to travesty of justice to the cause of effective service delivery and good governance? Critically evaluate. (Answer in 150 words)

**The experiences of the vast majority of our people at the grassroots have been that the interface between the public and the administration is unresponsive, inefficient, unsympathetic, and often callous. Highlight the challenges plaguing the Governance and public service delivery system of our country. Also give suggestions to improve the service delivery system. (Test MD-03)**

1. (b) Apart from intellectual competency and moral qualities, empathy and compassion are some of the other vital attributes that facilitate the civil servants to be more competent in tackling the crucial issues or taking critical decisions. Explain with suitable illustrations. (Answer in 150 words)

**"Compassion is the basis of morality." Analyse this statement in the context of public administration. (Mains Answer Writing Workshop)**

**Do you think civil servants today need to inculcate a different set of values to shift their reputation from elitism to egalitarianism? What are these values? How can civil servants imbibe these values? (Test- M8)**

2. (a) The Rules and Regulations provided to all the civil servants are same, yet there is difference in the performance. Positive minded officers are able to interpret the Rules and



Regulations in favour of the case and achieve success, whereas negative minded officers are unable to achieve goals by interpreting the same Rules and Regulations against the case. Discuss with illustrations. (Answer in 150 words)

**How does attitude influence our behaviour? Discuss the role of attitude towards gender disparity against women in India. Substantiate your views with relevant examples. (Test M-10)**

**It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are and what attitude one carries towards life. Do you agree? Substantiate. (Test M-10)**

2.(b) It is believed that adherence to ethics in human actions would ensure in smooth functioning of an organization/system. If so, what does ethics seek to promote in human life? How do ethical values assist in the resolution of conflicts faced by him in his day-to-day functioning? (Answer in 150 words)

**Ethics and good governance support each other for stability of society. Explain the statement with examples. (Test M-105)**

**The most important human endeavour is striving for morality in our actions". - Albert Einstein. Giving specific examples, describe how you have been able to cultivate morality in your actions for your own ethical development. (Test-M10)**

3.(a) Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is right to do.'-Potter Stewart. (Answer in 150 words)

**Ethics is doing more than the law requires and less than the law allows. Explain. (Test-M10)**

3.(b) "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher." – Abdul Kalam. (Answer in 150 words)

**"Remove the outer clay, access the gold within." In this context discuss the role of parents, teachers and society in moulding ones personality. (Mains Answer Writing Workshop)**

3. (c) "Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it." Dalai Lama. (Answer in 150 words)

**"Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow-men" - Mahatma Gandhi. (Test MD-11)**

4. (a) What do you understand by term 'good governance'? How far recent initiatives in terms of e-Governance steps taken by the State have helped the beneficiaries? Discuss with suitable examples. (Answer in 150 words)

4. (b)Online methodology is being used for day-to-day meetings, institutional approvals in the administration and for teaching and learning in education sector to the extent telemedicine in the health sector is getting popular with the approvals of the competent

authority. No doubt it has advantages and disadvantages for both the beneficiaries and system at large. Describe and discuss the ethical issues involved in the use of online method particularly to vulnerable section of society. (Answer in 150 words)

**You have been the Chairman of the committee that was constituted to prepare a response plan to maintain the quality of learning outcomes and address the challenges that young learners are facing due to the closure of schools during the pandemic. Due to your prior experience, you have been given the responsibility to prepare a post-covid educational plan. The members of the committee are split on the issue of continuing with online education or resorting back to the traditional model of learning. They are also concerned about affordability and inclusivity because of the loss of livelihood faced by parents.**

- (a) **What are the ethical issues in online teaching?**
- (b) **Discuss the ethical considerations you will take into account while making your decision.**
- (c) **What will be your course of action? Why? (Test-M8)**

5. (a) Russia and Ukraine war has been going on for the last seven months. Different countries have taken independent stands and actions keeping in view their own national interests. We are all aware that war has its own impact on the different aspects of society, including human tragedy. What are those ethical issues that are crucial to be considered while launching the war and its continuation so far? Illustrate with justification the ethical issues involved in the given state of affair. (Answer in 150 words)

**International politics, like all politics, is a struggle for power. Do you agree with the statement? What are the ethical issues related with wars and acts of aggression? (Test M-09)**

5. (b) Write short notes on the following in 30 words each:

- (i) Constitutional morality
- (ii) Conflict of interest
- (iii) Probity in public life
- (iv) Challenges of digitalization
- (v) Devotion to duty

6.(a) Whistle blower, who reports corruption and illegal activities, wrongdoing and misconduct to the concerned authorities, runs the risk of being exposed to grave danger, physical harm and victimization by the vested interests, accused persons and his team. What policy measures would you suggest to strengthen protection mechanism to safeguard the whistle blower? (Answer in 150 words)

**Whistle blowers play a crucial role for maintaining the integrity of the institutions. What are the qualities and values that whistle blowing reflect? (Test M5-10)**

6.(b) In contemporary world, corporate sector's contribution in generating wealth and employment is increasing. In doing so, they are bringing in unprecedented onslaught on the climate, environmental sustainability and living conditions of human beings. In this background, do you Responsibility (CSR) is efficient and sufficient enough to fulfil the social roles and responsibilities needed in the corporate work mandated? Critically examine. (Answer in 150 words)

**Section-B**

**Analysis:**

- Case studies this year were lengthier and time consuming compared to previous year. Along with theoretical knowledge, writing practice and time management are also essential.
- **Question 7 of 2022** was focused on means versus ends, governance, business ethics and personal ethics. Similar case study was asked in **2014 (Question 12)**.  
Suppose you are the CEO of a company that manufactures specialized electronic equipment..... (2014)
- **Question 9 of 2022** is related to illegal sand mining, nexus between mafia and politicians, threat to life while investigating such issues. Similar question on sand mining was asked in **2021 (Question 7)**.  
Sunil is a young civil servant..... Posted in a district notorious for illegal sand mining..... The mafia turned hostile and launched counter-offensive..... (2021)
- **Question 10 of 2022** was regarding the quality of products, poor and lower quality of products being sold in local market. Similar case study was asked in 2021, which stressed upon the rejected export products being sold in the domestic market. **(Question 11)**  
A Reputed food product company based in India developed a food product for international market..... it was also discovered that the food company was not only selling products which were not meeting the health standard of the country but also selling the rejected export products in the domestic market. This episode adversely affected the reputation and profitability of the food company..... (2021)
- **Question 11 of 2022** is related about the ethical dilemma of apathy, empathy, strike, and death due to own mistakes. Similar case study was asked in **2017 (Question 11)**.  
You are the head of the Human Resources department of an organisation. One day one of the workers died on duty..... drunk at the time of the accident..... strike demanding compensation for the family of the deceased..... (2017)

**PAPER – I**

1. Highlight the contributions of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati in re-establishing the Vedic tradition and discuss how his ideas contributed to social change in Indian society.
2. Examine the interconnection between urban floods and the shrinking of water bodies. Highlight the major reasons responsible for this cascading effect.
3. Discuss the ecological and economic importance of river delta. Compare and contrast the deltas formed by the West flowing rivers and the East flowing rivers of India?
4. Critically examine the steps taken by the government to transform existing traditional agriculture or subsistence farming into a modern, commercial, and dynamic farming system in India, with a focus on agricultural infrastructure.
5. Why is the Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?
6. How are the challenges faced by the tribals different from the problems faced by the other marginalised sections of Indian society? List some of the constitutional provisions meant especially to ensure the socio-economic and political upliftment of the tribal population of India.
7. The Special Marriage Act way back in the 1950's provided for a special form of marriage, regardless of caste or religion, for all Indians. Still, inter-caste marriage in India is a rare phenomenon. What reasons do you attribute to this? Suggest short and long-term measures for the same.
8. Alexander's adventure to India led to the cultural and economic diversification of India along with Political unification. Elucidate
9. Identify legislative changes introduced after the revolt of 1857 that had a significant impact on the administrative makeup of the country.
10. Even after seven decades of Independence, poverty & equity have remained a major challenge for India. Describe in brief the major poverty reduction programmes of the government of India since independence. Also, highlight the common reasons behind the limited success of these programmes.
11. Decolonisation was neither an accident nor a product of any grand design; rather, it resulted from the confluence of various local and global factors. Discuss with examples.
12. While tribal populations in both North Eastern India and Central India had some similarities among them, it was the difference between them which decided the course of the national integration project in post-independent India in these regions. Discuss.

13. Explain how Mahatma Gandhi secured such mass participation for a more extended period during the Gandhian Phase of Mass Struggle, not only in strategy but also in the extent of participation.
14. Do you think religious reform movements such as Bhakti or Sufism served to better the condition of women and the lower castes, or did they only provide a safety valve for the expression of dissent?
15. The three struggles Champaran Satyagraha, the Ahmedabad Mill strike and the Kheda movement shared the common feature of being related to specific local issues and that they fought for the economic demands of the masses. How far do you agree with this statement?
16. There has been a close relationship between Religion and Politics from the Indus Valley Civilisation to medieval times. Discuss
17. Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone-prone areas given by the India Meteorological Department.
18. The interlinking of rivers can provide viable solutions to the multi-dimensional and interrelated problems of droughts, floods, and interrupted navigation. Critically examine.
19. The material remains helps us to reconstruct the history of those common people who were disregarded by the written source of those periods before the discovery of writing and supplement the history reconstructed by written sources. Comment.
20. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, and explain their main characteristics.
21. In the era of political and economic disintegration, religion played a positive reinforcement in early Medieval India. Comment
22. In the history of nationalism, a single individual is frequently related to the making of a country. For instance, we relate Garibaldi in the making of Italy and George Washington to the American War of Independence, and so Mahatma Gandhi was viewed as the Father of the Indian Nation. Comment
23. Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate.
24. Climate change is making hurricanes wetter, windier and altogether more intense. Analyse. What measures should be adopted so as to alleviate this emerging menace?
25. Explain the association between the global distribution of Fold Mountains and earthquakes and volcanoes.
26. The heaviness of Mauryan art was shed during the Gupta time and gained intellectualised spiritual experience. In this context, compare and contrast between Art of Sculpture during the Maurya with that of the Gupta period.

27. Discuss in brief the mechanism of the formation of Glacial lakes. What dangers are associated with such lakes in the Himalayan region?
28. Discuss the causative factors of Tides and explain 'seaweed tide'? Enumerating the significance of tides, comment on the costs and opportunities that seaweed tides presents.
29. What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?
30. Although much was hoped from the Sufi movement, yet they failed to affect the masses considerably. Critically analyse.
31. Inscriptions and coins are but the most important evidence that provides a better look into the social, economic and political outlook during medieval times. Elucidate.
32. Compare and contrast the art of sculpture during the Maurya and Gupta periods, focusing on how the heaviness of Mauryan art was shed during the Gupta period in favour of an intellectualised spiritual experience.
33. Examine the reactionary policies the post-1857 colonial administration adopted, which claimed that Indians were unfit for self-governance.
34. Discuss how changing social structures and institutions weaken intergenerational ties and create economic, psychological, and health problems for the elderly in India.
35. Trace the development of the Educational system in India from ancient to medieval times. Do universities like the Nalanda, have relevance even in modern times?
36. Examine the significance of retreating monsoon with reference to the north-eastern parts of India. How have the EL-NINO and LA-NINA events impacted the Indian monsoon?
37. "There arose a serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars." Evaluate the statement.
38. Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of the uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world.
39. What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also?
40. How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it.
41. How will you explain the medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days?
42. Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons.
43. Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks.

44. The Indian monsoon rainfall is influenced by a system of oscillating sea surface temperatures known as the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD). Explain. Also, mention the relationship between Indian Ocean Dipole, El-Nino and the Indian monsoon.
45. Compare and contrast the challenges tribals face with those of other marginalised sections of Indian society. Additionally, list some of the constitutional provisions intended to ensure the socio-economic and political upliftment of the tribal population of India.
46. What is the importance of Geothermal springs in the Himalayan region? How can these springs be used to power up the remotest houses?
47. Explain the unique features of Warli painting. Highlight the changing patterns emerging in this style of painting.
48. Bring out the differences between peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers, and discuss to what extent their potential to generate electricity has been harnessed.
49. Why did the British take indentured labour from India to their colonies? Were the labourers able to preserve their cultural identity in their new homes?
50. Explain how the American and French Revolutions laid the foundations of the modern world.
51. How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and the coastal environment? Give suitable examples.
52. The rock-cut architecture represents one of the most important sources of our knowledge of early Indian art and history. Discuss.
53. Since the decade of the 1920s, the national movement acquired various ideological strands and thereby expanded its social base. Discuss.
54. Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge systems compared to mainstream knowledge and cultural systems.
55. How does the melting of the Arctic ice and glaciers of the Antarctic differently affect the weather patterns and human activities on Earth? Explain.
56. Mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions with examples.
57. Peasant Movements after 1857 displayed great courage, a spirit of sacrifice, sound organisational abilities and solidarity that cut across religious and caste lines. Elucidate with suitable illustrations.
58. Discuss the main contributions of the Gupta and Chola periods to Indian heritage and culture.
59. Elucidate the relationship between globalisation and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India.
60. Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the vital elements in making an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.
61. Indian philosophy and tradition played a significant role in conceiving and shaping the monuments and their art in India. Discuss.

62. How will the melting of Himalayan glaciers have a far-reaching impact on the water resources of India?
63. The women's question arose in modern India as a part of the 19th-century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?
64. The foundation of the Indian National Congress was the culmination of a political awakening process that began in the aftermath of the 1857 revolt. Comment.
65. Various travellers came to India during ancient and medieval times, contributing significantly to the development of texts that reveal India's socio-economic and political life. Elaborate
66. Clarify how mid-eighteenth-century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.
67. How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times?
68. Why did the 'Moderates' fail to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century?
69. How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth?
70. "In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss
71. How does the cryosphere affect global climate?
72. In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your viewpoint.
73. What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)?
74. The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at present. Elaborate.
75. Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.
76. Highlight the importance of the new objectives that got added to the vision of Indian Independence since the twenties of the last century.
77. Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multi-dimensional effects.
78. Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil-producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications.
79. In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India?
80. What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia?
81. Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.



82. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.
83. "The growth of cities as I.T. hubs have opened up new avenues of employment, but has also created new problems". Substantiate this statement with examples
84. Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment
85. Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.
86. Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region? Critically examine the interest of India in the Arctic region.
87. Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.
88. What are the consequences of the spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystems?
89. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, the caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.
90. 'Despite the implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons.
91. How is the Indian concept of secularism different from the Western model of secularism? Discuss.
92. Discuss whether the formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.
93. Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.
94. "The ideal solution to depleting groundwater resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas?
95. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.
96. Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view.
97. 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to these cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate.
98. Highlight the Central Asian and Greco Bactrian elements in the Gandhari art.
99. The 1857 uprising was the culmination of the recurrent, big and small local rebellions that had occurred in the preceding hundred years of British rule. Elucidate.
100. Examine the linkages between the nineteenth century's 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity.
101. Assess the impact of global warming on the coral life system with examples.

102. Can the strategy of regional resource-based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India?
103. Discuss the factors for the localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India.
104. What makes Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.
105. "Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss.
106. Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s.
107. How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism?
108. How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development in India?
109. Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.
110. What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?
111. Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.
112. Pala period is the most significant phase in the history of Buddhism in India. Enumerate.
113. Evaluate the policies of Lord Curzon and their long-term implications on the national movements.
114. Discuss the geophysical characteristics of Circum- Pacific Zone.
115. COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment.
116. The process of desertification does not have climate boundaries. Justify with examples.
117. Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multicultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.
118. Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.
119. Persian literary sources of medieval India reflect the spirit of the age. Comment.
120. Account for the huge flooding of million cities in India, including the smart ones like Hyderabad and Pune. Suggest lasting remedial measures.
121. India has immense potential for solar energy though there are regional variations in its developments. Elaborate.
122. Examine the status of forest resources of India and its resultant impact on climate change.
123. Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer.
124. Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?
125. Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti Literature and its contribution to Indian culture.

126. Trace the rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements with special reference to Young Bengal and Brahma Samaj.
127. Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of Indian Princely States.
128. Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats.
129. Despite India being one of the countries of the Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in percentage. Discuss.
130. What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples.
131. Why is India considered a sub-continent? Elaborate your answer.
132. Examine the role of the 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.
133. To what extent did the role of the moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment.
134. Bring out the constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during the Non-Cooperation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement.
135. Discuss the natural resource potentials of the 'Deccan trap'.
136. Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for its limited spatial spread.
137. Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work from Home' on family relationships.
138. How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption?
139. Given the diversities among the tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category?
140. The political and administrative reorganisation of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples.
141. Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture.
142. What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in the fishing industry of the world.
143. Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade.
144. Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How?
145. Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.
146. Discuss the arguments for and against the legalisation of same-sex marriage. What are the existing rights of LGBTQIA+ people in India?
147. Assess the rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements with special reference to Vaikom Satyagraha.

148. Empowering women through digital tools can have positive impacts on their socio-economic upliftment. Justify this statement by highlighting various government initiatives.
149. Recent years have seen both greater empowerment of women, as well as a rise in crimes against women. What could be the causes of such contradicting patterns? Elucidate.
150. Indian culture has had an enduring character. Despite major changes and upheavals, significant threads of continuity can be traced throughout the course of Indian history right upto the present day. Comment
151. The growth of architecture in India during the Delhi Sultanate was multifaceted, marked by the growth of many architectural styles in different parts of the country. Elaborate.
152. Despite the limitations and weaknesses, the sepoy mutiny of 1857 was a patriotic act and a progressive step. Critically analyse.
153. The Reform Movements in Colonial India were based on the outright rejection of tradition and embracing Western values. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
154. What are the various sects of Buddhism? Explain the significance of Buddhist ideology in the contemporary era.
155. Explain in brief the contribution of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in establishing the Maratha Empire in Western India. Also, put light on the administrative reforms introduced by him.
156. Highlight the contribution of Jyotirao Govindrao Phule in socio-religious reforms and women empowerment.
157. The enactment of a uniform civil code in a pluralist society like India may prove counterproductive. Comment?
158. Explain the mechanism of the Monsoon with special reference to the dust particles, phenomena of 'positive feedback' and winds from the Middle East. Also, highlight the role played by Iranian Plateau in this context.
159. What is the "Right to Repair Movement"? Critically analyse its impact and comment on the viability of the movement in India.
160. Discuss the impact of Heat Dome on atmospheric and oceanic circulation. And also explain the reasons responsible for its formation.
161. Explain how anthropogenic activities increase the instances of landslides and Flash floods in India? What steps should be adopted to mitigate the impact of landslides? Give suitable examples.
162. Highlight the contribution of Bal Gangadhar Tilak in the Indian national movement.
163. What were the social conditions that led to the rise of the Bhakti Movement during medieval times? What impact it had on the society?

164. What is lightning, and how does it occur? Discuss the impacts of lightning.
165. What is Graded Response Action Programme? Discuss how it can help to curb the Air pollution of Delhi?
166. What do you understand by the term ozone layer depletion? Highlight the impact of Ozone layer depletion on the environment.
167. What are the primary factors for identifying India as one of the vulnerable climate hotspots?
168. What are the primary distinguishing features of the Gandhara school of Buddhist art? Give examples to support your answer.
169. What are the impacts of stubble burning? Highlight the measures taken by the Government to deal with the menace of stubble burning. Suggest Way forward.
170. What are the factors attributed to the formation of a super cyclone? Differentiate the super cyclone and a tropical cyclone. Why India is prone to such extreme weather events?
171. Throw light on the contributions of Guru Teg Bahadur towards Sikhism in particular and society in general.
172. The irrigation system in India is outdated and marred with many problems that impact agriculture in a big way. Discuss. Also, comment on the steps taken to improve the condition.
173. Nature-based solutions are our only way out of the environmental catastrophe we have created. Comment.
174. Kanhari caves provide insight into the evolution of Buddhism and also have the distinction of having the most cave excavations from a single hill. Explain.
175. In which regions are the landslides frequent in India, and why do such instances get triggered during the rainy season? Explain the role of National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping and National Disaster Management Authority in this context.
176. In order to decrease the formation of ground-level Ozone, there is a need to control the emission of primary pollutants. Explain.
177. How does La-Nina impact the Indian monsoon? Explain the relationship between La-Nina and Indian Ocean Dipole.
178. Highlights the contributions of Bengali revolutionary Khudiram Bose in the Indian Nation Movement.
179. Highlight the historical importance of contributions made by Saint Ramanuja.
180. Highlight the differences between Solstices and Eclipse. Why are the hours of daylight not the same every day?
181. Forest conservation in India is the soul of Indian environmentalism. In the context of the statement, discuss the Forest Conservation Rules (FCR) 2022.
182. Explain the Refuse Derived Fuel. How it can enable the mega-cities of India to reduce the amount of garbage that ends up in landfills?

183. Explain the physical features of the Tso Kar Wetland Complex? How can it be called as birds' paradise? Also, explain the role of Wetlands in the functioning of the ecosystem.
184. Discuss the contributions of Alluri Sitarama Raju and his association with the Rampa Rebellion.
185. Discuss the contribution of Narayana Guru in promoting social justice to the large underprivileged Population of India.
186. Delineate the social, economic and cultural attributes of the Chalcolithic age. In what ways was it different from the Neolithic period?
187. Dams play a vital role in the Country's water security, foster rapid and sustained growth. Highlight the relevance of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project in India.
188. What do you understand by the term "Zombie Ice"? Explain its impact on the environment.
189. Tropical cyclones are primarily confined to specific geographical locations.' Discuss with relevant examples.
190. How is permafrost thawing linked to climate change? Permafrost thawing is sometimes compared to a ticking time bomb. Explain why?
191. The information about the interiors of the earth is obtained from multiple sources.' Discuss. How do earthquake waves provide information on the interior of the earth?
192. What do you understand by Footloose Industries? While enumerating the factors responsible for the location of such industries, comment on its role in regional development.
193. Highlight the significance of the Sangam age in the literary, cultural and historical heritage of India.
194. The melting of polar ice in the Arctic has started a 'White Gold Rush' as countries have started exploring for minerals and oils. Critically examine the effects of melting polar ice on energy security as well as environmental health.
195. Discuss the utility and significance of India's research initiatives in the Arctic and Antarctica with special reference to the Pacer scheme.
196. Explain the key mechanism of boreal summer intra-seasonal oscillation (ISO). Also, highlight its relevance to the Indian monsoon and its impact on global climatic circulations.
197. In comparison to the Himalayas, the Western Ghats are tectonically more stable, but still, they experience frequent landslides and debris avalanches. Explain. Provide an account of mass movement processes with suitable examples.
198. The Himalayan region is prone to earthquakes. Explain why? Why is it difficult to predict earthquakes, particularly in regions like Delhi?

199. Discuss the prospects and challenges of harnessing oceanic deposits in the Indo-Pacific region. How can India leverage its position to reap benefits from the aforementioned region?
200. Discuss the significance of the 'Battle of Saraighat' in the history of India.
201. Geography has cursed some places to become choke-holds while blessing some with the purest air. Comment.
202. Account for the distribution of rare earth mineral resources throughout the world. What are the prospects and challenges for India in harnessing such minerals?
203. The heart of historical India is formed by its important rivers, which served as arteries of commerce, communication and civilisation. Elaborate
204. Bring out the characteristics of the Amravati School of Art. Can Sarnath Art be considered a mature form of Gupta Art? Comment.
205. Bring out the significant contributions made by Kabir and Nanak to the Bhakti Movement. How relevant are their teachings in the present times?
206. Discuss the reasons for the emergence of Panipat as the ideal battleground in the history of India.
207. The Battle of Talikota is one of the most important battles in South Asia's history, which changed the course of Indian history. Discuss.
208. The Press and Indian National Movement enjoyed a symbiotic relationship in the course of Indian history. Discuss.
209. Examine the view that though the rediscovery of India's past created an entirely new picture of India's past glory and greatness, yet it was a mixed blessing for India.
210. In what way the militant nationalists were different from moderates? How far were they successful in realising their political objectives?
211. "Battle of Buxar proved to be a decisive struggle with far-reaching political consequences in the destiny of India." Elaborate.
212. The peasant movements acquired centre stage in the Indian National Movement after the end of the First World War. Discuss.
213. "Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, a great scholar and reformer, applied a happy blend of Indian learning and Western thought in his crusade against social evils." Substantiate.
214. What were the major land settlement systems introduced by the British? Discuss how these changes affected the Indian agrarian structure.
215. The post-1857 colonial administration adopted reactionary policies on the pretext that Indians were not fit for self-governance. Examine. Identify the legislative changes introduced after the mutiny that had a significant impact on the administrative makeup of the country.
216. Explain how the Great Depression of 1929 proved to be a watershed event in the history of the world.

217. The Gandhian phase of mass struggle differed from its predecessors not only in terms of strategy but also in the extent of participation. How did Mahatma Gandhi secure such mass participation for a longer period?
218. The Indian National Congress paid heed to most of the voices within the party during the course of the National Movement. It provided a wider base and a stronger foundation. Discuss.
219. The Indian Capitalist class was careful to align its interest with the Nationalist interest to build a bridge with the Indian Masses. Critically comment.
220. "Battle of Panipat was a watershed event in the history of India." Explain.
221. Discuss the contribution of some of the important freedom fighters who came to India from foreign lands and became part of various movements in the Indian struggle for freedom.
222. Discuss the factors that led to Indigo Revolt in British India. How did Indigo Revolt impact emerging nationalist intellectuals and Indian National Movement?
223. Communalism, casteism, regionalism, gender bias and a close-minded view of socio-political issues are antithetical to our Constitutional ideals. Discuss.
224. Migrants in India constitute a large chunk of the entire population, yet it remains one of the most neglected groups. Discuss the challenges faced by internal migrants in India. Suggest suitable measures to help prevent it from becoming a social crisis.
225. India has witnessed an unprecedented rise in Communalism with the spread of social media. Comment. Highlight the existing institutional measures to counter the spread of digital hatred in India.
226. "The British rule in India proved to be the genesis of women empowerment." Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
227. Assess the impact of global warming on Himalayan Glaciers. Discuss the challenges associated with the retreating of Himalayan Glaciers on Indian agriculture.
228. Changing social structure and social institutions are leading to the weakening of intergenerational ties and creating economic, psychological and health problems for the elderly in India. Discuss
229. Define the term 'dependency ratio' and discuss its significance. How does an age structure changing towards a lower dependency ratio create a demographic dividend? Explain
230. Discuss the reasons behind the rejuvenation of the joint family concept in urban areas.
231. Enumerate the conditions favourable for the formation and intensification of tropical cyclones. Why is the eastern coast of India more vulnerable to cyclones than the western coast? Give reasons



232. Had it not been for globalisation, the rights granted to the LGBT community in India would have been a distant dream. Critically Examine.
233. Having no specific geo-political interests in the Korean Peninsula and maintaining a neutral position before and during the war years, India played a unique role throughout Korean War. Comment.
234. India's linguistic diversity is its strength as well as a symbol of national unity. Discuss. What measures are needed to preserve it?
235. Inequality and exclusion start from home itself. In light of the above statement, discuss the challenges faced by women and girl children right from the womb.
236. It was during the reign of the Vijayanagar Kingdom that architecture reached its zenith. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
237. Mahatma Gandhi not only transformed Congress from a party of intellectuals to a party of the masses but also introduced several reforms within the party, which showed his strategic insight. Elucidate
238. Marriage should not be compulsory for girls to gain social and economic status. Critically examine with reference to the increase in the minimum age of marriage of women.
239. Regionalism in India is not only rooted in India's diversity of languages, cultures, tribes and religions but also fueled by a sense of regional deprivations. Discuss.
240. The democratic ethos of India emerged stronger from the series of crises faced by India in the initial decades of the Post-Independence era. Elucidate.
241. The differently abled are turned into 'disabled' because society is built in a manner that has stereotypes. Suggest measures to amend the same.
242. The education policy in Independent India was stuck between the tug of war that was going in between elitist and oriental connotations. Discuss.
243. The Indian obsession with white skin needs to change, not by altering the names of the brand but by opening minds. Discuss.
244. The interaction between early Bhakti and Sufi ideas laid the foundation for more liberal movements of the fifteenth century. Elucidate.
245. The solution to child labour lies in multipronged approach other than an economic one. Elucidate. Do you think Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016 adequately addresses the menace? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
246. There is an innate distrust of cosmopolitanism as a sort of cultural globalisation that threatens age-old social values. Critically evaluate in light of the growing "live-in" culture in India.
247. Urbanisation has had important consequences for many aspects of India's social, political and economic life. Comment. Do you think that it has widened the existing gaps in society? Give reasons in support of your answer.

248. What changes do you think are necessary to achieve Gandhiji's idea of 'Gram Swaraj' after over 70 years of independence?
249. What is the new Dalit assertion? How have the present Dalit movements changed their paths from the earlier times?
250. Within the so-called backward class, the intra-caste differences have become more pronounced than the inter-caste differences. Analyse.
251. Violence against women during the pandemic has increased. Reducing violence requires more attitudinal change rather than law and order. Discuss
252. What do you mean by South Atlantic Anomaly? Enumerate some of its implications and significance.
253. Discuss in what ways the coalition experiments in post-independent India helped in achieving democratic legitimacy and representativeness in the country?
254. Secularism has been a cherished constitutional value in India. There have been distortions in the practice of secularism, but this does not take away the importance of the principle. Discuss.
255. World is looking towards India to play a significant role in peace, tranquillity and cohesion. Internalising the strength of Indian culture and its inherent universality is crucial to achieving this. Comment.
256. It was the efforts of 19th-century social reformers which laid the foundation and spirit of a modern nation-state in India. Analyse.
257. Examine the role of India in the liberation movement of Bangladesh.
258. Why is the Sixth century BC considered a major turning point in early Indian history?
259. Discuss the impact of the spread of new religions on the art and architecture of ancient India.
260. Ashoka's Dharma was the reflection of changing social scenario and the advent of new religious philosophies in ancient India. Comment
261. In many ways, Sher Shah Suri may be called as Forerunner of Akbar. Elucidate
262. Discuss in brief about Suez Canal Crisis of 1956. Discuss its impact on the global order.
263. The root of Indian Regionalism is inherited in the colonial era. Critically Comment. Suggest some remedial measures to end this problem.
264. Account for the shift in the Steel Industries of the Contemporary World. What are the most pertinent localisation factors acting in contemporary times?
265. The Battle of Plassey paved the way for the British Mastery of Bengal and, eventually, the whole of India. Elucidate.
266. Secularism in the Indian context depicts maintaining equidistance from all religions. Is it a reality or a myth? Discuss. Also, Highlight how Indian secularism is different from the West?

267. The British administration in India was designed to serve the interest of the British and the economic exploitation of India. Critically Discuss
268. How do Ocean Currents impact the climate of countries having coastlines? Discuss in brief the economic significance of Ocean Currents for coastal countries.
269. Discuss the contribution of the peasant movements of the 20th century to the Indian National Movement. Also, highlight the contribution of at least two peasant leaders in the National Movement.
270. Discuss in brief the impact of globalisation on the elderly population in India. What steps have been taken by the government to secure a dignified life for the elderly population in India?
271. Give an account of the Earthquake vulnerability of Indian states. Discuss the factors responsible for proneness to high seismic activities of the Himalayan Region.
272. Constitutional mandate for women's empowerment, including an important role in strengthening grass root democracy, has not yielded any significant change in social structure. Critically examine.
273. Even after a plethora of schemes for poverty alleviation, India still has one of the world's largest populations of people living in poverty. In light of this statement, discuss the reasons behind the limited success of Poverty elimination programmes in India.
274. The aftermath of the 1971 war leading to the Shimla Agreement could have achieved more than what India got. Discuss.
275. The three-language formula can pose a threat to the pluralistic linguistic order of the country. Critically examine.
276. Discuss the ideas of the American and French Revolutions that have guided the modern Indian state.
277. A poorly conceived treaty does more harm than good. Discuss in the light of the Versailles treaty.
278. The Non-Alignment Movement has lost its significance in today's geopolitics. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
279. What was the apartheid system followed in South Africa? What are the lessons to be learnt from the struggle against apartheid?
280. Discuss the significance of Cuba in shaping the cold war. Also, analyse the factors that led to the period of détente between the U.S.A and U.S.S.R.
281. Vinoba Bhave's attempt for a bloodless revolution in India's land reforms was marred with limited success. Comment.
282. Napoleon's conquest of Europe was a source of a new wave of modernisation, the legacy of which continues till date. Discuss.
283. The rise of regional parties in India is seen as a threat to the integrity of India. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.

284. Communalism in India did not wither away with colonial rule rather it acquired new regions and dimensions. Comment. Elaborate on the challenges to the Indian nation because of the spread of communalism.
285. The period between the end of the Non-Cooperation Movement and the beginning of the Civil Disobedience Movement in Indian national politics was marked by political democracy and constitutional activism. Discuss.
286. How was today's working of the press influenced by press events during the pre-colonial era? Discuss
287. In the aftermath of the Chauri Chaura Incident, the timing of Mahatma Gandhi's withdrawal resolution can be questioned but not his intent. Elucidate with suitable arguments.
288. The Vaishnava Bhakti Tradition of the Fifteenth Century contributed to the flourishing of Provincial Literature. Discuss with relevant examples.
289. Tipu Sultan was a true diplomat who had successfully countered the British Forces. Examine.
290. Farmer suicide is a social, economic, and developmental issue manifesting India's deep-rooted agri-crisis. In this context, discuss a multilayered strategy to tackle the problem.
291. Violence against females in India is multi-faceted and from a socio-economic viewpoint, is the product of intricate interaction between individuals, families and different social levels. Discuss.
292. Discuss the relevance of Socio-religious reform movements of the 19th Century of India in addressing contemporary social evils.
293. The abolition of feudalism and establishment of proper capitalist relations were not part of the agenda of either the British capitalist in India or Indian capitalists. Critically Examine?
294. Modern Indian society results from the assimilation and intermingling of contemporary beliefs, ideas and philosophies that prevailed during ancient history. Examine.
295. A butterfly flapping its wings in the Amazon rainforest usually brings storms over Texas. Elucidate.
296. Exogenic geomorphic processes derive their ultimate energy from the sun's heat. Explain.
297. "The Round Table Conferences disrupted the momentum of the Indian National Movement". How far do you agree? Give reasons.
298. Amendment in the abortion laws has empowered Indian women to decide on the termination of pregnancy independently. Comment.
299. Ancient India is marked by several scientific works corroborating historical accounts for comprehensive knowledge. Elucidate.

300. Art and architecture of the Post-Mauryan period exhibit the popularity of Buddhism and Brahmanism. Do you agree? Give reason.
301. Bring out the significance of Buddhism in the Indian society of the 21st century.
302. Communalism has the potential to destroy the social fabric of India and its diversity. Elucidate.
303. Denotified tribes are another vulnerable groups which needs inclusive policies for their empowerment. Discuss.
304. Despite Limitations, Socio-Religious Reform in the 19th century succeeded in bringing far-reaching changes in Indian Society. Examine.
305. Discuss the necessity of ensuring food security for all in the country.
306. Discuss the provisions of NEP 2020 from the point of view of social inclusion and empowerment through education.
307. Do you think that the religious policy of Akbar was a socio-political instrument for the consolidation of the Mughal empire? Give reasons in support of your answer.
308. Ensuring Social Security for all sections of people in India is still a challenge for policymakers. Comment.
309. Evaluate the role of Anganwadis in providing early childhood care.
310. Explain the important aspects of Gandhian ideology. How far do you agree with its relevance to the present day?
311. Gandhi did not take an active interest in the Reform proposals. But the British decision to pass the 'Rowlatt Act' forced him to plunge into national politics in a forceful manner. Discuss in detail how Gandhi took up this cause?
312. Globalisation has given rise to new forms of cultural dilemmas. Elaborate.
313. Harappans showed a high sense of aesthetic temperament. Comment.
314. How was industrialisation in the USA different from the English Industrial Revolution?
315. Indian Society is becoming more responsible towards ensuring the rights of Transgenders. Elaborate.
316. India's Foreign Policy during the Nehruvian Era was a blend of Realism and Idealism. Discuss.
317. In spite of the fact that considerable regional variations within the entire Harappan domain have been discovered, certain traits of the culture give it a unified character. Critically examine.
318. It is difficult to maintain Gender Pay Parity (GPP) in the informal sector. Discuss.
319. List out the favourable conditions which supported the growth of commercialisation of agriculture in colonial India.
320. Literary growth in ancient India saw its zenith under the Gupta Empire. Elucidate.
321. Malnutrition is a complex challenge that anti-poverty schemes cannot tackle alone. Examine.

322. Manual Scavenging is a blot on Indian Society. Discuss the provisions of the NAMASTE scheme in removing this stigma.
323. Marital rape is a very subtle form of gender violence. Comment.
324. Mauryan period proved to be a landmark in taxation policy. Discuss.
325. Muhammad Bin Tughluq was "a man with ideas far beyond his age". How far is this statement justified?
326. Outline the differences between the Mughal and Rajput styles of painting.
327. Persons with Disabilities require a comprehensive national policy. Comment.
328. PVTGs need special measures for their integration into mainstream society. Discuss.
329. Reducing learning poverty requires a multipronged strategy. Explain.
330. Santhal uprising provides a model for popular armed resistance against British colonialism in India. Explain.
331. Secularism is not only the passiveness of religion in public affairs but also calls for using rationality and reason in managing them. Critically Examine.
332. Simplifying the adoption process is necessary for ensuring the right to childhood for all children. Elucidate.
333. The account of any country and its people by foreign observers is of great interest to the country's historians. Comment
334. The background to the non-cooperation movements was provided by the impact of the First World War, the Rowlatt Act, the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, and the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms. Comment
335. The Chalcolithic culture was marked by both continuity and interregnum. Comment.
336. The culmination of differences between Moderates and Extremists reached its climax in Surat Session, but the seeds of the split were rooted in the tussle between the Doctrine of Constitutionalism and Passive Resistance. Explain.
337. The difference between the Moderates and the Extremists was one of degree rather than of kind. Comment.
338. The earliest known literature from the Indian subcontinent Vedas are traditionally regarded as 'heard' or revealed texts. Comment.
339. The economic Policy adopted by the British converted India from being a Golden Bird of the World to one of the most impoverished economies in the world. Discuss.
340. The emergence of Mahatma Gandhi in Indian politics is described as an era of mass mobilisation. Comment
341. The evolution of Indian architecture was generally affected by many significant historical developments. Substantiate your views.

342. The idea of swaraj and nationalism was described by Tilak and practically was implemented by Gandhiji. So in many ways, Gandhiji was an extension of Tilak. Discuss.
343. The literature available for Ancient India is tremendous; however, most of them are religious. Critically examine.
344. The most significant change made by the Govt of India Act 1919 was the introduction of Dyarchy to the provincial legislature. Explain what Dyarchy was and bring out its various defects.
345. The national movement in the Indian land before the coming of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa was described by Judith Brown as "Politics of the studied limitations." The situation generated in the contemporary time was fruitful for Gandhi, who later gained popularity among the masses. Comment
346. The politicisation of caste has led to the resurgence of caste in the Indian Society. Elaborate.
347. The rise of the Marathas resulted from social and political developments of the 16th and 17th century in the Deccan. Discuss.
348. The temple occupied an important place in the cultural and economic life of the people during the Chola period. Elucidate.
349. The Treaty of Salbai was the turning point in English supremacy in India. Critically analyse.
350. The Utilitarian Philosophy of the British got manifested through the Charter Acts from 1833 to 1853. Examine critically
351. The vernacular press in the nineteenth century was both newspaper as well a 'viewpaper' that enlightened the dormant masses.' Comment.
352. Third Anglo Maratha War decisively proved the victory of the British over the Marathas. What were the main reasons for the defeat of the Maratha Empire?
353. What circumstances led to the enactment of the Government of India Act 1919? Critically examine its various provisions.

## PAPER – II

354. 'The emergence of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in contemporary times points to the slow but steady withdrawal of the state from developmental activities'. Examine the role of the SHGs in developmental activities and the measures taken by the Government of India to promote the SHGs.
355. Rajya Sabha has been transformed from a 'useless stepney tyre' to the most useful supporting organ in the past few decades. Highlight the factors as well as the areas in which this transformation could be visible.
356. Under what circumstances can the Financial Emergency be proclaimed by the President of India? What consequences follow when such a declaration remains in force?
357. Discuss the desirability of greater representation of women in the higher judiciary to ensure diversity, equity and inclusiveness.
358. G-20 can serve as the premier forum to address some of the most pressing global economic and geopolitical challenges. Comment. Highlight the significance of the Bali G-20 summit.
359. What is Project Pegasus? Discuss the threats associated with it and suggest precautionary measures to safeguard the cyberspace of India.
360. 'Poverty Alleviation Programmes in India remain mere showpieces until and unless they are backed by political will'. Discuss with reference to the performance of the major poverty alleviation programmes in India.
361. Why do you think the committees are considered to be useful for parliamentary work? Discuss, in this context, the role of the Estimates Committee.
362. "The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has a very vital role to play." Explain how this is reflected in the method and terms of his appointment as well as the range of powers he can exercise.
363. Highlight the legal provisions related to sedition law. Do you think that repetitive misappropriation of sedition laws underlines the need to scrap it altogether? Critically examine. Suggest a Way forward to ensure its legitimate and limited uses.
364. Discuss in brief the evolution of India-Russia bilateral ties since independence. Do you think the India-Russia relationship needs recalibration? Substantiate your views.
365. The Supreme Court acts as the custodian of fundamental rights, along with having the power to review executive decisions. Critically examine its role in the recent judgement towards Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Analyse the efficacy of PMLA in bringing those accountable who are engaged in money laundering activities.



366. Critically analyse the contribution of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, in empowering the differently-abled population of India. Also, suggest innovative measures to eliminate the miseries of persons with disabilities.
367. The unwillingness to decriminalise same-sex marriage makes the LGBT community a new untouchable class. Discuss. Do you think that the individual rights of the LGBT community can be fulfilled without creating any havoc in the delicate balance of personal laws in the country? Substantiate your views.
368. In compliance with India's neighbourhood first policy, Myanmar is often cited as more than an economic opportunity for India. Discuss. What impacts are likely to occur on the bilateral ties between India-Myanmar due to the recent military coup?
369. Considering the regional context, what are the challenges for India to become a NATO ally? Do you think that being a NATO ally could be cited as a radical shift from India's decade-long non-alignment policy?
370. Discuss the 'Moon Wobble Effect'. Also, explain the impact of the moon wobble in brief.
371. Initially, Civil Services in India were designed to achieve the goals of neutrality and effectiveness, which seems to be lacking in the present context. Do you agree with the view that drastic reforms are required in Civil Services? Comment
372. Describe briefly India's approach to recalibrating its ties with the European Union to facilitate the movement of agricultural produces?
373. Discuss the laws dealing with surveillance in India. And, critically examine whether the surveillance laws in India are a threat to privacy. Substantiate your views.
374. Do you think that the US withdrawal from Afghanistan marks the end of an American Era? Substantiate your views. Also, highlight the position of China in the Afghanistan Crisis.
375. "The incidence and intensity of poverty are more important in determining poverty based on income alone". In this context, analyse the latest United Nations Multidimensional Poverty Index Report.
376. 'Indian diaspora has a decisive role to play in the politics and economy of America and European Countries. Comment with examples.
377. National Education Policy 2020 is in conformity with Sustainable Development Goal-4 (2030). It intends to restructure and reorient the education system in India. Critically examine the statement.
378. How have the recommendations of the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission of India enabled the states to improve their fiscal position?
379. To what extent, in your view, the Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India?
380. "Pressure groups play a vital role in influencing public policy making in India." Explain how the business associations contribute to public policies.

381. Indian constitution exhibits centralising tendencies to maintain the unity and integrity of the nation. Elucidate in the perspective of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; The Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the recently passed Farm Acts.
382. "Besides being a moral imperative of the Welfare State, primary health structure is a necessary pre-condition for sustainable development." Analyse.
383. India's Nuclear Policy has helped to build its image as a responsible nuclear stakeholder and helped ease New Delhi's accommodation in the international nuclear order. In this context, do you think that there is a need to revisit the Nuclear Doctrine in line with its pragmatic approach towards changing global order? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
384. Judicial Legislation is antithetical to the doctrine of separation of powers as envisaged in the Indian Constitution. In this context, justify the filing of a large number of public interest petitions praying for issuing guidelines to executive authorities.
385. The strength sustenance of local institutions in India has shifted from their formative phase of 'Functions, Functionaries and Funs' to the contemporary stage of 'Functionality'. Highlight the critical challenges faced by local institutions in terms of their functionality in recent times.
386. Which steps are required for the constitutionalisation of a commission? Do you think imparting constitutionality to the National Commission for Women would ensure greater gender justice and empowerment in India? Give reasons.
387. 'Ease of justice is synonymous with ease of living'. Examine the statement in the context of India. Do you think the structural approach of the judiciary should include ease of justice not just in letter but in spirit also? Substantiate your view with a suitable illustration.
388. The proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) is the consequence of the state of inaction of Global institutions. Analyse. How has India proved itself as a responsible power in the context of WMD? Evaluate the statement in the context of recent Weapons of Mass Destruction and their delivery systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022.
389. India and the EU have maintained strong strategic relations, however, in some critical areas, there is still room for enhanced cooperation. Explain with examples.
390. Critically analyse the 161st Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce while highlighting the changes needed in the existing IP regime of India.
391. India and UK share a strong bilateral economic relationship with excellent growth potential. How India-UK FTA will further strengthen the bilateral ties and the Indian economy. Briefly discuss the multiple issues which have halted the progress on FTA.

392. Police fall under the state list in the Indian constitution, meaning all states have individual police laws. But the issue of police reforms is required throughout India. Discuss. Do you think Smart Police is the need of the hour? Substantiate.
393. Despite significant improvement in the Ease of Doing Business index, the economic output, investment and employment remained stagnant in India in the last five years. Comment. What measures are required to improve the business ecosystem in India?
394. Individual liberty and interdependence are essential for life in society, and cooperation is the way to development. In light of this statement elucidate the contemporary relevance of Gandhi's ideas.
395. "The difference between the subtlety of Chess and Wei Qui lies in China's strategic thought when it comes to its border conflict with India." In the context of the statement, explain the factors behind China's unilateral attempt to change the status quo at the Line of Actual control. How can India use its G-20 presidency to deter the Chinese?
396. Africa has been the focus of India's development assistance and also diplomatic outreach. What is the strategic significance of this engagement? What steps have been taken in this regard?
397. Anonymity has been a hallmark of Westminster bureaucracies, including in India. In this context, do you think that civil servants should be discouraged from using social media? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
398. Despite having many statutory laws, schemes and enough food stocks, India still faces the problem of hunger and malnutrition. What is the problem of India when it comes to food security? Do you think India should focus on nutritional security rather than food security? Substantiate.
399. Despite the geopolitical churn, the depth of India-Russia ties is evident. Why is Russia so crucial for the fulfilment of Indian foreign policy objectives? What are the challenges in realising the full potential of the Indo-Russia strategic partnership?
400. Holding freedom of speech subject to legislative privileges is not in tune with modern notions of human rights, and there is an urgent need to have a fresh look at the vexed question of freedom of speech vis-à-vis legislative privileges. Critically Discuss.
401. 'I2U2 framework' is a good model for practical cooperation in the face of increasing global uncertainties. Elucidate. How can India contribute to its success amid a rise in Middle East geopolitical differences? Substantiate with relevant examples.
402. Migration-based disenfranchisement is indeed not an option in the age of technological advancement. How is Election Commission seeking to resolve this challenge? Explain the legal, operational, administrative and technical challenges in the operationalisation of Remote electronic voting.

403. There is a need to revise the legal and institutional framework to move towards smart policing. Substantiate. Mention some of the steps taken by the government of India in this direction.
404. What are extrajudicial killings? Does it cover Custodial Death also? With reference to recent cases, assess the role of government, the Judiciary, and other institutions in promoting and protecting human rights standards.
405. What are the salient features of India's current Data protection framework? How does the new Data Protection Bill of 2022 ensure that the processing of digital personal data is done in a manner that recognises both the right of individuals and the need to process personal data for lawful purposes?
406. What are the significant challenges and opportunities for India and Australia in promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth in the Indo-Pacific region? How has the QUAD framework affected their bilateral relationship, particularly in the context of China's increasing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region?
407. What is Fake News? What impact does fake news have on public opinion and democratic discourse? How can different stakeholders work together to effectively tackle the spread of it in this digital age?
408. What is United Nations High Seas Treaty Framework? How can India use this framework to promote regional cooperation and dialogue on marine conservation and sustainable use of marine resources?
409. Throw light on the significance of concise and timely judgements in a familiar language for the effective delivery of justice. Do you think technology is helping to deliver swifter justice in India? Substantiate.
410. Even though UNGA resolutions enjoy a limited legal status, they have a powerful symbolic and political impact. In light of this statement, examine the relevance of the UNGA platform in contemporary global governance.
411. Highlight the objectives of the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022. How will it allow India to fulfil the objectives of the Indian Antarctic Programme and India's obligations as a member of the Antarctic Treaty System?
412. What are the reasons behind India's repeated corporate governance breakdowns? What is the existing regulatory and institutional mechanism for regulating corporate governance?
413. The politics of freebies has raised serious governance issues and posed fundamental questions about the viability of the democratic process in the future. Discuss. Do you agree that it is good politics but bad economics?
414. Both the ruling as well as opposition parties appoint their whips, and certain duties are common to the whips of all parties. In light of the statement, evaluate the role played by Whip in achieving the ideals of democracy.
415. "The Attorney-General is the chief legal adviser and lawyer of the Government of India." Discuss.

416. Despite India's de-hyphenation of its relationship with Israel, it continues to walk a diplomatic tightrope. Discuss. Also, highlights issues that restrict India-Israel relations from reaching their full potential.
417. How does the right to information play a vital role in ensuring transparency and accountability in governance? What steps are needed to strengthen the RTI regime?
418. Analyse the debate surrounding the Indus-water treaty in the context of hydro diplomacy. Why is India seeking amendments to the existing treaty?
419. India's partnerships with its relatively newer security partners have become more consequential than its historical relationship with Russia. Do you agree? Substantiate with suitable arguments.
420. Examine the potential of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement in deepening the long-standing and highly complementary economic relationship the two share.
421. QUAD has evolved into one of the world's most significant forums whose work could have important ramifications for global geopolitics. Critically analyse.
422. Discuss the main points of contention regarding the existing criteria used for determining the eligibility of the EWS quota. Do you think it is arbitrary and impractical? Examine with justification.
423. Discuss the important provisions of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021. How will it act as an important legislation to protect vulnerable women?
424. Discuss the depth and breadth of India-UAE bilateral cooperation with special reference to the significance of the comprehensive trade agreement signed recently.
425. Highlight factors which are major hindrances in the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code in India? Discuss the effects of the Uniform Civil Code on the value of secularism.
426. Discuss the discretionary powers of the presiding officers of parliament. What could be the implications of discretionary powers for the robust functioning of parliament and democracy in India?
427. Explain the significance of the Indian diaspora in the context of soft power? Comment on the security challenges the Indian diaspora is facing abroad.
428. What are the factors responsible for the Russia-Ukraine conflict? What are India's concerns regarding this crisis?
429. "The local self-government system in India has not proved to be an effective instrument of governance". Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation.
430. Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on the 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to the appointment of judges of the higher judiciary in India.

431. 'Simultaneous election to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies will limit the amount of time and money spent in electioneering but it will reduce the government's accountability to the people' Discuss.
432. How do pressure groups influence the Indian political process? Do you agree with this view that informal pressure groups have emerged as powerful as formal pressure groups in recent years?
433. Discuss the role of the Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people.
434. 'To ensure effective implementation of policies addressing water, sanitation and hygiene needs, the identification of beneficiary segments is to be synchronised with the anticipated outcomes' Examine the statement in the context of the WASH scheme.
435. Does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, ensure an effective mechanism for empowerment and inclusion of the intended beneficiaries in society? Discuss
436. Hunger and Poverty are the biggest challenges to good governance in India still today. Evaluate how far successive governments have progressed in dealing with these humongous problems. Suggest measures for improvement.
437. 'China is using its economic relations and positive trade surplus as tools to develop potential military power status in Asia', In light of this statement, discuss its impact on India as her neighbour.
438. What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.
439. Explain the salient features of the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016. Do you think it is efficacious enough 'to remove cascading effect of taxes and provide for a common national market for goods and services?
440. Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on the Right to Privacy.
441. The Indian Constitution has provisions for holding joint sessions of the two houses of the Parliament. Enumerate the occasions when this would normally happen and also the occasions when it cannot, with reasons thereof.
442. To enhance the quality of democracy in India, the Election Commission of India proposed electoral reforms in 2016. What are the suggested reforms, and how far are they significant to make democracy successful?
443. Indian and USA are two large democracies. Examine the basic tenets on which the two political systems are based.
444. Is the National Commission for Women able to strategise and tackle the problems that women face in both public and private spheres? Give reasons in support of your answer.

445. The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyse India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries.
446. Indian Diaspora has an important role to play in the economy and society of South East Asia. Appraise the role of the Indian Diaspora in South-East Asia in this context.
447. In light of the recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission of India to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?
448. Whether National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) can enforce the implementation of constitutional reservation for the Scheduled Castes in the religious minority institutions. Examine.
449. "Policy contradictions among various competing sectors and stakeholders have resulted in inadequate 'protection and prevention of degradation to the environment.'" Comment with relevant illustrations.
450. Appropriate local community-level healthcare intervention is a prerequisite to achieving 'Health for All' in India. Explain.
451. E-governance is not only about the utilisation of the power of new technology but also much about the critical importance of the 'use value' of information. Explain.
452. "India's relations with Israel have, of late, acquired a depth and diversity, which cannot be rolled back." Discuss.
453. Whether the Supreme Court Judgement (July 2018) can settle the political tussle between the Lt. Governor and the elected government of Delhi? Examine.
454. How far do you agree with the view that tribunals curtail the jurisdiction of ordinary courts? In view of the above, discuss the constitutional validity and competency of the tribunals in India.
455. How is the Finance Commission of India constituted? What do you know about the terms of reference of the recently constituted Finance Commission? Discuss.
456. Assess the importance of the Panchayat system in India as a part of local government. Apart from government grants, what sources can the Panchayats look out for financing developmental projects?
457. The multiplicity of various commissions for the vulnerable sections of society leads to problems of overlapping jurisdiction and duplication of functions. Is it better to merge all commissions into an umbrella Human Rights Commission? Argue your case.
458. How far do you agree with the view that the focus on the lack of availability of food as the main cause of hunger takes the attention away from ineffective human development policies in India?
459. "Recent amendments to the Right to Information Act will have a profound impact on the autonomy and independence of the Information Commission". Discuss

460. The Citizen's Charter is an ideal instrument of organisational transparency and accountability, but it has its limitations. Identify the limitations and suggest measures for greater effectiveness of the Citizen's Charters.
461. What are the key areas of reform if the WTO has to survive in the present context of the 'Trade War', especially keeping in mind the interest of India?
462. In what ways would the ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond to its situation?
463. Do you think that constitution of India does not accept the principle of strict separation of powers rather it is based on the principle of 'checks and balances'? Explain.
464. "The Central Administration Tribunal, which was established for redressal of grievances and complaints by or against central government employees, nowadays is exercising its powers as an independent judicial authority." Explain.
465. What are the methods used by the Farmers' organisations to influence the policy-makers in India, and how effective are these methods?
466. From the resolution of contentious issues regarding the distribution of legislative powers by the courts, the 'Principle of Federal Supremacy' and 'Harmonious Construction' have emerged. Explain.
467. What can France learn from the Indian Constitution's approach to secularism?
468. Despite the Consistent experience of High growth, India still goes with the lowest indicators of human development. Examine the issues that make balanced and inclusive development elusive.
469. There is a growing divergence in the relationship between poverty and hunger in India. The shrinking of social expenditure by the government is forcing the poor to spend more on Non-Food essential items squeezing their food - budget-Elucidate.
470. Implementation of information and Communication Technology (ICT) based Projects / Programmes usually suffers in terms of certain vital factors. Identify these factors, and suggest measures for their effective implementation.
471. 'The time has come for India and Japan to build a strong contemporary relationship, one involving global and strategic partnership that will have a great significance for Asia and the world as a whole.' Comment.
472. 'Too little cash, too much politics, leave UNESCO fighting for life.' Discuss the statement in light of the US withdrawal and its accusation of the cultural body as being 'anti-Israel bias'.
473. On what grounds a people's representative can be disqualified under the Representation of People Act, 1951? Also, mention the remedies available to such a person against his disqualification.
474. "Parliament's power to amend the Constitution is a limited power, and it cannot be enlarged into absolute power." In light of this statement, explain whether



- Parliament, under Article 368 of the Constitution, can destroy the Basic Structure of the Constitution by expanding its amending power.
475. "The reservation of seats for women in the institutions of local self-government has had a limited impact on the patriarchal character of the Indian Political Process." Comment.
476. Individual Parliamentarians' role as the national lawmaker is on a decline, which in turn, has adversely impacted the quality of debates and their outcome. Discuss.
477. "In the context of the neo-liberal paradigm of development planning, multi-level planning is expected to make operations cost-effective and remove many implementation blockages."-Discuss.
478. The need for cooperation among various service sectors has been an inherent component of development discourse. Partnership bridges bring the gap among the sectors. It also sets in motion a culture of 'Collaboration' and 'team spirit'. In light of the statements above, examine India's Development process.
479. Performance of welfare schemes that are implemented for vulnerable sections is not so effective due to the absence of their awareness and active involvement at all stages of the policy process - Discuss.
480. "The long-sustained image of India as a leader of the oppressed and marginalised Nations has disappeared on account of its newfound role in the emerging global order" Elaborate.
481. "What introduces friction into the ties between India and the United States is that Washington is still unable to find for India a position in its global strategy, which would satisfy India's National self-esteem and ambitions" Explain with suitable examples.
482. "There is a need for simplification of procedure for disqualification of persons found guilty of corrupt practices under the Representation of Peoples Act" Comment
483. How far do you think cooperation, competition and confrontation have shaped the nature of federation in India? Cite some recent examples to validate your answer
484. The judicial systems in India and UK seem to be converging as well as diverging in recent times. Highlight the key points of convergence and divergence between the two nations in terms of their judicial practices.
485. "Once a speaker, Always a speaker"! Do you think the practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha? What could be its implications for the robust functioning of parliamentary business in India?
486. To enhance the prospects of social development, sound and adequate healthcare is needed, particularly in the fields of geriatric and maternal care. Discuss.
487. "Institutional quality is a crucial driver of economic performance". In this context, suggest reforms in Civil Service for strengthening democracy.

488. "The emergence of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Digital Revolution) has initiated e-Governance as an integral part of government". Discuss.
489. Critically examine the role of WHO in providing global health security during the COVID-19 pandemic.
490. "Micro-Finance as an anti-poverty vaccine is aimed at asset creation and income security of the rural poor in India". Evaluate the role of Self-Help Groups in achieving the twin objectives of empowering women in rural India.
491. 'Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD)' is transforming itself into a trade bloc from a military alliance in present times - Discuss.
492. What is the significance of Indo-US defence deals over Indo-Russian defence deals? Discuss with reference to stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
493. 'Constitutional Morality' is rooted in the Constitution itself and is founded on its essential facets. Explain the doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' with the help of relevant judicial decisions.
494. "'Earn while you learn' scheme needs to be strengthened to make vocational education and skill training meaningful." Comment.
495. Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty and malnutrition be broken through the microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples.
496. "If the last few decades were of Asia's growth story, the next few are expected to be of Africa's." In light of this statement, examine India's influence in Africa in recent years.
497. "The USA is facing an existential threat in the form of a China, that is much more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union." Explain.
498. The jurisdiction of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) regarding lodging an FIR and conducting a probe within a particular state is being questioned by various States. However, the power of States to withhold consent to the CBI is not absolute. Explain with special reference to the federal character of India.
499. Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analysing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures.
500. Analyse the distinguishing features of the notion of Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India.
501. Explain the constitutional provisions under which Legislative Councils are established. Review the working and current status of Legislative Councils with suitable illustrations.
502. Do Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees keep the administration on its toes and inspire reverence for parliamentary control? Evaluate the working of such committees with suitable examples.

503. Has digital illiteracy, particularly in rural areas, coupled with a lack of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility, hindered socio-economic development? Examine with justification.
504. "Though women in post-Independent India have excelled in various fields, the social attitude towards women and the feminist movement has been patriarchal." Apart from women's education and women empowerment schemes, what interventions can help change this milieu?
505. Can Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations present an alternative model of public service delivery to benefit the common citizen? Discuss the challenges of this alternative model.
506. Critically examine the aims and objectives of SCO. What importance does it hold for India?
507. The newly tri-nation partnership AUKUS is aimed at countering China's ambitions in the Indo-Pacific region. Is it going to supersede the existing partnerships in the region? Discuss the strength and impact of AUKUS in the present scenario.
508. "The most significant achievement of modern law in India is the constitutionalisation of environmental problems by the Supreme Court." Discuss this statement with the help of relevant case laws.
509. Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body.
510. Discuss the role of the Vice-President of India as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
511. "Right of movement and residence throughout the territory of India are freely available to the Indian citizens, but these rights are not absolute." Comment.
512. To what extent, in your opinion, has the decentralisation of power in India changed the governance landscape at the grassroots?
513. The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss.
514. Critically examine the procedures through which the Presidents of India and France are elected.
515. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, remains only a legal document without intense sensitisation of government functionaries and citizens regarding disability. Comment.
516. Reforming the government delivery system through the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme is a progressive step, but it has its limitations too. Comment.
517. India is an age-old friend of Sri Lanka.' Discuss India's role in the recent crisis in Sri Lanka in light of the preceding statement.
518. Do you think that BIMSTEC is a parallel organisation like the SAARC? What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the two? How are Indian foreign policy objectives realised by forming this new organisation?

519. Discuss the procedures to decide the disputes arising out of the election of a Member of the Parliament or State Legislature under The Representation of the People Act, 1951. What are the grounds on which the election of any returned candidate may be declared void? What remedy is available to the aggrieved party against the decision? Refer to the case laws.
520. Discuss the essential conditions for the exercise of the legislative powers by a Governor. Discuss the legality of the re-promulgation of ordinances by the Governor without placing them before the Legislature.
521. While the national political parties in India favour centralisation, the regional parties are in favour of State autonomy." Comment.
522. Discuss the role of the Election Commission of India in light of the evolution of the Model Code of Conduct.
523. Besides the welfare schemes, India needs deft management of inflation and unemployment to serve the poor and the underprivileged sections of society. Discuss.
524. Do you agree with the view that increasing dependence on donor agencies for development reduces the importance of community participation in the development process? Justify your answer.
525. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, remains inadequate in promoting an incentive-based system for children's education without generating awareness about the importance of schooling. Analyse
526. How will 12U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?
527. Clean energy is the order of the day.' Describe briefly India's changing policy towards climate change in various international fora in the context of geopolitics.
528. Comment on the significance and relevance of the second chamber of the Indian parliament.
529. Highlight the need for judicial reforms keeping in view the objectives of easy, affordable, accessible and speedy justice.
530. Assess the India-ASEAN relationship in light of the recent and urgent areas of convergence in contrast to the traditional areas of engagement.
531. Japan and India are "Special Strategic and Global Partners" which share strategic interests. Elaborate.
532. What is the Hijab controversy? Analyse the constitutional dimensions of the issue.
533. Discuss the Relevance and feasibility of the idea of 'One nation, One election'.
534. India and China's view on the current geopolitical developments in the world has an element of convergence. Critically analyse.
535. Evaluate various sectoral reforms taken in post-independent India that have allowed India to attain a progressive socio-cultural, political and economic identity.

536. The line separating the judiciary and the legislature has been blurred. Discuss. Is the judiciary acting as a super-legislature?
537. How does the criminalisation of politics impair the quality of our democracy? What are the existing mechanisms to prevent it?
538. The growing strategic convergence between India and Japan has the potential to change the Geopolitics in Indo Pacific region. Analyse
539. What is Geospatial Data? Explain what role does geospatial data play in national security in the era of Globalisation?
540. South Korea's Indo-Pacific strategy converges with India's outlook of the region while sharing a common vision that goes beyond great power politics. Discuss.
541. Discuss the constitutional provisions and methods used for the election of the Head of the state in India. Compare and contrast the methods used in other major democracies.
542. "NATO expansion has the potential to change the geopolitics of Europe dramatically". Comment.
543. Uniform Civil Code would strengthen the secular and federal character of the Constitution as well as its inalienable humanism. Discuss.
544. To what extent can the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill act as an instrument of social change?
545. Highlight the key issues involved in the Official Secrets Act. Do you think that secrecy allowed under the act is at loggerheads with the transparency expected in a democracy? Substantiate your views.
546. Analyse the nature of the women's movement in India and its relationship with political parties and trade unions.
547. Differentiate between Judicial review and judicial activism with suitable illustration. Do you think that judicial restraint is required in a democracy like India? Substantiate your views.
548. The SCO offers India numerous opportunities, but only if India understands the dynamics of the region and individual nations within the SCO. Explain
549. Discuss the initiatives undertaken by the UNSC under India's recent Presidency. Also, comment on the need for reforms in the UNSC and the suitability of India as a permanent member of the Council.
550. Discuss the pardoning powers of The President of India. In the light of the recent supreme court judgement, compare it with the pardoning powers of the Governor of a state.
551. What do you understand by the PESA Act of 1996 (Extension Act)? Analyse the powers given to the Gram Sabha under the PESA Act.
552. What do you understand by the collegium system of judicial appointments? What is the controversy over consultation of the appointment of the Judges of the higher judiciary?

553. Discuss the significance of the Maldives for India from a geo-strategical standpoint.
554. Statutory mechanisms to resolve the inter-state border dispute have failed to address and solve the problems, discuss the statement in light of the Inter-State border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra. Suggest measures.
555. To what extent the inclusion of Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule can safeguard the distinct ethnicity, culture, and custom of the citizens of Ladakh? Briefly explain the issues related to the sixth schedule.
556. "Growing power differential between India and China is a primary reason behind the new Chinese assertiveness on its borders with India". Comment in light of the India-China border dispute.
557. The delimitation is a tool for 'equitable representation of population' and realisation of the principle 'one vote one value'. Comment and trace the constitutional sources for the enactment of the Delimitation Commission.
558. Explain the Afghan Peace process. Do you think India needs a proactive engagement policy to have considerable equity in Afghanistan and beyond? Substantiate your views.
559. China is joining a global pact to regulate arms sales that have been rejected by the United States. What are India's concerns and the Pros and cons of India joining the UN Arms Trade Treaty? Discuss.
560. What is the Essential Commodity Act? Bring out the features and the significance of the Act and suggest any reform if needed.
561. It is still a matter of debate whether the ceiling over the reservation has innate sanctity, but it is clear that wherever it is imperative that the cap be breached. Elucidate.
562. Centre's stand on the PM CARES fund in Supreme Court, saying the existence of statutory funds for relief work does not prohibit other funds which accept voluntary donations and considers it as Not A 'Public Authority' Under RTI Act. Critically analyse the implications of this verdict. Do you think the verdict needs reconsideration?
563. Supreme Court has observed that the choice of a voter should be free, and the secret ballot system in a constitutional democracy ensures it. What is the secrecy of the ballot? How is the Secrecy of the ballot a cornerstone of a free and fair election?
564. The banning of Chinese Mobile Applications marks the largest sweep against Chinese technology companies. How will users be affected, and are there any alternatives to it? How will the move affect India-China Relationship?
565. Mention the recent steps taken by India and European Union to strengthen economic relations. Discuss the challenges in this respect.

566. In light of the recent controversy of the Chabahar rail project, highlight the causes which India is facing in its investment projects abroad.
567. What is the relevance of QUAD grouping for India? Do you think it is the right time to expand QUAD?
568. Critically analyse the recent steps taken by the government to introduce private players in railways.
569. Mention the salient features of the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act. Discuss its contribution to shaping present-day politics.
570. Even after guidelines given in Prakash Singh's verdict, police reforms are long overdue in India. Discuss the reasons for this delay.
571. What was the requirement to introduce National Financing Reporting Authority (NFRA)? Discuss the functions of NFRA.
572. Critically examine the need for Internet Ombudsman. How do government and citizens have to respond to the new triangular interplay between data protection, privacy and a flow of information?
573. Do you agree that a single examination would reduce the financial burden on candidates? Discuss in the light of the establishment of a National Recruitment Agency.
574. Why is there a need to increase the minimum marriage age for women? Define the constitutional legitimacy of various personal laws. And highlight the role of the Uniform Civil Code in this context.
575. Child Labour Convention 182 has achieved universal ratification. In this context, explain the ways in which children are exploited. Mention the measures taken by the government of India to deal with this menace.
576. Highlight Sri Lanka's importance in India's neighbourhood first policy. Mention the recent developments to strengthen the ties between the two countries.
577. Highlights the observations given by Supreme Court with reference to the Domicile-based job quota. What effect on fundamental rights is likely to be noticed due to the introduction of a Domicile -based job quota by a State?
578. Armenia and Azerbaijan are locked in conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Discuss factors which will influence India's response to this conflict.
579. The crimes against women, children and people belonging to the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe communities have steadily increased. What are the challenges faced by law implementation agencies in this context? Suggest measures.
580. Both USA and India are showing eagerness to develop a strategic logistics military alliance to counter Chinese aggression. Comment. What are the mutual benefits likely to be received by USA and India by signing the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement?
581. Define personal data and assess the right to privacy in this context. Discuss the contemporary regulation regime dealing with users' personal data. Do you think

- there is a need to bring the bill for personal data protection? Substantiate your views.
582. What are the powers and responsibilities of CBI? Also, analyse the concern raised by the respective State governments in the context of provisions related to 'General Consent'.
583. Do you agree that the RTI Act is being subverted and illegally converted into a Right to Denial of Information? Comment. Substantiate your views with suitable illustrations.
584. Describe the Tigray Crisis in brief. Also, highlight its impact on the strategically important Horn of Africa region.
585. Discuss the functions required to be performed by the Finance Commission. List the major recommendations made by the 15th Finance Commission and issues related to it.
586. Describe the provisions mentioned in the Anti-Defection Law, i.e. 10th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Comment on the effectiveness of the law in avoiding unlawful defections.
587. 'Fake News' is one of the major issues faced globally by all governments in general. Critically analyse the steps taken by the Indian Government to tackle the menace and suggest measures to deal with the issue more effectively.
588. Discuss the changing dynamics of India-China relations. Suggest the steps to be taken by India to maintain peace and tranquillity in the bilateral relations.
589. Examine India's Neighbourhood First Policy in the context of India-Bangladesh Bilateral ties in recent times. To what extent do you think that Close cooperation between India and Bangladesh could significantly contribute to the peace and development of the region? Justify your views.
590. After years of bitter arguments, Brexit Deal has finally concluded. What are the major terms of the agreement between Britain and the EU? What is the controversy about Northern Ireland in the Brexit deal?
591. Do you think the criminalisation of politics could strike irreparable damage to our republic, its integrity and people's faith in democracy? Justify your views. Also, analyse the patterns of contemporary criminal-political nexus.
592. Explain the key sections of the Representation of People Act dealing with the disqualification of Members of the legislative council. Also, discuss the role of the judiciary in such instances.
593. Give an account of the features of the Deshke Mentor programme. Analyse the concerns raised by the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights regarding this process.
594. Lok Adalat, as a people's court, has not achieved its designated objectives. Critically analyse.



595. How does marital rape affect a woman in India? Why is there an exception for marital rape in Indian law?
596. Formation of the national SafaiKarmachari commission as means of correcting historical injustice has proved futile. Critically analyse.
597. Analyse the state of India-US defence relations in the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty.
598. Non-Proliferation Treaty has failed to achieve its purpose of creating a pathway towards an international disarmament process. Do you agree? Justify.
599. India's abstention from the vote on the draft resolution condemning Russia's actions was no surprise, given the fine balance Delhi has sought to strike between crucial partnerships with both Moscow and Western allies. Discuss.
600. Discuss the need for Police reform in India. Highlight steps taken by the government in this direction.
601. The recent Ukraine crisis has its root in the reminiscence of the cold war. Critically analyses
602. The Economic Survey is the flagship annual document of the finance ministry. Explain.
603. Critically evaluate the effectiveness of Anti-defection law in meeting its objectives.
604. Examine the merits of the inclusion of the indigenous language in the 8th schedule of the Indian constitution.
605. Is the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) able to strategise and tackle the problems that children face effectively? Give reasons in support of your answer.
606. A hallmark of any civilised society lies in the maturity of its Criminal Justice System. In light of this statement, explain the need and scope of the recently undertaken comprehensive review of the Indian criminal justice system.
607. The outcomes of the Columbia Summit will undoubtedly enhance the effectiveness of BIMSTEC as an instrument of regional cooperation and integration. Comment.
608. How can the Government of India ensure that all surveillance and interception activities comply with the principles of legality, proportionality and necessity?
609. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are the primary pillar of democratic decentralisation. In light of this statement, evaluate the role of PRIs in India's rural development.
610. The functioning of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been controversial so far. Do you think that revamping India's premier investigative agency has become a necessity? Justify your view.
611. What are the challenges associated with the development of de-notified tribes? Also, discuss the role of Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities in the empowerment of De-notified tribes.

612. 'The India-Australia Economic Co-operation and Trade Agreement can prove to be an effective instrument to harness the potential that exists in the two economies to fulfil mutual needs', Comment.
613. What is Global Security Initiative? How does it stand in contrast to the QUAD?
614. The member countries of SCO need an intelligent interlocution to use the forum to bring peace, prosperity, and economic integration and address the genuine concerns of member countries, especially India. Elucidate.
615. What is National Curriculum Framework (NCF)? Why India needs a new NCF?
616. The legalisation of prostitution bears both positive and negative effects. Providing legal validity, merely, will not be sufficient to resolve the age-old problem. Explain in light of the Supreme Court's judgment.
617. The newly proposed Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) is an opportunity for economic growth and integration in the region for India. Critically examine the statement.
618. India and Japan need to build a strong contemporary relationship, looking at involving global and strategic partnerships that can have great significance for Asia and the Indo-Pacific region. Comment.
619. Delimitation exercise is sine quo none for the participatory aspect of democracy? Analyse the statement.
620. What is freebie politics? Discuss its implication on Indian democracy. Also, discuss the steps taken to counter such activities in the election.
621. The tendency of law enforcement agencies to pronounce verdicts and dispense punishment without going through due process signals a setback to the quest for a more humane justice system. Comment.
622. Recently the USA has taken several steps to re-energise and revitalise American partnerships across the world. Evaluate the statement in light of the recently founded I2U2 initiative.
623. An independent, sovereign, democratic, pluralistic and inclusive Afghanistan is crucial for peace and stability in the region. The American mission in Afghanistan came to a tragic and chaotic end. Evaluate the need for a joint effort to resolve the Afghan crisis in light of the recent UNSC report on the Taliban.
624. In recent times, the Governor has been acting more of an 'agent of the centre' rather than being the 'constitutional head of state. Analyse.
625. India-Bangladesh relations today are deeper than any other strategic partnership. It is a role model for relations between two neighbouring countries. Critically evaluate.
626. "While the 21st century is being touted as the century of Asia, Africa is not far behind". In the context of the statement, discuss the significance of Africa in Indian foreign policy. Also, highlight the initiative of the government of India in strengthening the India-Africa partnership.

627. With the advent of I2U2 and Quad, India's relationship with the US is poised for much better complementary synergies in the future. Discuss.
628. What do you understand by the term soft policing? Do you think India needs soft policing? Justify with an example.
629. What are the factors behind the Sri-Lankan economic crisis? How does the instability in the island nation impact India?
630. How does the Non-Alignment Policy help in strengthening India's foreign policy interest? Explain the factors behind the shift from Non-Alignment Policy to Multi-Alignment policy.
631. Water remains a crucial roadblock in improving India-Bangladesh interest. Discuss.
632. Highlight the efforts taken by India in the advancement of WASH practices. Suggest some measures to improve WASH practices in India.
633. What are the issues associated with the practice of Manual Scavenging in India? Enumerate legal and other steps taken by the government to deal with the issue of Manual Scavenging in India.
634. What do overcrowded prisons reveal about the condition of Indian prisons and society? How is it affecting the condition of women in prison?
635. Inner-party democracy enhances the 'visibility' of fair and transparent procedures in selecting leaders. Discuss.
636. Discuss the significance of Parliamentary Committees. How have they been beneficial to the Indian Parliamentary system?
637. While energy security continues to dominate the agenda, security and defence cooperation are becoming more important in the India-Saudi relationship. Comment. What are the challenges associated with the India-Saudi ties?
638. Examine the significance of the Shanghai cooperation organisation (SCO) for India. What are the challenges for India in this regard?
639. Critically examine the factors accountable for the instability on the Korean peninsula. What is India's foreign policy in this regard?
640. How far have India and Australia defence ties reached, and what are the hurdles in India and Australia relations?
641. Discuss the focus areas of India in the G-20 Summit. What are the major challenges for G20 nations in the future?
642. Explain India's Catch-22 Dilemma and how it has impacted India-Iran relations.
643. What are the criteria for the disqualification of convicted leaders? Critically Analyse the state of political criminalisation in India.
644. Briefly discuss the features of Section 8 of the RTI Act 2005. Why are exemptions on banks being criticised?
645. India has recently been handed over the leadership of G20. What do you think is India's main contribution to the group? What challenges does India present itself with?

646. Given China's ambition in the Indian Ocean, what steps has India taken to establish a peaceful Indo-pacific region? Do you think India's response is apt?
647. The cases of suicide in India are increasing considerably in comparison to previous years. Discuss the growth in suicide cases and the government's strategy to deal with it.
648. Critically analyse the state of teenage girls getting pregnant in India and what are the consequences to society as a whole.
649. The Constitution is not a mere lawyer's document, it is a vehicle of Life, and its spirit is always the spirit of Age. In light of the above statement, discuss the uniqueness of our constitution.
650. Constitution is considered to be a body of a set of principles required for the functioning of a nation. Enumerating the basic functions of the Constitution analyses the Constitution's role in preserving human dignity.
651. What do you mean by social democracy? Is India a truly social democratic country? Discuss
652. Indian constitution has borrowed residuary powers from the Canadian Constitution. What do you understand by the Residuary powers? Compare and contrast the provisions of Residuary powers in Indian Constitution with other major constitutions of the world.
653. Indian President is bound to act on the advice of the council of ministers. Critically examine the need to change this principle. Do you think the President should be given more discretionary powers?
654. How 'First Past the Post' System is different from the 'Proportional Representation' System? Why India opted for First Past the Post System? Do you think the time has come to change this system by seeing the increasing share of NOTA during Indian elections?
655. "The king with none to censure him, bereft of safeguards all, though none his ruin work, shall surely ruined fall." Would Rajya Sabha be indispensable but for the opposition?
656. The parliamentary system of India vests many powers in the legislature for controlling the executive. Discuss the role of the legislature in controlling the executive during single-party rule.
657. Even after having the 'Right Against Exploitation' as a fundamental right and protection for minimum wages under DPSP, there is the prevalence of forced labour and people working without minimum wages. Has India failed to protect these rights, and what needs to be done more in this regard?
658. In the recent past, various issues have been seen regarding the transparency of the Supreme Court. Critically examine the need for RTI in scrutinising its functioning. What are the other checks and balances available in this regard?

659. Why is there a need to make privacy a fundamental right? Explain in light of the recent Supreme Court judgement regarding privacy.
660. We have different bodies formed for the protection of different sections of society, like the National Commissions for Women, SC, ST and Backward classes. Critically examine their role in supporting these sections. How can their functioning be made more effective?
661. What are the principles of Indian federalism, and what are the steps taken in the recent past to make these principles more inclusive in policymaking?
662. What are the financial powers available to Local Bodies in India? As their role becomes more important in the present crisis like COVID-19, how can they be given more power and authority?
663. In recent years the tensions between India and Nepal have increased. What are the reasons for this? How are these issues a hindrance to India being a major global power?
664. What are India's different interests in Indian Ocean Region apart from economic interests? How India's relations have been changing with the neighbouring littoral countries in recent Years?
665. Eurasia has been seen as a developing block in present times, and the region can be a major support in India's ambition to be a global power. What are the steps India has taken to develop its relations with Eurasia?
666. What role should India play in controlling the impact of China in the South China Sea? What are the initiatives India has taken in this regard?
667. The economic colonisation of China has increased, and its impact is more in India's neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan. How is this a challenge to India, and what are the steps India should take?
668. The Regional Groupings in South Asia has remained insignificant. Discuss the factors responsible for it. What role can India play to turn around this?
669. Indian Vision of Multi-Polar Asia requires three interventions: Domestic Prosperity & Self Reliance, Cordial Neighborhood and Optimum Integration with Global Powers. Comment
670. Do you think the large number of ministries is detrimental to the governance of the country? Critically examine the need for phasing out or merging different ministries.
671. Critically examine the need for controlling political advertisements on social media during elections. What are the measures taken by the Election Commission of India in this regard?
672. What is the composition of the Central Information Commission (CIC)? What are its power and functions? Do you think CIC should be made a constitutional body?
673. What is the National Population Register (NPR), and how is it different from the National Register of Citizens (NRC)?

674. The schemes like Midday-meal have succeeded in lowering the dropout ratio in schools, but the quality of teaching is still a cause of concern. What are the various challenges India is facing in providing quality education to its students, especially at the primary level?
675. Less regulation, autonomous governance and transparency are key to upgrading higher education. Discuss the need and steps taken by the government to reform the higher education system in India.
676. Self Help Group (SHG) is considered the panacea for women's empowerment. Discuss with examples. What are the measures taken by the government to promote SHGs?
677. The civil society is one of the key pillars of national governance, serving as an informal watchdog. What are the issues civil societies are facing in safeguarding human rights in India?
678. Once synonymous with inefficiency and slothfulness, India's public service delivery system is finally being overhauled and put on the path of reforms. Comment.
679. Saudi Arabia has been India's long-term strategic partner. With the changing situations in the Middle East, what are the recent initiatives taken by the two countries to strengthen their partnership? Critically analyse whether India should support Saudi's military operations in the Middle East.
680. Discuss the changing phase of India-Africa relations in line with the expansion of India's Africa Outreach Policy?
681. India and France have completed 21 years of their strategic partnership. Analyse the importance of this relationship for the rise of India as a global leader.
682. What is the EU-India Agenda for Action 2020? With Brexit and other situations in Europe, do you think there is a need to review this?
683. India-Canada bilateral relations have grown in recent years. In seeking a broader relationship between the two countries, discuss the ideological and strategic divergences.
684. What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)? How has India been operational in UNESCAP's approach in the region?
685. India has been the biggest supporter of the UN Peacekeeping mission but is still far away from being a permanent UN Security Council member. Discuss.
686. G7 is just a gathering of similar, economically consequential states with deeply fragmented politics. Comment.
687. What are the key areas of reforms required by UNHRC? Discuss the role India can play in increasing UNHRC's effectiveness.
688. Transparency is considered the cornerstone of democracy. In this context, explain how the Right to Information Act of 2005 changed the culture of governance in India.

689. Success of South Asian integration depends on the success of SAARC. BIMSTEC can complement SAARC but is no substitute for it. Comment.
690. India pulling out of The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a major blow to not only its economy but also to its Act East Policy. Critically analyse.
691. The verdict in *Keisham Meghachandra Singh vs the Hon'ble Speaker Manipur Legislative Assembly & Ors.* is significant on many accounts. Comment.
692. The time has come when some introspection by the Indian media is required. Suggest some measures to make the media more accountable and responsible.
693. The validity of the limitation on the rights in Part III can only be examined by another independent organ, namely, the judiciary. Discuss in light of the protection given by the 9th schedule of the constitution.
694. Preamble to the Indian constitution not only embodies events that predate the adoption of the Constitution but also incorporates citizens' experiences over the past 75 years. Comment.
695. In your opinion, what are the parameters to assess the level of democracy existing in a country? How the constitution ensures a functional democracy in India.
696. The Indian Judiciary has started to interpret the constitution in accordance with its revolutionary and transformative potential as envisaged by the founding fathers. Elucidate.
697. Indian state cannot be a modern state unless the police, which is the kingpin of the criminal justice system, is reorganised and restructured. Explain the statement in the context of directions given by the Supreme Court in the *Prakash Singh vs Union of India* case.
698. Fundamental Duties constitute the conscience of our Constitution; they should be treated as constitutional values that must be followed by all citizens. In light of the statement, do you think that there is a need to add new duties to the existing list of Fundamental Duties? Justify your answer.
699. As per various reports, the majority of political funding in India is still from anonymous sources, which undermines the free and fair election process. Comment. What measures would you suggest to bring more transparency to Political Funding in India?
700. The functioning and effectiveness of the National Human Rights Commission have earned it the unfortunate tag of being the biggest post office in India. Discuss. Do you think that recent amendments related to the composition of the body address the pressing concerns of the time? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
701. Covid-19 pandemic has emerged as a challenge for the Indian diaspora in West Asia, and India should be prepared to deal with it. Discuss. Suggest some short and long-term measures to be taken by India to handle such eventualities in future.

702. Explain how the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of public goods. Also, comment on the importance of good governance in democracy in tackling the pandemic.
703. "India's support for nuclear disarmament is merely rhetorical." Critically analyse this statement based on India's track record as a nuclear Power. Do you think it is time for India to reconsider its "No First Use" policy? Give reasons in support of your stand.
704. European Union wants to be more than a trading bloc, and a deeper constructive engagement with India will help it attain just that. In light of this statement, discuss the convergence of interests between India and the EU. Also, list challenges which are impediments to realising the potential.
705. Electoral bonds, which have gained prominence as the dominant source of political funding, violate the basic tenets of India's democracy by keeping the knowledge of the 'right to know' from citizens and voters. Critically analyse.
706. Do you think that judicial activism goes against the principle of separation of power between the organs of the government? Give reasons in support of your answer
707. India's Act East Policy is being gradually transformed into Act Indo-Pacific. Discuss
708. One of the key features of good governance is the timely redressal of public grievances. Discuss in brief about the status of the grievance redressal mechanism in India. Also, highlight the significance of the PRAGATI platform in revolutionising governance in India.
709. The longstanding India-Japan partnership is a crucial pillar for the Free and Open Indo-Pacific vision. Illustrate with suitable examples.
710. The parliamentary control over government and administration in India is more theoretical than practical. Elucidate.
711. New Delhi's affinity for increased Gulf outreach is rooted in geopolitical and geo-economic realities. Comment.
712. Rajya Sabha is an institutional framework to protect federalism. Illustrate
713. While the relationship between India and Russia remains generally strong and without significant obstacles, both countries need to critically examine the substance and future of their ties for a more coherent policy outlook. Comment.
714. Pendency of court cases is a long-ailing problem in the Indian judiciary. Discuss the causes of the pendency of cases. Suggest what needs to be done to solve this issue.
715. From being instruments of the perpetuation of the status quo, civil servants have become implementational agents of a mammoth socio-economic and political transformation. Discuss.



716. The solution to the problem of Government-NGOs divide lies in setting up an independent facilitator.' Critically analyse this by highlighting the reasons for the divide.
717. "Indian Union is a unitary state with subsidiary federal features rather than a federal state with subsidiary unitary features" Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
718. Examine the significance of Central Asia for India in the present times. What steps have been taken by the Indian government to boost its relationship with Central Asian countries?
719. The frequent imposition of President Rule in India has turned states into mere appendages of the Union. Critically Discuss.
720. Over time, the role of the Parliamentary committee has significantly declined. In the context of the statement, discuss the significance of Parliamentary committees in India. What steps can be taken to strengthen the functioning of Parliamentary committees?
721. 'In the age of digital communication, there is a need to reconcile the right to privacy with the freedom of expression.' Comment on the statement in light of the recent discussion going over WhatsApp's privacy policy.
722. Issues of morality in the interpretation of law have always been highlighted by the philosophers of polity as well as law. In light of the statement, discuss constitutional morality in India. Do you think that issues like the Right to Privacy and decriminalisation of homosexuality have been based on constitutional morality? Justify your answer with relevant case laws.
723. The office of the governor in India is traversed on the unitary features of the constitution. The recent instances of governor-state friction raise concerns about the presence of arbitrary processes. Comment. What are the recommendations of various committees and commissions on the office and the role of the governor?
724. Members of parliament represent individual constituencies while the speaker represents the full authority of the house, and it enjoys a pivotal position in the parliamentary democracy which is practised in India. Elucidate.
725. There have been various instances of inter-state boundary disputes arising out of the demarcation of boundaries and claims and counter-claims over territories between various federal units. Discuss the reasons which have led to/are leading to interstate border disputes in India with recent examples.
726. "Examine the complex interplay between regionalism, religious extremism, and the failure of the rule of law in contemporary India. Analyse the impact of these factors on the country's social fabric, political stability, and economic development.
727. How do parliamentary privileges and member disqualification affect the democratic voice of the opposition in a parliamentary system? Discuss the role of the law of the land in safeguarding the rights of opposition members and

- preventing the muzzling of their voices, using relevant examples from recent political events to support your arguments.
728. The pursuit of a foreign policy, guided by the interest of British imperialism, often resulted in the historical legacy of India's conflicts with neighbouring countries" Discuss this statement while considering the current status of India's neighbourhood first policy.
729. "The People should not be considered only as a mere headcount but as citizens having the availability of certain basic rights." In light of this statement, examine the upcoming census in India.
730. "The vacuum created by U.S withdrawal from the middle east is successfully filled up by China". In light of the given statement, analyse how India's security and economy are going to be affected.
731. With reference to Maritime Security Challenges being faced by India in the Indian Ocean region, discuss various organisational, procedural and technical initiatives taken by India to address them.
732. The QUAD group is aimed at unifying a multilateral coalition of resistance and has the potential to stiffen spines across the whole of the Indo-Pacific. Discuss its importance in containing the growing footprints of China in the region.
733. The Emergency Declaration created crevices in the ethos of constitutionalism in India. Comment. What kind of lessons were learned and missed from the emergency?
734. In a rapidly deglobalising world order, India and Israel can be pivoted to bring a new era of re-globalization in Asia. Substantiate your views.
735. Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) is a strong measure to counter global supply chain disruptions and vulnerabilities. Elaborate.
736. Regional conflicts have the potential to escalate into a nuclear conflict. In light of the above statement, highlight the need to make NPT more comprehensive and effective.
737. India - SADC (Southern African Development Community) Relations is a facilitator of improved India- Africa Relations. Discuss
738. India- Australia bilateral Relations have acquired more significance keeping in view the emerging importance of QUAD and AUKUS. Elucidate.
739. '2+2 dialogue' is an effective measure that facilitates stronger India-US Relations. Comment.
740. Central Asian Region holds immense significance for India's Look West Policy as well as for national interest. Discuss.
741. Russia is still an important strategic partner of India. Examine.
742. India's growing engagement with the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) has opened new avenues for India in the Gulf region. Elaborate.

743. India- Saudi Arabia Relations have Challenges as well as opportunities for India's foreign policy. Discuss
744. Abraham Accord has made it convenient for India to maintain de-hyphenated Relation with Israel. Critically Examine.
745. BIMSTEC has the potential to serve as a substitute for SAARC. Critically evaluate.
746. An increasing number of regional conflicts have made UNSC reforms indispensable. Elucidate.
747. India's regional interests heavily depend on its policy towards Pakistan and China. Critically Examine.
748. India- Vietnam Relations have larger benefits for India's maritime security and Navigation. Comment.
749. Afghanistan has emerged as a new foreign policy dilemma for India. Elucidate.
750. India needs to take effective policy measures to ensure freedom of navigation and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region. Elaborate.
751. India must Chart out a de-hyphenated policy towards Sri- Lanka to counter Chinese influence in the Indian Ocean Region. Elaborate.
752. Highlight the significance of India- Maldives Relations.
753. The success of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy is important for ensuring regional stability and security. Discuss
754. India-EU Relations have a lot of significance for India's foreign policy objectives. Elucidate.
755. To what extent have cooperation, competition, and confrontation influenced the character of federalism in India? Support your response with recent instances.
756. Comment on the necessity to streamline the disqualification process for individuals convicted of corrupt practices under the Representation of People Act, emphasising the need for simplification.
757. Discuss the significant impact on the autonomy and independence of the Information Commission resulting from the recent modifications to the Right to Information Act.
758. The Supreme Court of India ensures that the Parliament does not exercise arbitrary authority when amending the Constitution. Discuss
759. Explain the significance and function of the Election Commission of India in guaranteeing impartial and transparent elections in India.
760. The ability of Parliament to modify the Constitution is a restricted power, and it cannot be expanded to become unlimited power. Discuss
761. Discuss how the declining role of individual parliamentarians as national lawmakers has negatively affected the quality of parliamentary debates and their outcomes.
762. Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals will facilitate their achievement. Elaborate.

763. In recent times, the idea of cooperative federalism has gained more attention. Discuss the deficiencies in the current system and how cooperative federalism can address these deficiencies.
764. The use of ordinances has consistently sparked concerns about the infringement of the separation of powers principle. Discuss
765. Examine the function of the Public Accounts Committee in ensuring that the government is answerable to the public.
766. Examine the potential obstacles that prevent India from implementing a uniform civil code for its citizens, as outlined in the Directive Principles of State Policy.
767. Evaluate the effect of judicial activism on the separation of powers in India, and assess whether the trend has gone too far in recent times. Support your viewpoints with appropriate illustrations.
768. What steps has the Indian government taken to encourage transparency and curb corruption?
769. Evaluate the significance of the Panchayat system in India as an aspect of local governance.
770. Inter-State River Water Disputes highlight another debatable aspect of Centre-State Relations in India. Elucidate.
771. Reforms in the seventh schedule of the Constitution facilitate the healthy functioning of Indian Federalism. Discuss.
772. An increase in the tenure of the Parliamentary committees will increase the efficiency of their functioning as well as strengthen the Parliamentary democracy. Critically Examine.
773. Delegated legislation should not supplant but rather supplement the Parliamentary statute from which it draws power. Discuss.
774. The President of India has broader pardoning power than the Governor of a state. Elaborate.
775. Discuss the provisions of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2021. Also, explain the Adhaar linkage controversy related to it.
776. Transparency in the sale of electoral bonds needs to be taken as an important electoral reform. Comment.
777. The effective functioning of the co-operatives is an important indicator of grassroots democracy. Highlight the Constitutional and Legal provisions related to co-operatives in India.
778. Discuss the key features of the Model Tenancy Act 2021.
779. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is an important tool to lessen the burden of regular Judiciary. Explain this statement in light of the Mediation Bill 2021.
780. The Creation of an umbrella institution to bring various investigating agencies together will enhance the functioning of all the agencies. Critically Examine.

781. Live streaming of the Constitution Bench Hearings as part of the e-courts project is a landmark initiative. Discuss.
782. The Lokpal Act has provisions to strengthen the functioning of other anti-corruption bodies such as ED and CBI. Evaluate.
783. Citizen's Charter is a very powerful tool to ensure good Governance. Comment
784. The 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Acts were an attempt to revamp the third-tier government for decentralisation and development. Elucidate.
785. Compare and contrast the power and functioning of the Indian Judiciary with that of the US.
786. The Basic Structure Doctrine preserves the spirit of the Constitution and Democracy in India. Elucidate.
787. Citizenship has become a debatable subject in India in recent years. Highlight the Constitutional provisions related to it with the latest amendment.

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788. The menace of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) has been categorised as the single biggest challenge to India's internal security. Discuss. Also, enumerate the various welfare and security measures taken by the government to counter left-wing extremism in India.
789. At its best, the blockchain is more than a technology; it's a movement. Analyse the statement in the context of the multidimensional opportunities associated with Blockchain Technology. Why is there a need to regulate blockchain-based projects?
790. State and non-state elements in India's neighbourhood have been supporting the insurgency in the North-East to weaken the Indian state. Comment. What bilateral and multilateral measures are required to address the insurgency issue in northeast India?
791. The green hydrogen policy marks an important step towards realising the goals outlined by India at COP26. Comment. What are the challenges associated with the development of green hydrogen energy?
792. How can we leverage the power of science and innovation for a more Equitable, Resilient and Sustainable future? What measures have been taken by the government in this regard?
793. For effective border area management, discuss the steps required to be taken to deny local support to militants and also suggest ways to manage favourable perceptions among locals.
794. Explain the meaning of investment in an economy in terms of capital formation. Discuss the factors to be considered while designing a concession agreement between a public entity and a private entity.
795. What are the major factors responsible for making the rice-wheat system a success? In spite of this success, how has this system become a bane in India?
796. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented devastation worldwide. However, technological advancements are being availed readily to win over the crisis. Give an account of how technology was sought to aid the management of the pandemic.
797. "The most significant expectation from COP28 will be to fix the responsibility for managing the consequences of climate change and the climate action that needs to be implemented. Substantiate. How can India's long-term low-emission development strategy (LT-LEDS) guide global efforts in this direction?"
798. Suggest measures to improve water storage and irrigation system to make their judicious use under the depleting scenario.

799. Discuss the emerging threats to the internal security of India from mobile applications, particularly those of Chinese origin. Are the actions to ban the Chinese mobile applications a good opportunity for India to bolster data protection laws?
800. Highlight the internal security challenges emanating from the proliferation of social media. What steps have been taken at national and global levels to counter the threats of cyber terrorism and information warfare?
801. Our approaches to disaster management hold government agencies as the prime movers and actors in the event of a disaster. Does this approach need a paradigm change? Discuss.
802. The road to a self-reliant India has its own set of obstacles and challenges. Elaborate. What measures are needed to address these challenges?
803. For more than half a century, the North East region of India has seen an unending cycle of conflicts. Discuss the typology of conflict in the region. Do you think the present level of conflict resolution satisfies the need? Substantiate.
804. Plastic waste is not only threatening the marine ecosystem, but it also threatens the entire biodiversity. Elucidate. Critically discuss the provisions of Plastic Waste management rules in India.
805. Treading steps ahead of the experience of PPP and entering monetisation will depend on a host of factors, including federalism, dispute resolution mechanism and regulatory framework. Discuss.
806. Describe various measures taken in India for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) before and after signing 'Sendai Framework for DRR (2015-2030)'. How is this framework different from the 'Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005'?
807. Data security has assumed significant importance in the digitised world due to rising cyber crimes. The Justice B. N. Srikrishna Committee Report addresses issues related to data security. What, in your view, are the strengths and weaknesses of the Report relating to the protection of personal data in cyberspace?
808. India's proximity to two of the world's biggest illicit opium-growing states has enhanced her internal security concerns. Explain the linkages between drug trafficking and other illicit activities such as gunrunning, money laundering and human trafficking. What countermeasures should be taken to prevent the same?
809. Critically analyse the causative factors of climatic events in urban areas and establish the vicious cycle of urbanisation and climate change.
810. East Asia Summit provides India with an opportunity to discuss issues ranging from connectivity to security. Give your views as to how India can gain centrality in such discussions.
811. What is E-waste? The exponential increase in e-waste material poses a challenge to dispose of these safely and calls for greater emphasis on recycling e-waste and

- better e-waste management. Discuss this statement with reference to Government initiatives.
812. Chat GPT represents a major step forward in the development of AI technologies and has the potential to greatly improve the way we interact with machines. Comment. Highlight the ethical drawbacks of this technology with reference to the generation of knowledge and education.
813. In the past five years, more than 20 states have put in place some form of regulation on plastic use. But by all accounts, their implementation has been patchy at best. In this context highlight the significance of a complete ban on single-use plastics. Evaluate the implementation framework of Plastic Waste Management rules in India.
814. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are seen as the backbone of the Indian Industry. Discuss the challenges associated with it. What are the recent steps taken by the government of India to overcome these challenges?
815. Examine the impact of three decades of LPG reforms on major sectors of the economy. Do you think there is a need for another similar reform in the Indian Economy? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
816. Enumerate the threats emerging out of Money Laundering. What steps have been taken so far at the National and International levels to curb Money Laundering?
817. Analyse the impacts of fiscal deficit on investment in the Indian economy. What steps have been taken to accelerate growth while maintaining fiscal discipline?
818. Hydrogen fuel can prove to be a reliable and efficient solution to the requirements of Energy Mix in India; however, the challenges are immense in its adoption. Analyse. To what extent does the National Hydrogen Mission address these challenges?
819. Financial Inclusion in India has remained confined to quantitative achievements, while qualitative access has remained poor. Comment. In this context, what steps can be taken to make financial inclusion more holistic and sustainable?
820. Retrospective taxation is not only bad for corporates but also hurts the economy. Elucidate. Do you think that the recent abrogation of retrospective taxation is sufficient to boost investor sentiment in the Indian economy? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
821. Remedying exploitative characteristics of the platform gig economy is the first step towards improving the working conditions of persons employed in the sector. In light of the statement, discuss the issues related to gig workers in India. Suggest measures required to be taken in this regard.
822. Social Media is a source of tremendous good and potentially dreadful evil. Elucidate. Do you think developing countries like India are being treated as cyber coolies? Justify your answer with a suitable illustration.



823. The extent of left-wing extremism in India has reduced manifolds. Discuss the steps taken by the government to achieve a consistent decline in violence and the geographical spread of Left-Wing Extremism.
824. "India needs to envision a common future with Global South and acknowledge India's "common past" with the Global South. In the context of this statement, discuss the significance of Global South for India. Highlight the Key outcomes of 'Voice of Global South Summit- 2023'.
825. "Rising digitalisation has heightened the cyber threats in India". In the context of this statement, discuss the challenges of Cyber security in India. What are major initiatives of cohesive cyber security taken by the Indian government to improve the cyber Governance Capabilities?
826. "The double standards and continuing politicisation of Terrorism have rendered credibility of the UN Sanctions Regime at an all-time low." In this context, evaluate the counter-terrorism strategy of the United Nations.
827. To improve access, affordability and quality of healthcare, we need the public sector to be more responsive and the private sector to be more responsible. In light of the statement, discuss the need for inculcating ethics in Health Sector in developing countries like India. Analyse the ethical challenges emerging due to evolving technology.
828. How will National Logistics Policy ensure that logistical problems are minimised, exports increase significantly and ease of doing business prevails? Analyse its potential to enhance the outcomes of previous connectivity and infrastructure improvement programs.
829. Highlight challenges being faced by Startup Ecosystem in India. Discuss measures taken by the Government of India to boost the startup ecosystem.
830. What are the objectives behind introducing amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021? Examine the functions of the new Grievance Appellate Committees.
831. Moonlighting has raised an ethical dilemma about the future of the gig economy and changing nature of white-collar jobs in India. Discuss. What are the factors responsible for rising instances of moonlighting? Is it just unethical or also illegal?
832. Space science and technology and their applications are increasingly being used to support a wide range of sustainable development endeavours. Discuss the steps needed to achieve sustainability in space and sustainability from space.
833. Coal will continue to occupy the centre stage of India's energy scenario. In light of this statement, discuss why it has been so difficult to replace coal as the primary source of energy. Also, suggest measures to diversify India's coal-dependent economy.

834. To what extent Make in India initiative has fulfilled its objectives? How will the production-linked incentive scheme provide additional thrust to the Make in India initiative?
835. "Millet Mindfulness" is required to raise awareness about the adoption of Millet in India. Discuss. Highlight the role millet can play in reducing the Non-communicable disease burden of India.
836. How does climate change influence the phenomenon of heat waves? What measures can be taken to minimise the effect of heat waves on the affected region?
837. Assess the impacts of internet shutdowns on the economy and society. Do you agree that India needs to clearly define the parameters and set up a robust mechanism for internet shutdowns?
838. The water crisis which the current world is facing is manmade and can be prevented with appropriate measures. Analyse. Enumerate appropriate measures to avoid such type of crisis in future.
839. India has recognised that digitalisation will continue to play a key role in improving economic growth. Analyse the prospects and challenges for India in strengthening its digital economy and digital inclusion.
840. Among several factors for India's potential growth, the savings rate is the most effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth potential?
841. Account for the failure of the manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labour-intensive exports rather than capital-intensive exports. Suggest measures for more labour-intensive rather than capital-intensive exports.
842. Examine the developments of Airports in India through Joint Ventures under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What are the challenges faced by the authorities in this regard?
843. Explain various types of revolutions, that took place in Agriculture after Independence in India. How have these revolutions helped in poverty alleviation and food security in India?
844. What are the reasons for the poor acceptance of cost-effective small processing units? How the food processing unit will be helpful to uplift the socio-economic status of poor farmers?
845. Stem cell therapy is gaining popularity in India to treat a wide variety of medical conditions, including leukaemia, Thalassemia, damaged cornea and several burns. Describe briefly what stem cell therapy is and what advantages it has over other treatments.
846. India has achieved remarkable successes in unmanned space missions including the Chandrayaan and Mars Orbiter Mission but has not ventured into manned space missions, both in terms of technology and logistics. Explain critically.

847. Not many years ago, river linking was a concept, but it is becoming a reality in the country. Discuss the advantages of river linking and its possible impact on the environment.
848. Discuss the potential threats of Cyber-attack and the security framework to prevent them.
849. The northeastern region of India has been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyse the major reasons for the survival of armed insurgency in this region.
850. "Industrial growth rate has lagged in the overall growth of Gross-Domestic-Product (GDP) in the post-reform period" Give reasons. How far the recent changes in Industrial Policy are capable of increasing the industrial growth rate?
851. What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'? Has India been experiencing such a growth process? Analyse and suggest measures for inclusive growth.
852. What are the major reasons for declining rice and wheat yield in the cropping system? How is crop diversification helpful to stabilise the yield of the crop in the system?
853. How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price and food processing for small and marginal farmers?
854. Give an account of the growth and development of nuclear science and technology in India. What is the advantage of a fast breeder reactor programme in India?
855. 'Climate Change' is a global problem. How will India be affected by climate change? How Himalayan and coastal states of India will be affected by climate change?
856. Mob violence is emerging as a serious law and order problem in India. By giving suitable examples, analyse the causes and consequences of such violence.
857. The scourge of terrorism is a grave challenge to national security. What solutions do you suggest to curb this growing menace? What are the major sources of terrorist funding?
858. "Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". Comment on the progress made in India in this regard.
859. What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low-income trap?
860. Examine the role of supermarkets in the supply chain management of fruits, vegetables and food items. How do they eliminate several intermediaries?
861. Discuss the work of 'Bose-Einstein Statistics' done by Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose and show how it revolutionised the field of Physics.

862. What are the impediments in disposing of the huge quantities of discarded solid wastes which are continuously being generated? How do we safely remove the toxic wastes that have been accumulating in our habitable environment?
863. What is a wetland? Explain the Ramsar concept of 'wise use' in the context of wetland conservation. Cite two examples of Ramsar sites from India.
864. Sikkim is the first 'Organic State' in India. What are the ecological and economic benefits of an Organic State?
865. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is viewed as a cardinal subset of China's larger 'One Belt One Road' initiative. Give a brief description of CPEC and enumerate the reasons why India has distanced itself from the same.
866. Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is showing a downward trend but still affects many parts of the country. Briefly explain the Government of India's approach to counter the challenges posed by LWE.
867. How are the principles followed by NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile planning commission in India?
868. How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect the macroeconomic stability of India?
869. Assess the role of the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in boosting the production, productivity and income of horticulture farms. How far has it succeeded in increasing the income of farmers?
870. How has the emphasis on certain crops brought about changes in cropping patterns in the recent past? Elaborate the emphasis on millets production and consumption.
871. Why is there so much activity in the field of biotechnology in our country? How has this activity benefitted the field of biopharma?
872. With growing energy needs, should India keep on expanding its nuclear energy programme? Discuss the facts and fears associated with nuclear energy.
873. How does biodiversity vary in India? How is the Biological Diversity Act 2002, helpful in the conservation of flora and fauna?
874. Enumerate the indirect taxes which have been subsumed in the goods and services tax (GST) in India. Also, comment on the revenue implications of the GST introduced in India in July 2017.
875. How far is Integrated Farming System (IFS) helpful in sustaining agricultural production
876. Elaborate on the impact of the National Watershed Project in increasing agricultural production from water-stressed areas.
877. How was India benefitted from the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Dr M. S. Swaminathan in the fields of water engineering and agricultural science respectively?

878. What is India's plan to have its own space station and how will it benefit our space programme?
879. Coastal sand mining, whether legal or illegal, poses one of the biggest threats to our environment. Analyse the impact of sand mining along the Indian coasts, citing specific examples.
880. Vulnerability is an essential element for defining disaster impacts and their threat to people. How and in what ways can vulnerability to disasters be characterised? Discuss different types of vulnerability with reference to disasters.
881. The banning of 'Jamat-e-Islami' in Jammu and Kashmir brought into focus the role of over-ground workers (OGWs) in assisting terrorist organisations. Examine the role played by OGWs in assisting terrorist organisations in insurgency-affected areas. Discuss measures to neutralize the influence of OGWs.
882. What is CyberDome Project? Explain how it can be useful in controlling internet crimes in India.
883. It is argued that the strategy of inclusive growth is intended to meet the objectives of inclusiveness and sustainability together. Comment on this statement.
884. Public expenditure management is a challenge to the Government of India in the context of budget-making during the post-liberalization period. Clarify it.
885. What are the reformative steps taken by the Government to make the food grain distribution system more effective?
886. Elaborate on the policy taken by the Government of India to meet the challenges of the food processing sector.
887. How is the Government of India protecting traditional knowledge of medicine from patenting by pharmaceutical companies?
888. How can biotechnology help to improve the living standards of farmers?
889. Define the concept of the carrying capacity of an ecosystem as relevant to an environment. Explain how understanding this concept is vital while planning for the sustainable development of a region.
890. Disaster preparedness is the first step in any disaster management process. Explain how hazard zonation mapping will help disaster mitigation in the case of landslides.
891. Indian Government has recently strengthened the anti-terrorism laws by amending the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967 and the NIA Act. Analyse the changes in the context of the prevailing security environment while discussing the scope and reasons for opposing the UAPA by human rights organisations.
892. The cross-border movement of insurgents is only one of the several security challenges facing the policing of the border in North-East India. Examine the various challenges currently emanating across the India-Myanmar border. Also, discuss the steps to counter the challenges.

893. Explain intra-generational and inter-generational issues of equity from the perspective of inclusive growth and sustainable development.
894. Define potential GDP and explain its determinants. What are the factors that have been inhibiting India from realising its potential GDP?
895. What are the main constraints in the transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India?
896. What are the challenges and opportunities of the food processing sector in the country? How can the income of the farmers be substantially increased by encouraging food processing?
897. What do you understand by nanotechnology, and how is it helping in the health sector?
898. How is science interwoven deeply with our lives? What are the striking changes in agriculture triggered off by science-based technologies?
899. What are the salient features of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched by the Government of India for water conservation and water security?
900. Discuss different types of cybercrimes and measures required to be taken to fight the menace.
901. Describe the benefits of deriving electric energy from sunlight in contrast to conventional energy generation. What are the initiatives offered by our government for this purpose?
902. What are the key features of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) initiated by the Government of India?
903. What are the determinants of left-wing extremism in the Eastern part of India? What strategy should the Government of India, civil administration and security forces adopt to counter the threat in the affected areas?
904. Analyse internal security threats and transborder crimes along Myanmar, Bangladesh and Pakistan borders including the Line of Control (LoC). Also, discuss the role played by various security forces in this regard.
905. Distinguish between Capital Budget and Revenue Budget. Explain the components of both these Budgets.
906. How did land reforms in some parts of the country help to improve the socio-economic conditions of marginal and small farmers?
907. How and to what extent would micro-irrigation help in solving India's water crisis?
908. How is the S-400 air defence system technically superior to any other system presently available in the world?
909. Explain the purpose of the Green Grid Initiative launched at the World Leaders Summit of the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November 2021. When was this idea first floated in the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?
910. Describe the key points of the revised Global Air Quality Guidelines (AQGs) recently released by the World Health Organisation (WHO). How are these

- different from its last update in 2005? What changes in India's National Clean Air Programme are required to achieve these revised standards?
911. Discuss the vulnerability of India to earthquake-related hazards. Give examples including the salient features of major disasters caused by earthquakes in different parts of India during the last three decades.
  912. Discuss how emerging technologies and globalisation contribute to money laundering. Elaborate measures to tackle the problem of money laundering both at national and international levels.
  913. Keeping in view India's internal security, analyse the impact of cross-border cyber-attacks. Also, discuss defensive measures against these sophisticated attacks.
  914. Do you agree that the Indian economy has recently experienced V- shapes recovery? Give reasons in support of your answer.
  915. "Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth." Discuss in the light of India's experience.
  916. What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, of 2013? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India?
  917. What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification?
  918. What are the research and developmental achievements in applied biotechnology? How will these achievements help to uplift the poorer sections of the society?
  919. The Nobel Prize in Physics of 2014 was jointly awarded to Akasaki, Amano and Nakamura for the invention of Blue LEDs in the 1990s. How has this invention impacted the everyday life of human beings?
  920. Describe the major outcomes of the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). What are the commitments made by India in this conference?
  921. Describe the various causes and effects of landslides. Mention the important components of the National Landslide Risk Management Strategy.
  922. Analyse the multidimensional challenges posed by external state and non-state actors to the internal security of India. Also, discuss measures required to be taken to combat these threats.
  923. Analyse the complexity and intensity of terrorism, its causes, linkages and obnoxious nexus. Also, suggest measures required to be taken to eradicate the menace of terrorism.
  924. Why is Public Private Partnership (PPP) required in infrastructural projects? Examine the role of the PPP model in the redevelopment of Railway Stations in India.
  925. Is inclusive growth possible in a market economy? State the significance of financial inclusion in achieving economic growth in India.

926. What are the major challenges of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent?
927. Elaborate the scope and significance of the food processing industry in India.
928. The increase in life expectancy in the country has led to newer health challenges in the community. What are those challenges and what steps need to be taken to meet them?
929. Each year a large amount of plant material, cellulose, is deposited on the surface of Planet Earth. What are the natural processes this cellulose undergoes before yielding carbon dioxide, water and other end products?
930. Discuss in detail the photochemical smog emphasising its formation, effects and mitigation. Explain the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol.
931. Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples.
932. Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels.
933. What are the maritime security challenges in India? Discuss the organisational, technical and procedural initiatives taken to improve maritime security.
934. Economic growth in the recent past has been led by an increase in labour activity." Explain this statement. Suggest the growth pattern that will lead to the creation of more jobs without compromising labour productivity.
935. Do you think India will meet 50 per cent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2030? Justify your answer. How will the shift of subsidies from fossil fuels to renewables help achieve the above objective? Explain.
936. What are the main bottlenecks in the upstream and downstream processes of marketing of agricultural products in India?
937. What is Integrated Farming System? How is it helpful to small and marginal farmers in India?
938. Launched on 25th December 2021, James Webb Space Telescope has been much in the news since then. What are its unique features which make it superior to its predecessor Space Telescopes? What are the key goals of this mission? What potential benefits does it hold for the human race?
939. What is the basic principle behind vaccine development? How do vaccines work? What approaches were adopted by the Indian vaccine manufacturers to produce COVID-19 vaccines?
940. Discuss global warming and mention its effects on the global climate. Explain the control measures to bring down the level of greenhouse gases which cause global warming, in the light of the Kyoto Protocol, 1997.
941. Explain the causes and effects of coastal erosion in India. What are the available coastal management techniques for combating the hazard?



942. What are the different elements of cyber security? Keeping in view the challenges in cyber security, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy.
943. Naxalism is a social, economic and developmental issue manifesting as a violent internal security threat. In this context, discuss the emerging issues and suggest a multilayered strategy to tackle the menace of Naxalism.
944. What are the challenges in managing inflation? Discuss the recent steps taken by RBI to control inflation risk.
945. The decisions taken by OPEC and its allies impact oil prices around the world. How significantly does it impact global energy markets? What ramifications can it have on geopolitics and India's energy security?
946. New Delhi once again has kept its place as the most polluted capital city in the world. What are the factors for constant high levels of pollution in the NCR region? Suggest measures to overcome it.
947. Given India has increased its Ramsar Sites in the past, how would COP 15: Biodiversity deal in Canada affect India and its agriculture?
948. To what extent has India managed to successfully fight the challenges of food and nutritional security? Analyse the policies and initiatives taken by Government to ensure food security.
949. What are the factors responsible for accentuated air pollution during winter? How can technology be employed to fight this environmental and health crisis?
950. What are the salient features of the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission? How can it fill critical gaps in public health infrastructure?
951. How does the Indian diaspora contribute to India's economy and foreign policy? Do you agree that it is well poised to contribute towards making India Self-reliant?
952. Why are startups in India facing corporate governance issues? How can inculcating values and changing the work culture strengthen corporate governance?
953. Critically analyse India's new Virtual Private Network (VPN) rules in the context of privacy and cybersecurity.
954. Discuss the prospects and challenges of 5G technology in the Indian context.
955. Multidimensional Poverty provides a practical and beneficial complement to income-based poverty measures. Substantiate.
956. Public Intent Data could be enabling tools for empowering citizens in general and the unheard poor people in particular. Critically comment.
957. Critically analyse India's record of handling e-waste. Also, suggest measures to ensure the scientific management of e-waste in India.
958. India's climate change vulnerability is driven by its high levels of socio-economic deprivation. Do you agree? Also, comment on the initiatives taken by India in the sphere of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

959. Given the context of the ongoing debate on agricultural reforms, critically analyse the agricultural policies of India. Also, give your input on what sort of agricultural policy India needs to make it a profitable as well as a sustainable venture.
960. Explain the term 'economic recovery'. Also, discuss various types of economic recoveries in brief.
961. Explain in what ways the faceless tax assessment scheme will help in promoting transparent taxation. Also, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the aforementioned scheme.
962. The Bodo Accord visualises an expansive autonomous framework to protect the political, social, cultural, and ethnic identities and interests of the community. Discuss.
963. What is 5G technology? Comment on India's preparedness for the adoption of 5G technology and bottlenecks associated with the adoption of 5G technology.
964. What is a 'One Nation-One Gas Grid'? Also, discuss the steps taken by India to fulfil the objectives of energy security and transition to clean energy.
965. Explain how indigenous technologies and traditional knowledge systems can help in achieving the goal of "Atmanirbhar Bharat"?
966. To make India a Global Innovation hub for startups, India must develop a robust innovation and start-up policy. Comment on the progress made by India in this so far.
967. Do you think that India's self-reliance in the defence sector can boost its global standing? Substantiate your views. Also, explain the significance of 'Ease of Doing Business' in the defence sector.
968. What is National Hydrogen Energy Mission? Also, critically analyse the utility of Hydrogen as fuel to avoid the energy crisis in the upcoming future.
969. The flotilla of missions on Mars in recent times represents the spread of planetary exploration in general and Mars exploration in particular. In this background, explain the significance of the red planet for the scientific community all over the globe. Also, throw a light on the recent Mars missions in the news.
970. Critically examine the key recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the DNA Technology Regulation Bill, 2019. Also, highlight the issues, challenges and opportunities related to it.
971. Do you agree that climate change could be fuelling political instability, inducing migration, and disuniting social cohesion? What kind of adaptation and mitigation measures need to be undertaken to ensure a sustainable human-environment relationship? Substantiate your views.
972. What are Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)? Explain the causes and mitigation strategies related to it.

973. Discuss the socio-economic implications of the lack of adequate measures for road safety. What measures should have to be geared by the Government to achieve minimal road accident fatalities?
974. Although digitalising and data-led governance minimise the wreaked havoc caused by COVID-19, the growing 'digital divide' may exclude 'vulnerable people'. Discuss. And what kind of decisive impacts can be delivered by data-driven governance?
975. 'Net-Zero' as an idea itself is flawed and intrinsically inequitable. Assess its feasibility in developing countries, including India. Do you think that 'Net Zero' is against the dictum of 'Common but differentiated responsibilities' Under the Paris Agreement? Substantiate your views.
976. The Menace of Exotic Animal Trafficking in India has increased in recent years. What are the reasons associated with it? Suggest a way forward to tackle this problem.
977. The growing demand and use of fossil fuels cause a plethora of irreversible environmental problems. In this context, Discuss India's progress for energy transition in securing its energy needs.
978. Agriculture is a sector where farming techniques and financial interventions play an imperative role in determining yield outcomes. Highlight the potential of entrepreneurship, startups and e-tech in aiding the farm sector. Suggest a way forward.
979. Discuss the role of the e-SANTA initiative in doubling farmers' income and assuring food security.
980. Do you think that the need of the hour to make India a hub for a startup can be complemented by the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme? Substantiate your views.
981. Highlight the key aspects of the National Policy for Rare Diseases. Discuss the challenges associated with research and development regarding rare diseases. Suggest a Way forward.
982. Explain the key features of the PRISM Scheme. Do you think that such schemes are instrumental in supporting individual innovators and enabling inclusive development in India? Substantiate your views.
983. In recent years, India has seen unprecedented instances of massive forest fires. Do you think that abrupt fires can be linked to man-made hazards? Justify your answer.
984. India has neither ratified the UN Convention on refugees nor does it have a vibrant national-level policy. What kinds of consequences are inevitable due to the vacuum generated by the absence of such policies? Suggest measures to overcome such challenges.

985. Do you believe that India is an attractive investment destination in the global economic landscape? Justify your views. Also, mention the steps taken by the Indian government to boost investments in India in recent times.
986. What is Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)? Should India Adopt CBDC? Justify your views.
987. Discuss the features of the RBI Retail Direct Scheme in brief.
988. Why is micro-plastic pollution even more challenging? Explain its implication on the Food Chain and aquatic life. In this context, what measures should be adopted to conserve the entire river ecosystem? Give suitable examples.
989. The human and wildlife conflict (HWC) is attributed as a threat to the survival of many species, including humans. What are the elements liable for HWC? Suggest the measures to manage HWC in a co-existence approach.
990. Discuss the idea of the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) in brief. Also, critically analyse the significance of the NMP in the development of the infrastructure segment in India.
991. Explain the National Mission on Edible Oils in brief. Highlight its significance in reducing the import bill of edible oils in India.
992. What is SAMRIDH Scheme? In what ways will it impact the startup ecosystem in India?
993. Critically analyse the consequences of animal harvesting on climate. Also, comment on the changing consumer perceptions regarding the dairy sector.
994. In light of the recent IPCC Report on Climate Change, discuss the effect of climate change on glaciers and the snow cover in the mountains. Suggest suitable measures to minimise the impact.
995. Discuss the Ozone-saving provisions undertaken by the global community to protect Stratospheric Ozone Layer. Also, comment on the significance of the Kigali Agreement in this context.
996. Discuss the impacts of mismanaged single-used plastics. Also, critically analyse the policy of banning single-use plastics in India.
997. Explain the concept of Nuclear Fusion. Discuss its significance in the context of renewable energy.
998. Explain the concept of Gene banks and discuss their types in brief. Also, mention the global facilities working towards the conservation of crops in short.
999. What is the Retrospective Taxation? Discuss the features of the recently declared retrospective taxation policy.
1000. Discuss the benefits and challenges associated with the Privatization of Public sector banks (PSBs). Do you think it can solve the NPA crisis of the Indian banking system?
1001. What is Flex-fuel technology? Discuss its relevance in the context of India.

1002. Radioactive contamination has been reported in many parts of the globe, including India. What is its impact on human health and the environment? Suggest measures to tackle the issue effectively.
1003. Discuss the steps taken to accelerate the commercialisation of hydrogen energy and facilitate the creation of hydrogen energy infrastructure in the country.
1004. To break away from the 'technological transfer' paradigm, India needs climate-responsible investment in research and development. Comment.
1005. Smart City Mission aims to drive economic growth and improve quality of life through comprehensive work on social, economic, physical and institutional pillars of the city. Elaborate. What are the limitations of 'Smart solutions' applied in the mission?
1006. What are the factors responsible for rapidly rising gender and wealth inequality? Are they both correlated?
1007. How will the energy efficiency initiatives of India have a multiplier effect on energy and environmental ecosystems? Substantiate your views. And also highlight the challenges involved in it.
1008. Give a reasoned account for the diminishing of global forest areas. Why the trend of declining in forest areas is profound and worrisome in Africa. Explain in the context of Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020. Suggest measure.
1009. The recent initiative of using coir geotextile as a substance in road construction under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-III) will give impetus to the revival of indigenous industries and employment opportunities during an outbreak of COVID-19. Comment. Also, explain its unique features.
1010. What is Ultraviolet Germicidal Radiation (UVGI)? Explain the main advantages associated with it.
1011. India is experiencing a declining share of agriculture in overall national income and the system of minimum support prices to procure farm products. Do you think that various 'income support initiatives for farmers are fiscally relevant? Comment.
1012. The induction of Integrated Battle Groups (IBG) is a part of India's approach to modernising and initiating reform in the army. Why is there a need for IBG, especially on the western front of India?
1013. Explain the main objectives of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna. What substantial shift can it make in Indian fishery? Explain. And also suggest the way forward.
1014. The MSME sector was already facing a persistent downside additionally the pandemic outbreak has disrupted the MSME sector dreadfully. In this context, whether the recent fiscal-stimulus package for MSME would reshape the entire sector or stimulus package would collapse under its burden?

1015. There is a rural-urban component to the digital divide. Schools are shifting to online classes due to the pandemic outbreak. Can online education replace the school classroom in India? Critically Analyse.
1016. Unemployment and Forced isolation lead to anxiety, depression and suicide. Is Suicide related to Mental illness? What are the Causes of Mental Health Issues, and how is India responding to them?
1017. The Centre has recently created an Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe). What are the key advantages of this and the bottleneck areas where the Centre needs to steer safely to make it a success?
1018. The Indian government is keeping its options open on the monetisation of the deficit by the RBI. What will be its significant implications for India's economic prospects in the short-term and in the long-term?
1019. In light of the recently launched PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) scheme as a part of "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan", evaluate the need for the scheme and how it will be a game changer for food processing units.
1020. What is Mega Food Park Scheme? How can this be utilised to make North East India an organic region?
1021. Discuss the salient features of the Consumer Protection Act of 2019. Do you think it will solve the issues related to the e-commerce market?
1022. What do you know about International Thermo-Nuclear Experiment Reactor? Discuss India's contribution to it.
1023. What is Agricultural Infrastructure Fund? Do you think schemes like this will result in doubling farmers' income?
1024. What is Clean Energy Economy? Enumerate the steps taken by the government towards Clean Energy Economy.
1025. What are the reasons for the flooding of Assam? How does this flooding impact the rich natural ecosystem of the region?
1026. Assess the role of Artificial Intelligence with reference to employment. Give a reason account of the impact of AI on key social segments. What significant changes can be expected from this technology?
1027. Critically analyse the scope of the National Digital Health Mission to reach the deprived section of society. How would the role of Information and Communication Technology make a paradigm shift in public healthcare services?
1028. Discuss the impact of oil spills on marine ecosystems. In light of the Mauritius calamity, explain how this accident can cause permanent damage to the livelihood of people. Highlight India's efforts to contain such damages.
1029. Analyse whether the approval of FDI in coal mining would yield strategic gains or it may be proved as strategic plunder. Suggest measures to achieve energy security.

1030. How can sustainable human-elephant coexistence be attained through active management interventions? Highlight the characteristics of newly evolved management practices in human-elephant conflict management.
1031. The livestock sector has emerged as a vital sector for ensuring a more inclusive and sustainable agriculture system. List some of the issues plaguing the livestock sector in India. How recently launched e-Gopala App will address some of them?
1032. In terms of population size and medals won, India is among one of the worse Olympic performers. What are the factors responsible for this poor show of India in the Olympics? What steps are being taken by the Government to turn the tide?
1033. What is "blue flag" certification? Discuss how it will help promote sustainable tourism.
1034. The development of the textile, footwear and leather sector is crucial to boost the Indian labour market and job creation. Discuss the various schemes recently undertaken by the government to boost these sectors.
1035. Given the recent GDP contraction, suggest methods to boost the country's GDP in post COVID-19 period.
1036. India can leverage its demographic dividend by adopting indigenous manufacturing of solar panels. Discuss
1037. Renewable energy is likely to create a multiplier effect on the Indian Economy. Analyse
1038. What is the three-stage nuclear power programme of India? Discuss the role of the fast breeder reactors in this programme.
1039. What do you understand by financial inclusion? Underline the role of doorstep banking services in increasing financial inclusion.
1040. What do you mean by Gig Economy? Discuss the potentials and challenges of Gig jobs in India.
1041. Discuss the significance of the SVAMITVA Scheme in empowering the grass root people. How the scheme will benefit rural residents. Suggest a way forward for its effective delivery.
1042. In the light of the Annual State of Education Report, Highlight the impacts of a pandemic on School dropouts. What measures should be adopted by institutions and the Government to compensate for the 'learning losses'?
1043. The World Food Programme (WFP) is cited as the largest humanitarian agency to combat hunger. Despite that, hunger is prevalent across the globe. Comment. Also, Discuss the role of WFP in mitigating the instances of hunger in India.
1044. NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) has confirmed the presence of water on the lunar surface. Discuss the significance of such observations.

1045. Critically analyse the steps taken by India to tackle the issue of Hunger and Malnutrition. To what extent the institutions of global governance have been successful in eliminating the evils of hunger and malnutrition?
1046. Discuss the issue of 'Urban water scarcity' in India. What are the steps taken by India to promote the sustainable use of water? Suggest some additional measures to address the issue.
1047. Critically analyse the steps taken by India to prevent the spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). Suggest measures to ensure complete eradication of the same.
1048. Discuss the steps taken by India to achieve gender parity when it comes to equality of opportunity in the workspace. Discuss to what extent you think we have been successful in achieving Sustainable Development Goal- 5 for Gender Equality.
1049. Discuss the mechanism of fixing the minimum support price (MSP). Comment on the need for reforms in Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) to make agriculture a profitable venture.
1050. What are the features of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme? In what way will it help Indian industries in boosting exports?
1051. Describe the term 'Brown Carbon Tarballs' and what are the factors responsible for their formation. Discuss in what ways they impact the environment.
1052. Describe, in brief, the recent developments in supercomputing technology in India. Comment on the significance of supercomputers in the context of India.
1053. What are Ponzi investment schemes? Discuss the steps taken by the government to discourage such schemes.
1054. Do you think that the insurmountable issue of Non-performing Assets (NPA) can be effectively dealt with by the formation of Bad banks? Also, bring out issues, challenges and opportunities related to it.
1055. Despite an estimate of decent GDP growth in the next fiscal, the overall growth NBFC sector growth is likely to be slower. Discuss the causative factors associated with it. Also, suggest long-term financially prudent measures to deal with the situation.
1056. Do you agree that the Indian economy is witnessing a V-shaped recovery? Substantiate your views with suitable examples. Also, examine the role of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission in this context.
1057. Bio-fuels generate less pollution and reduce GHGs than conventional fossil fuels, but in practice, it results in negative consequences on the environment. Discuss the impacts of biofuel production on the environment. Examine the suitability of the adoption of E20 Fuel standards in India.
1058. Explain Quantum Key Distribution technology. What makes this technology unbreakable? And also explain its possible application.



1059. The development of the mock egg could meet the protein needs of diet-specific, health-conscious, vegan and vegetarian people. Elucidate. Explain the mock egg's potential contribution to achieving sustainable development goals.
1060. Comment upon the various factor responsible for unemployment in India. Highlight the steps taken to address the problem in India.
1061. Comment upon the various socio-economic impacts of solar waste. Discuss the measures to minimise the impact of Solar Waste.
1062. Assess the importance of the Green Energy Corridor. Briefly explain the key initiatives related to Green Energy.
1063. Recent state border disputes are rooted in the idea of cultural identity. Discuss.
1064. Technology has been proved a double-edged sword. Critically analyse the statement concerning 'GitHub' issues.
1065. Highlight the significance of semiconductors. How has it evolved as means to secure strategic interests?
1066. What is intensified Mission Indardhanush4.0? How is it different from the previous version?
1067. Discuss the contribution of NGOs to Indian society and economy. Highlight issues faced by NGOs in India.
1068. How will the 'Ayush Start-up Challenge' facilitate progress in the field of Ayurveda and alternative healing?
1069. What do you understand by the Sustainable Cities India Program? Discuss its significance. What are the Net Zero Carbon Cities?
1070. What is the SeHAT Initiative? Discuss its key features with an illustration.
1071. What are the applications of genome editing in the field of agriculture? What factors have inhibited the wider adoption of GM crops in India?
1072. Highlight the role played by exports in the Indian economy. What steps are needed to boost the export sector?
1073. India needs a labour-intensive model of economic growth to address the problem of unemployment. Discuss.
1074. Semiconductors are the foundation of modern electronics driving the next phase of digital transformation under Industry 4.0. What measures have been taken to boost the semiconductor industry in India?
1075. What are the salient features of the recently released Disaster Management Plan? How will it help in augmenting disaster preparedness?
1076. What do you understand by the term 'De-Dollarization'? What are the possible geopolitical and geoeconomic implications of de-dollarization?
1077. Discuss the role of Zero Defect & Zero Effect (ZED) culture in the advancement of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in India.
1078. What are the existing Air Quality Standards in India? Do you think there is a need to reassess the existing norms on Air Quality Standards in India? Elucidate.

1079. Farmer Producer Organisations are an effective solution to agrarian distress. Comment.
1080. India's per capita plastic waste generation has almost doubled over the last five years. What are the major challenges posed in countering the issue of plastic waste? Suggest measures.
1081. Poverty in India has decreased in the recent decade, but not to the extent that it has been targeted. Comment.
1082. India is one of the largest vegetable oil importers in the world, which is one of the major constituents of food inflation. In this context, discuss the steps taken in this regard by the Indian government and further steps that need to be taken.
1083. Foreign direct investment (FDI) is a great source of domestic economic growth and competitiveness in the global market. In this context, analyse the role of foreign players in India's space sector.
1084. Critically examine the functioning of the GST council and its role in facilitating fiscal federalism in India.
1085. What is Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)? Discuss the implications of releasing this index on the Indian economy.
1086. Discuss the significance of India's human spaceflight programme "Gaganyaan".
1087. Global warming is a big hazard, and appropriate measures must be taken to tackle this serious problem for sustainable development. Discuss the global measures in this regard.
1088. Examine the role played by primary health care in India. Discuss the challenges faced by ASHA workers.
1089. Digital access to education has gained a lot of attention due to the Covid pandemic. Evaluate the steps taken by the government in this regard.
1090. Urban cooperative banks do useful work in mobilising deposits and financing the sector of small borrowers such as small-scale industries, professionals, retailers and so on. What are the problems associated with UCBs, and suggest the way forward?
1091. Surety bonds are the key to infrastructure financing and hold a promising future in India. Evaluate.
1092. "Any road accident is the result of interaction between three players, which are driver, vehicle and road". In the context of statements, discuss the causes of road accidents in India. Also, highlight initiatives taken by the government to address the issue of road accidents.
1093. Targeting of children by companies as a consumer of products has generated a culture of misleading advertisement. In the context of the statements, discuss the need for child consumer protection in India and also enumerate steps taken by the government to address the issue.

1094. Discuss the challenges in Urban planning in India. Also, suggest some measures to ensure sustainable urban development in India.
1095. Livestock plays a crucial role in the diversification of agro-economy. In the context of the statement, critically examine the health issues with livestock in India. Also, highlight initiatives taken by the government in the promotion of animal health.
1096. Discuss the significance of the India-Australia relationship in assuring the energy security of India. Also, highlight the cooperation between the two nations in relation to critical minerals.
1097. "The debt trap policy of infrastructure development has led to a serious crisis in emerging economies across the globe". In the context of the statement, highlight the significance of Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment.
1098. Explain the factors behind the depreciation of the Indian rupee. Do you think the internationalisation of Indian currency can address the issue of the sliding of the rupee? If yes, elaborate with an example.
1099. India's shift from a defence importer to an exporter will change the paradigm of defence manufacturing in India. Comment.
1100. The gig economy is the new reality of India's job market. In the context of the statement, highlight the challenges of the gig economy in India. Also, suggest some measures to address those challenges.
1101. Explain the law regulating cannabis in India. Do you think India should legalise the use of cannabis? Give arguments
1102. Explain the mechanism of Facial Recognition Technology. What are the concerns associated with the technology?
1103. Shift to electronic vehicles is not without the creation of any waste and therefore requires our urgent attention. Discuss in the context of Battery Waste Management Rules 2022.
1104. Discuss the concept of One Nation-One Fertilizer. Enumerate the challenges in the scheme.
1105. What are the factors responsible for the low participation of Women in Science? Highlight the efforts taken by the government to overcome this challenge.
1106. What do you understand by the term Community Forest Reserves (CFR)? Explain the importance of CFR Rights.
1107. What is meant by Tokenisation? How far will it help to improve the safety and security of card transactions in India?
1108. What is digital de-carbonization? Analyse the environmental impacts of digitisation in light of increased dark data in the current scenario.
1109. Naxalism is a challenge, but it won't be wrong to say this menace is now shrinking. Critically analyse the statement and also throw some light on government efforts to curb naxalism over the years.

1110. What are the factors responsible for the rise of Narco-Terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir? Highlight steps taken by the government to curb the menace of Narco-Terrorism in J&K.
1111. What do you mean by the "One Water" approach? How is it superior to the conventional water management approach?
1112. Highlight the challenges faced by the elderly population in India. What are the government schemes in response to the ageing population of India?
1113. Discuss the role of organic fertiliser in bringing the next green revolution to the country and suggest measures to make agriculture chemical free.
1114. What are the aims and objectives of In-SPACe? What are the advantages of privatisation of the space sector?
1115. Critically analyse India's steps towards an undifferentiated and undiluted approach to terrorism.
1116. What is Monetary Policy? Discuss the challenges faced by the Monetary Policy Committee in controlling inflation?
1117. Briefly discuss the difference between Old Pension Policy and New Pension Policy. Reverting back to OPS is both bad economics as well as bad politics. Discuss.
1118. Assess the role of Big techs in the financial sector and also mention the risk associated with it.
1119. Discuss the challenges faced by rural women and how these shortcomings can affect the future of India's rural economy.
1120. What conclusion can we draw from the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2022 regarding the condition of Tuberculosis? Critically analyse the impact of tuberculosis on the social and economic life of the people.
1121. As the market evolves, understanding Indian gamers and their preferences is critical for ecosystem players to deliver technology that drives the segment forward. In this context, Should India Tax Online Gaming? What is Government's stance in this regard?
1122. What is Blue bugging? What threats does it pose to the nation? Also, explain the terms Blue-snarfing and bluejacking.
1123. What is base editing? Explain its significance, and discuss its potential applications. How is it different from Crisper?
1124. What is a deepfake? Can this be a security issue for India? Examine. Also, explain the possible strategy to counter it.
1125. Protection of Sea Lanes of Communication has become a crucial condition for the sustenance and growth of regional economies. Comment.
1126. The creation of a strong coastal security ecosystem is required due to the Indian Ocean region's growing geostrategic and economic importance. Do you agree? Explain.

1127. An innovative new 'blended finance program' may open up a "graduation" route to formal credit for entrepreneurs in the unorganised sector. Discuss. How would Blended finance program help in achieving India's social goals?
1128. What are the reasons for the brutality that humans inflict upon animals? Evaluate the success of legal provisions and institutions related to animal protection in India.
1129. Critically analyse India's policy towards refugees and why there is an urgent need for a uniform Refugee Policy.
1130. What do you understand by Climate Smart Agriculture? Discuss how the National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture aims to achieve it in India.
1131. Assess the role of MGNREGA in increasing the resilience of the rural economy. How far has it been successful in attaining its objectives?
1132. What do you mean by creative destruction? Is it good for a country's economy? Substantiate.
1133. Misallocation of budget expenditure has hurt the socio-economic development of India. Critically analyse.
1134. Discuss the role of digital services in realising the goal of a \$5 trillion economy. What are the potential roadblocks to achieving a vibrant digital economy?
1135. Food Security doesn't necessarily translate into nutritional security. Comment. Discuss the potential of bio-fortification to ensure nutritional security in India.
1136. Discuss the need for farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in India. What steps could be taken to empower the FPOs?
1137. Analyse the role of microfinance institutions in financial inclusion. Discuss the challenges faced by these institutions.
1138. India not only suffers from jobless growth but also a lack of quality jobs. Comment.
1139. What do you understand by drip irrigation? Discuss in brief the significance of drip irrigation in the context of worsening groundwater stress in India.
1140. Trace the evolution of land reforms in India since its independence. Also, examine the significance of the digitisation of land records in India.
1141. Assess the efficacy of landfills as the primary mode of waste management. Discuss the environmental and socio-economic threats posed by poorly run landfills and suggest viable alternatives for the same.
1142. Discuss the potential and challenges of Food Processing Industries in India. What steps have been taken to boost Food Processing Industries in recent years?
1143. What do you understand by the term 'nurturing economy'? What does building a nurturing economy involve? Do you agree that the answer to the problems created by the present economic model and policies lies in building a nurturing economy?

1144. How has the pandemic worsened the already existing income inequality? Discuss the implications of this rising inequality in India.
1145. "India needs a new paradigm for trade, industry, and development not only to strengthen itself vis-à-vis China but to make the economic development relevant for India's poorer citizens." Substantiate. Also, suggest the reforms needed to make Indian trade policy more sustainable.
1146. Critically examine the taxation policy of India. Also, discuss the possible consequences of India's growing dependence on revenue from indirect taxes.
1147. The goal of sustainable development is inextricably linked with the goal of attaining energy security sustainably. Give a brief account of the contribution of various sources of energy to India's energy mix. How will National Policy on Bio-Fuels 2018 advance India's march towards energy sufficiency in a sustainable manner?
1148. Natural disasters further widen social and economic inequality. Elucidate.
1149. Climate-related disasters impact labour more than wars and conflicts. Comment. Suggest measures to alleviate stress in this section of society.
1150. Transnational organised crime (TOC) poses a significant and growing threat to national and international security, with dire implications for public safety, democratic institutions, and economic stability across the globe. Explain.
1151. Forest fires have their genesis in natural as well as anthropogenic reasons. Comment. Also, enumerate the provisions of the National Action Plan on Forest Fires to prevent the menace of forest fires.
1152. Landslides are significant hazards that can be disastrous to human life and property. Explain the statement in the context National Landslide Risk Management Strategy for landslide risk management and disaster mitigation.
1153. Discuss the environmental impact of oil spills on both regional and global levels. Suggest various ways to deal with such disasters, with a special focus on 'oil zapper technology' as a remedy for large-scale oil spills.
1154. Assess the vulnerability of the northern states of India to floods. What are the major differences between peninsular and extra-peninsular floods?
1155. What is BlackRock Android malware? Examine the threats these malware pose to Indian users. What provisions does India already have in place to deal with such malware effectively?
1156. In disasters, local governments are the first line of response, sometimes with wide-ranging responsibilities but insufficient capacities to deal with them. Explain. What steps can be taken to increase the capacity of local governments to respond to these challenges?
1157. India's approach to disaster risk reduction under the Sendai Framework needs to be integrated with SDGs and Paris Climate Agreement to make development truly sustainable. Discuss.

1158. The closed encrypted world of some social media sites and apps has given rise to the Misinformation Ecosystem. What are the various mechanisms available to the state to control fake news and bigotry on social media? What measures are needed to tackle this issue?
1159. Coastal security is overlooked in our national security dialogue, which is overly continental in nature. What are the security concerns associated with India's large coastline? List some of the steps taken by the Government to address these challenges.
1160. A three-pronged approach, including the development of areas affected by terrorism, provision of justice to the aggrieved and the ability and desire to go more than halfway to negotiate settlements with dissatisfied groups to enable a political settlement is the best way forward to deal with internal security challenges. Substantiate.
1161. Cyber-related incidents have increased manifold during the lockdown period, particularly of critical information infrastructure. In these circumstances, there is a need to review the 2013 cyber security policy and take corrective steps to strengthen the system to enhance the resiliency of cyberinfrastructure in the country, particularly critical infrastructure. Analyse.
1162. Rural infrastructure has the potential to improve the ease of living and double farmers' income. Discuss.
1163. The increasing disparity between the rich and poor are creating ripples in society which may prove catastrophic for the internal security environment of the nation. Critically discuss.
1164. Discuss the significance of urban green spaces for Indian cities. What steps have been taken so far by the Indian government to increase the green cover in urban areas?
1165. Natural disasters often unravel social disasters. Comment.
1166. Land Reforms in India hold the key to unleashing the potential of the rural economy. Substantiate.
1167. Strengthening our institutions and ensuring strict implementation of our existing environmental laws is the key to safeguarding our environment and achieving sustainable development. Discuss.
1168. What is the dark net? Enumerate the challenges posed to the internal security of the nation arising from the dark net.
1169. Smart Agriculture is the need of the hour to build a vibrant and resilient rural economy. Discuss.
1170. Discuss in brief the role of the Financial Action Task Force in tackling the challenges of money laundering.
1171. Research and development is perhaps the missing link in ensuring low-input, high-output agriculture. Discuss. What steps have been taken by the Union

- Government in the recent past to increase the use of science and technology in Agriculture?
1172. Discuss in brief the steps taken by the Indian government to increase the prevalence of Electric Vehicles. Do you think that the adoption of Electric Vehicles in the present scenario can help to significantly reduce the emission of Greenhouse gases in India? Give reasons in support of your answer.
1173. The food processing industry is of enormous significance as it provides vital linkages and synergies between the two pillars of the economy, i.e. agriculture and industry. Discuss.
1174. India was able to break the cycle of the Hindu Growth rate a long time ago, but the challenges of poverty, unemployment, inter-/intra-regional and income imbalances have not been addressed in the same manner. Highlight the factors responsible for the prevalence of these challenges.
1175. Discuss in brief the implications of the use of cryptocurrencies in India. Do you think that a ban on cryptocurrency can serve the purpose of safeguarding the interests of citizens? Give reasons in support of your answer.
1176. Internal security problems should not be treated as merely law and order problems. They have to be dealt with comprehensively in all their dimensions and at all levels - political, economic and social. Discuss.
1177. India is among the top ten countries in terms of the adverse impact of climate change in the Global Climate Risk Index. What makes India more vulnerable to climate change? Discuss in brief the steps taken by the government for adaptation to climate change.
1178. Renewable energy is seen as the energy of the future. Discuss the potential benefits and challenges in shifting to renewable sources of energy for India. Also, highlight various initiatives of the Government of India to promote the renewable energy sector.
1179. Recently Cheetahs have been translocated from Namibia. Talks are on for sending Tigers to Cambodia. Discuss long-term benefits and associated environmental challenges in species translocation.
1180. "The vulnerability of India due to climate change far exceeds its contribution to the same." Elucidate. In this context, briefly discuss the relevance of the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) Principle.
1181. There are oceans of opportunities arising out of the blue economy, and then there are now Oceans of challenges surrounding it. In the context of the statement, critically discuss the challenges of the Marine Ecosystem and its implications on the coastal communities. Enumerate the global actions for protecting the Marine Ecosystem.



1182. "The river cleaning projects in India have often remained disorientated". Critically Analyse. Examine the efficacy of the Namami Gange project in restoring and rejuvenating the wholesomeness of the river.
1183. The application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) could counter the fallouts of the COVID-19 pandemic and promote inclusive growth. Discuss.
1184. To achieve a welfare society, it's time to prioritise basic responsibility over freebie culture. With reference to this, discuss the impact of freebie culture on the fiscal health of an economy. Analyse the government's short-term and long-term strategies for fiscal consolidation.
1185. Vertical banking has brought a revolution in the Indian banking sector by serving underbanked individuals and businesses to achieve inclusive growth. With reference to this statement, highlight the strength and challenges of vertical banking.
1186. Despite the emphasis placed on the manufacturing sector through programmes like Make in India, the manufacturing sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has remained unchanged. Examine the reasons for the manufacturing sector's poor performance. Also, suggest the reforms needed to achieve National Manufacturing Policy 2011 targets.
1187. Discuss the relevance of the National Infrastructure Pipeline with respect to the infrastructure approach of the government of India.
1188. The main concern in Indian agriculture is the emphasis on doubling farmers' income rather than production. Examine.
1189. Critically examine the issues faced by agriculture marketing in India. Also, discuss the initiatives taken by the government of India to resolve the issues of agriculture marketing in India.
1190. Discuss the role of e-technology in the agriculture sector in employment generation, improving agricultural productivity improvement and marketing of farm produce.
1191. Critically examine the role of Agri-start-ups and Agri-entrepreneurs in making the agriculture sector remunerative.
1192. The gig economy, no doubt, provides employment opportunities, but such an economy does not comply with labour codes. Discuss?
1193. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) was regarded as the most significant indirect tax reform since independence. In this context, discuss the pros and cons of GST with regard to the older indirect tax regime.
1194. While presenting the Union Budget for 2023, the Finance minister shared the seven key priorities, which were also referred to as the Saptarishi. Critically analyse the role of seven pillars in developing a new India.

## PAPER – IV

### (Section- A)

1. (a) "In civilised life, law floats in a sea of ethics." Elucidate
1. (b) "Calamity is the test of integrity." What does this quote mean to you in present times?
2. (a) Define Crony Capitalism. Discuss with suitable examples how crony capitalism is ruining the ease of doing business in the country in general and corporate governance in particular.
2. (b) Compassion is a value, one civil servant must possess. Explain this statement with the help of two real-life examples.
3. (a) Good governance in a company enhances the confidence, trust and enthusiasm of its stakeholders. Discuss.
3. (b) Bring out the relevance of Emotional Intelligence in police administration. How can Emotional Intelligence give an edge in solving cases?
4. (a) "The tree is known by its fruit" What does this quote mean to you in present times?
4. (b) The essential element in the nature of man is the rational or spiritual principle. Discuss.
5. (a) Do you think the Gandhian philosophy of 'means justify the ends' is relevant in Good Governance? Justify your answer with two real-life examples.
- 5.(b) The unexamined life is not worth living. What does this quote mean to you in present times?
6. (a) If an administrator invests in social capital, then the outcome will be good governance. Elucidate.
6. (b) "One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken." Discuss.
6. (c) "The nation's morals are like its teeth, the more decayed they are the more it hurts to touch them". What does this quote mean to you in present times?
7. (a) State the three basic values, universal in nature, in the context of civil services and bring out their importance.
7. (b) Distinguish between the "Code of Ethics" and "Code of Conduct" with suitable examples.
8. (a) What is meant by public interest? What are the principles and procedures to be followed by civil servants in the public interest?
8. (b) "The Right to Information Act is not all about citizens' empowerment alone; it essentially redefines the concept of accountability. Discuss.
9. (a) What is meant by conflict of interest? Illustrate with examples, the difference between the actual and potential conflicts of interest.

9. (b) "In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they do not have the first, the other two will kill you." – Warren Buffett
9. (c) What do you understand by this statement in the present-day scenario? Explain.
- 10.(a) "In doing a good thing, everything is permitted which is not prohibited expressly or by clear implication". Examine the statement with suitable examples in the context of a public servant discharging his/her duties.
- 10.(b) With regard to the morality of actions, one view is that means is of paramount importance and the other view is that the ends justify the means. Which view do you think is more appropriate? Justify your answer.
11. (a) Suppose the Government of India is thinking of constructing a dam in a mountain valley bound by forests and inhabited by ethnic communities. What rational policy should it resort to in dealing with unforeseen contingencies
- (b) Explain the process of resolving ethical dilemmas in Public Administration.
12. What do each of the following quotations mean to you in the present context?
- (a) "The true rule, in determining to embrace or reject anything, is not whether it has any evil in it; but whether it has more evil than good. There are few things wholly evil or wholly good. Almost everything, especially of governmental policy, is an inseparable compound of the two, so our best judgement of the preponderance between them is continually demanded." Abraham Lincoln
- (b) "Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding."-Mahatma Gandhi
- (c) "F falsehood takes the place of truth when it results in unblemished common good." \_ Tirukkural
- 13.(a) What are the basic principles of public life? Illustrate any three of these with suitable examples.
- (b) What do you understand by the term 'public servant'? Reflect on the expected role of a public servant.
- 14.(a) Effective utilisation of public funds is crucial to meet development goals. Critically examine the reasons for under-utilization and misutilisation of public funds and their implications.
- (b) "Non-performance of duty by a public servant is a form of corruption". Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer.
- 15.(a) What is meant by the term 'constitutional morality'? How does one uphold constitutional morality?
- (b) What is meant by 'crisis of conscience'? How does it manifest itself in the public domain?
- 16.(a) Explain the basic principles of the citizens' charter movement and bring out its importance.

- (b) There is a view that the Official Secrets Act is an obstacle to the implementation of the Right to Information Act. Do you agree with the view? Discuss.
- 17.(a) What do you understand by probity in governance? Based on your understanding of the term, suggest measures for ensuring probity in government.
- (b) "Emotional Intelligence is the ability to make your emotions work for you instead of against you". Do you agree with this view? Discuss.
18. What do each of the following quotations mean to you?
- (a) "An unexamined life is not worth living". – Socrates
- (b) "A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes." – M.K. Gandhi
- (c) "Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, there is order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world" – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
25. (a) "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak". What do you understand by this statement?
- (b) Do you think that capital punishment is against the basic tenets of a civil society? Give reasons in support of your answer.
- 26.(a) One of the tests of integrity is complete refusal to be compromised. Explain with reference to a real-life example.
- 27.(a) Discuss in brief the significance of the Sevottam model in Civil Services.
- (b) What are the various ethical concerns in a public organisation? Explain with examples.
- 28.(a) What does the following statement mean to you in the present times?  
"In law, a man is guilty when he violates the rights of others. In ethics, he is guilty if he only thinks of doing so.
- 29.(a) Explain the significance of esprit de corps in Public Service. Do you think that reservation in Public sector jobs threatens the principle of esprit de corps?
- (b) In public service, moral priorities are often guided by the requirements of specific situations rather than by abstract general principles. Substantiate.
- 30.(a) What do you mean by code of conduct? Examine the relevance of the code of conduct in civil services.
- (b) What do you understand by 'Attitude' and 'Aptitude'? How does the convergence of attitude and aptitude help in shaping the personality of an individual?
- (c) Good corporate governance is about 'intellectual honesty' and not just sticking to rules and regulations. Analyse.
31. (a) What do you understand by Political Probity? What are the dangers of falling Political probity?
- (b) For both individuals and institutions, Gandhi's Talisman is more relevant than ever today. Elaborate.

- 32.(a) Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others. Discuss.
- (b) Discuss the significance of environmental ethics in global climatic forums.
- 33.(a) What is happiness according to you? Do you think that in present times achievement has become synonymous with happiness?
- (b) "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak". Do you think that this statement holds true in the present society?
- 34.(a) Irrespective of consequences, acts done in good faith are justified. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
- (b) A state of inaction is virtual death. Elucidate.
- 35.(a) The main problem with government agencies is 'good people trapped in bad systems'. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
- (b) Discuss the significance of the whistleblower act in ensuring transparency and accountability in public services.
- 36.(a) Empathy should become the guiding principle of healthcare in developing countries. Comment. What are the key ethical concerns related to healthcare in India?
- (b) What are the moral dilemmas faced by armed personnel? Suggest innovative methods to overcome these dilemmas.
- (c) Technology as an enabler may also lead to the manifestation and multiplication of pre-existing social biases. How can social justice and equality be ensured in the era of technology?
37. Great thinkers and enlightened personalities have always stressed the need to break free of conditioned upbringing that tries to instil archaic and defunct values of the previous generations. We, however, tend to miss the fact that at the most fundamental level, our rules of life are constructed on a set of moral and ethical indices.
- (a) Does universal moral values exist? Do you think there is a conflict between old and new value systems?
- (b) Why is it important to develop a discriminative intellect to look at the world through a wider lens, through perspectives based on independent, conscious and rational thinking?
38. Conflict of interest in the public sector arises when
- (a) official duties,
- (b) public interest, and
- (c) personal interests are taking priority one above the other.
- How can this conflict in administration be resolved? Describe with an example.
39. Examine the relevance of the following in the context of civil service:
- (a) Transparency
- (b) Accountability

- (c) Fairness and justice  
 (d) Courage of conviction  
 (e) Spirit of service
40. Young people with ethical conduct are not willing to come forward to join active politics. Suggest steps to motivate them to come forward.
- (b) Corporate social responsibility makes companies more profitable and sustainable. Analyse.
- 41.(a) "Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principles which direct them." – Napoleon Bonaparte.
- Stating examples mention the rulers (i) who have harmed society and country, (ii) who worked for the development of society and country.
- (b) "If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. they are father, the mother and the teacher." – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
43. (a) How will you apply emotional intelligence in administrative practices?  
 (b) Strength, peace and security are considered to be the pillars of international relations. Elucidate.
- 44.(a) The crisis of ethical values in modern times is traced to a narrow perception of the good life. Discuss.  
 (b) Increased national wealth did not result in equitable distribution of its benefits. It has created only some "enclaves of modernity and prosperity for a small minority at the cost of the majority." Justify.
- 45.(a) Discipline generally implies following order and subordination. However, it may be counter-productive for the organisation. Discuss.  
 (b) Without commonly shared and widely entrenched moral values and obligations, neither the law nor democratic government nor even the market economy will function properly.
- What do you understand by this statement? Explain with illustration in contemporary times.
- 46.(a). Discuss the role of ethics and values in enhancing the following three major components of Comprehensive National Power (CNP), viz. human capital, soft power (culture and policies) and social harmony.  
 (b). "Education is not an injunction; it is an effective and pervasive tool for all round development of an individual and social transformation". Examine the New Education Policy, 2020 (NEP, 2020) in light of the above statement.
- 47(a) "Hatred is destructive of a person's wisdom and conscience that can poison a nation's spirit.' Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer.

- (b) What are the main components of emotional intelligence (EI)? Can they be learned? Discuss.
- 48(a) What teachings of Buddha are most relevant today and why? Discuss.
- (b) 'The will to power exists, but it can be tamed and be guided by rationality and principles of moral duty.' Examine this statement in the context of international relations.
- 49.(a) Distinguish between laws and rules. Discuss the role of ethics in formulating them
- (b) A positive attitude is considered to be an essential characteristic of a civil servant who is often required to function under extreme stress. What contributes to a positive attitude in a person?
- 50.(a) What are the main factors responsible for gender inequality in India? Discuss the contribution of Savitribai Phule in this regard.
- (b) 'The current internet expansion has instilled a different set of cultural values which are often in conflict with traditional values.' Discuss.
51. What do each of the following quotations mean to you?
- (a) "Condemn none: if you can stretch out a helping hand, do so. If not, fold your hands, bless your brothers, and let them go their own way." – Swami Vivekanand
- (b) "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi
- (c) "A system of morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion, a thoroughly vulgar conception which has nothing sound in it and nothing true." – Socrates
- 52.(a) Identify five ethical traits on which one can plot the performance of a civil servant. Justify their inclusion in the matrix.
- (b) Identify ten essential values that are needed to be an effective public servant. Describe the ways and means to prevent non-ethical behaviour in public servants.
- 53.(a) Impact of digital technology as a reliable source of input for rational decision-making is a debatable issue. Critically evaluate with a suitable example.
- (b) Besides domain knowledge, a public official needs innovativeness and creativity of a high order as well while resolving ethical dilemmas. Discuss with a suitable example.
54. What does each of the following quotations mean to you?
- (a) "Every work has got to pass through hundreds of difficulties before succeeding. Those that persevere will see the light sooner or later. -Swami Vivekananda
- (b) "We can never obtain peace in the outer world until and unless we obtain peace within ourselves." – Dalai Lama
- (c) Life doesn't make any sense without interdependence. We need each other, and the sooner we learn that it is better for us all." -Erik Erikson word

- (b) In case of a crisis of conscience does emotional intelligence help to overcome the same without compromising the ethical or moral stand that you are likely to follow? Critically examine.
- 56.(a) "Refugees should not be turned back to the country where they would face persecution or human rights violation." Examine the statement with reference to the ethical dimension being violated by the nation claiming to be democratic with an open society.
- (b) Should being impartial and non-partisan be considered indispensable qualities to make a successful civil servant? Discuss with illustrations.
- 57.(a) An independent and empowered social audit mechanism is an absolute must in every sphere of public service, including the judiciary, to ensure performance, accountability and ethical conduct. Elaborate.
- (b) "Integrity is a value that empowers the human being." Justify with a suitable illustration.
- 58.(a) Wisdom lies in knowing what to reckon with and what to overlook. An officer being engrossed with the periphery, ignoring the core issues before him, is no rare in the bureaucracy. Do you agree that such preoccupation of an administrator leads to the travesty of justice to the cause of effective service delivery and good governance? Critically evaluate.
- (b) Apart from intellectual competency and moral qualities, empathy and compassion are some of the other vital attributes that facilitate civil servants to be more competent in tackling crucial issues or taking critical decisions. Explain with suitable illustrations.
- 59.(a) The Rules and Regulations provided to all civil servants are the same, yet there is a difference in the performance. Positive-minded officers are able to interpret the Rules and Regulations in favour of the case and achieve success, whereas negative-minded officers are unable to achieve goals by interpreting the same Rules and Regulations against the case. Discuss with illustrations.
- (b) It is believed that adherence to ethics in human actions would ensure in smooth functioning of an organisation/system. If so, what does ethics seek to promote in human life? How do ethical values assist in the resolution of conflicts faced by him in his day-to-day functioning?
- 60.(a) Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is right to do.' -Potter Stewart.
- (b) "Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it." Dalai Lama.
- 61.(a) What do you understand by the term 'good governance'? How far have recent initiatives in terms of e-Governance steps taken by the State helped the beneficiaries? Discuss with suitable examples.
- (b) Online methodology is being used for day-to-day meetings, institutional approvals in the administration and teaching and learning in the education sector



- to the extent that telemedicine in the health sector is getting popular with the approvals of the competent authority. No doubt, it has advantages and disadvantages for both the beneficiaries and the system at large. Describe and discuss the ethical issues involved in the use of online methods, particularly to vulnerable sections of society.
- 62.(a) Russia and Ukraine war has been going on for over one year. Different countries have taken independent stands and actions keeping in view their national interests. We are all aware that war has an impact on the different aspects of society, including human tragedy. What are those ethical issues that are crucial to be considered while launching the war and its continuation so far? Illustrate with justification the ethical issues involved in the given state of affairs.
- (b) Write short notes on the following in 30 words each:
- Constitutional morality
  - Conflict of interest
  - Probity in public life
  - Challenges of digitalisation
  - Devotion to duty
- 63.(a) Whistleblower, who reports corruption and illegal activities, wrongdoing and misconduct to the concerned authorities, runs the risk of being exposed to grave danger, physical harm and victimisation by the vested interests, accused persons and his team. What policy measures would you suggest to strengthen protection mechanisms to safeguard the whistle-blower?
64. "Ethical claims express nothing more than our own attitudes about a particular act or behaviour. Ethics is inherently subjective." Comment.
- Q65. (a) Human ordeals thrive on ignorance. Understanding a problem with clarity is already halfway towards solving it (Amartya Sen). – Discuss.
- (b) 'What corruption entails and how it can best be combated is contingent on the political culture of a particular country.'- Do you agree? Discuss.
- 66.(a) Information is a basic human right and the fundamental foundation for the formation of democratic institutions. Comment.
- (b) To what extent the concept of environmental ethics can help in combating the menace of climate change?
- 67.(a) 'Emotional Intelligence' as a tool can help individuals to take on the challenges in the 'new normal'. Elucidate.
- (b) A well-defined Citizen's Charter backed by a committed department will not need any other crutch. Discuss.
68. With the advent of social media, journalistic ethics are no longer just for journalists. Discuss.
69. List some of the ethical issues involved in public contracts. How can "Integrity Pact" help address some of these concerns?

70. What do you understand by Corporate governance? Do you agree with the perception that in business, ethics and profit do not go together?
71. What do each of the following quotations mean to you?
- (a) "In matters of conscience, the law of the majority has no place." - M.K. Gandhi.
- (b) "Without strong watchdog institutions, impunity becomes the very foundation upon which systems of corruption are built. And if impunity is not demolished, all efforts to bring an end to corruption are in vain." —Rigoberta Menchú
- 72.(a) "Ethics is the activity of man directed to secure the inner perfection of his personality." In light of this statement, explain how ethics contributes to social and human well-being.
- 72.(b) What is the 'Dual Morality'? Discuss how it appraises the interplay between ethics and politics. To what extent do you think the Indian political system reflects the values of impartiality and neutrality?
- 73.(a) What do you understand by Ethical dilemma? Discuss the principles guiding the resolution of ethical dilemmas in Public Administration with special reference to emotional intelligence.
- (b) The experiences of the vast majority of our people at the grassroots have been that the interface between the public and the administration is unresponsive, inefficient, unsympathetic, and often callous. Highlight the challenges plaguing the Governance and public service delivery system of our country. Also, give suggestions to improve the service delivery system.
- 74.(a) India will become a great nation only if people understand the imperatives of the Constitution and its values. Discuss.
- (b) The cardinal principle of good governance in a civilised society based on the rule of law not only has to be based on transparency and accountability but must create an impression that the decision-making was motivated by the consideration of probity. Discuss.
- 75.(a) The importance of articulating and emphasising values that define and underpin the public service cannot be underscored. How does the citizen charter facilitate this? Discuss the importance of values in public relationships.
- (b) The debate over pregnancy termination is between a woman's right over her body and the foetus's right to life. In this context, highlight the key arguments underlying the debate over abortion rights and the ethical dilemma it presents before policymakers.
- 76.(a) Explain how empathy and tolerance uphold the idea of democracy in modern times. Also, comment on the reappraisals of their absence in society.
- (b) How does attitude influence our behaviour? Discuss the role of attitude towards gender disparity against women in India. Substantiate your views with relevant examples.
- 77.(a) "Businesses cannot be successful when the society around them fails." Analyse.

- (b) The basic issue in international politics is how to reconcile one's interests with the values one professes. Discuss in light of recent examples.
- (c) The governance should always be able to continue with traditions and beliefs of legitimacy, justice and social good. Discuss.
- 78.(a) The foundational role of schooling is not just societal development but equity, gender parity and a host of other consequential shifts in the moral development of individuals and society.
- (b) Indian democracy is rooted in providing power to the people and the importance of 'dharma' in a society.
- 79.(a) Unity and integrity of the country is a core Constitutional value. In light of this statement highlight the importance of civil servants in maintaining the unity and integrity of the country as their prime responsibility.
- (b) In your view, which is the most appropriate way to determine human action as ethical, the quality of the action or the outcome of the action? Explain with suitable examples.
- 80.(a) Explain the concept of Ethical and Cognitive Dissonance. What are the influencing factors and potential causes of Cognitive Dissonance? Suggest some ways in which civil servants can resolve such crises.
- (b) What do you understand by constitutional and social morality? Do they have a conflictual relationship? Explain with appropriate examples.
- 81.(a) What do you understand by 'Bioethics'? What is the significance of bioethics in the medical profession? Discuss any two ethical issues from the viewpoint of bioethics.
- (b) Honesty isn't always the best policy in relationships. Do you think that it is okay to lie than to tell the truth for the greater good? Justify with suitable arguments.
- 82.(a) Ethical corporate governance helps a start-up by building and sustaining a reputation, attracting and retaining talented employees and gaining trust towards its stated objectives. Substantiate. Explain how start-ups can recoup freedom of growth without compromising their ethical responsibilities.
- (b) For judging the quality of a human resource, which personality trait is more important, aptitude or attitude? Explain with reason.
- 83.(a) Discuss how the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita can add value to the system of administrative ethics.
- (b) "Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow men" - Mahatma Gandhi.
- (c) "Between response and stimulus, there is a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom". Examine the statement with suitable examples in the context of a public servant discharging his/her duties.

- 84.(a) In the future, more inclusive approaches to governance will only work if there are frameworks in place that assure very high levels of transparency, accountability, and integrity. Substantiate. Briefly discuss some existing frameworks in India to ensure ethics in public administration.
- (b) Do you think civil servants today need to inculcate a different set of values to shift their reputation from elitism to egalitarianism? What are these values? How can civil servants imbibe these values?
- 85.(a) Explain the need to assimilate ethical values in Indian educational institutions to enable them to act as an effective instrument of inculcating ethical behaviour in society.
- (b) The cardinal principle of good governance in a civilised society based on the rule of law not only has to be based on transparency but must create an impression that the decision-making was motivated by the consideration of probity. Discuss.
- 86.(a) Independence of the judiciary is inextricably linked with judicial ethics. In light of this statement, comment upon the importance of judicial accountability and values in judicial life.
- (b) Examine the issues that exist in the relationship between the political executive and the permanent executive. Give suggestions to address the differences.
- 87.(a) Attributes of good governance must be determined by the nation's vision of the larger social and economic goal and the value system it wants to promote. In this context, discuss the ethical values promoted by India. Do you think India can set the template for 21st-century international relations and the values that guide it?
- (b) Corporate governance is an increasingly important issue in India. Discuss the ethical challenges associated with corporate governance in India. What are the internal and external frameworks to ensure ethical corporate governance in India?
- 88.(a) The practice of social audits is motivated by the conviction that corruption undermines the protection of human rights and disempowers the poor. Elaborate. Highlight the relevance of social audit through a case study.
- (b) What is the difference between a code of ethics and a code of conduct? Discuss the potential of the Digital Media Ethics Code to address ethical issues and bring transparency in the digital realm.
- 89.(a) Good governance and human rights are mutually reinforcing. Substantiate with suitable arguments.
- (b) "While public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring to your own life". Discuss.
- (c) "Right to Information is a small concrete step in making our polity more democratic." Discuss.
90. Ethics and Morality have a reciprocal relationship. Critically Analyse.
91. Compare and contrast Objective and Subjective morality.
92. Means are ends in the making. Explain

93. Define Virtues. Development of virtues is life long process. Critically analyse.
94. Define Attitudes. Why we develop and hold attitudes. Comment
95. Opinion in the absence of evidence is prejudice. Explain
96. Compare and contrast ethical altruism with ethical egoism.
97. What do you understand by the term "Constitutional Identity"?
98. Decentralisation is a prerequisite for accountable and transparent governance. Illustrate
99. What do you understand by the term "Social Audit"? How it plays a role in ethical governance?
100. Define corruption. What are the causal factors for corruption prevalent in India?

**(Section- B)**

1. Strategic balancing of international relations is very important for any country for not only external security but for the internal stability of the country as well. Strategic alliances are seen as an effective way for countries to achieve this goal. Alliances with like-minded countries allow countries to make their voice heard in the global arena.  
However, alliances have their flip side as well, where countries associated with alliance gamble in conflict punching above their weight and thus resulting in global chaos and instability.
  - (a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in India joining the Quad security arrangement?
  - (b) What do you think should be the future of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM)?
2. You are the CEO of Zila Panchayat. There is an ongoing scheme for installing solar lights in your district. Every village is being provided with 10 solar lights to be installed in public places in the village. It aims to improve security and reduce incidents of crime during the night, especially against women. It has come to your notice that instead of installing in public places, the solar lights are installed in the personal homes of Sarpanchs and other influential persons in the village. Also, there are media reports of Gram Sachivs' active involvement in this activity.
  - (a) What are the ethical issues involved?
  - (b) Identify the options available. Write their merits and demerits.
  - (c) What would be your course of action?
3. The Naxalite movement in India is among the longest and most lethal homegrown insurgencies that the world has seen. Over the years, this battle has left many security and local persons dead, along with Naxals. The Naxalites claim to fight for their land rights, forced rehabilitation and capturing of earth resources by private players through the government.  
Naxalism has affected the economic development of hinterland India, and the Red Corridor (Naxalism-affected region) is India's least developed region today. Also, people are denied their democratic rights due to the near absence of

administrative setup in these areas. It is hurting India's image in international relations too.

This problem is largely seen as a law and order problem, and the government has thrust on more security forces into these areas. Although security forces have tackled this menace to a certain extent, there are still some areas where Naxalite strongholds are still present. This is manifested in frequent ambushes of security forces in Naxal areas.

- (a) What are the Ethical issues involved in the above case?
- (b) What are the reasons for the continued Naxal problem in India?
- (c) As an SP of the district with the Naxal problem, what steps will you take to tackle this issue?

4. India is the world's largest democracy. In a democracy, elections provide an opportunity to ascertain the popular will regarding the governance of the country. Election is the act of choosing an individual, usually for holding public office through the free will of the people in a representative democracy. India opted for the universal adult franchise. There were many questions raised about the efficacy of this and how illiterate people will be able to use the vote, which is a rational exercise. There was fear that corrupt practices, along with misuse of money and muscle power would prevail, which would be used to manipulate and sway the popular will in the election. Over the years, this fear has been proven right by an increased number of criminals in politics, the issue of capturing huge amounts of illegal money during the election and the rising cost of elections in India. The growing greed for power has turned a sacrosanct activity into a showcase for power and a festival of corruption.

In one such case of ongoing election in the state assembly, it was found that an EVM used for election is found in the car of one political party's member after the election is over in constituency XYZ. This has raised issues on the rigging of elections and questions on the impartiality of the Election Commission of India. Other parties in the state have taken this issue to social media and demanded re-election in the entire state which is a costly exercise. There are elections scheduled for other states' assemblies next month.

- (a) What are the Ethical issues involved in the above case?
  - (b) Should India reconsider its decision to the universal adult franchise and give voting rights based on some qualifications, which include paying taxes, literacy etc.?
  - (c) What steps would you suggest so that the election again becomes a festival of democracy in spirit and letter?
5. Today is the age of social media. In this age, the question of individual privacy has become the frontrunner. Various social media have declared individual privacy as the centre of their policies and has focussed on end-to-end encryption.

This focus on privacy is sometimes exploited by anti-social elements to arrange propaganda and funds for their activities beyond the eyes of law enforcement agencies. Consequently, there is a tussle between sovereign governments on one hand and social media platforms on the other. For social media platforms, the end user is all that matters and their privacy is of utmost importance. While for the government to perform its sovereign functions some knowledge of people's activities on social media platforms is a must.

- (a) What are the Ethical issues involved in this case?
  - (b) In your opinion what should be focused on- individual privacy or sovereign functions?
  - (c) What do you think should be the main provision of the Government's social media policy?
6. You are the Superintendent of Police (SP) of a district. There are different complaints of corruption and tempering of evidence against an Inspector of Police who is your subordinate. When asked, he initially denies it but in the end, accepts all these charges against him. Also, with evidence he proves that he takes bribes and uses that to support the poor and needy. He gives donations to a local orphanage. Also, he takes bribes only from rich law-breakers who have the money and power to come out clean if a complaint is filed against them. Without registering cases, he helps victims by bringing justice to them outside the law, because the perpetrators use money and muscle power to evade the cases.
- (a) What are the Ethical issues involved in the case?
  - (b) How will you respond to the charges against him? Give arguments supporting your response.
7. You are heading the rescue operations in an area affected by severe natural calamity. Thousands of people are rendered homeless and deprived of food, drinking water and other basic amenities. Rescue work has been disrupted by heavy rainfall and damage to supply routes. The local people are seething with anger against the delayed, limited rescue operations. When your team reaches the affected area, the people there heckle and even assault some of the team members. One of your team members is even severely injured. Faced with this crisis, some team members plead with you to call off the operations fearing threats to their life.

In such trying circumstances, what will be your response? Examine the qualities of a public servant who will be required to manage the situation.

8. Honesty and uprightness are the hallmarks of a civil servant. Civil servants possessing these qualities are considered the backbone of any strong organisation. In the line of duty, they take various decisions, at times, some become bonafide mistakes. As long as such decisions are not taken intentionally and do not benefit personally, the officer cannot be said to be guilty. However,

such decisions may, at times, lead to unforeseen adverse consequences in the long term.

In the recent past, a few instances have surfaced wherein civil servants have been implicated for bonafide mistakes. They have often been prosecuted and even imprisoned. The instances have greatly rattled the moral fibre of the civil servants. How does this trend affect the functioning of the civil services? What measures can be taken to ensure that honest civil servants are not implicated for the bonafide mistakes on their part? Justify your answer.

9. An apparel manufacturing company having a large number of women employees was losing sales due to various factors. The company hired a reputed marketing executive, who increased the volume of sales within a short period. However, some unconfirmed reports came up regarding his indulgence in sexual harassment at the workplace.

After some time, a woman employee launched a formal complaint to the management against the marketing executive for sexually harassing her. Faced with the company's indifference in not taking cognisance of her grievances, she lodged an FIR with the police.

Realising the sensitivity and gravity of the situation, the company called the woman employee to negotiate. In that, she was offered a hefty sum of money to withdraw the complaint and the FIR and also to give in writing that the marketing executive was not involved in the case.

Identify the ethical issues involved in this case. What options are available to the woman employee?

10. In a modern democratic polity, there is a concept of the political executive and permanent executive. Elected people's representatives form the political executive, and bureaucracy forms the permanent executive. Ministers frame policy decisions, and bureaucrats execute these. In the initial decades after independence, the relationship between the permanent executive and the political executive was characterised by mutual understanding, respect and cooperation, without encroaching upon each other's domain.

However, in the subsequent decades, the situation has changed. There are instances of the political executive insisting upon the permanent executive to follow its agenda. Respect for and appreciation of upright bureaucrats has declined. There is an increasing tendency among the political executive to get involved in routine administrative matters such as transfers, posting etc. Under this scenario, there is a definitive trend towards the 'politicisation of bureaucracy'. The rising materialism and acquisitiveness in social life have also adversely impacted the ethical values of both the permanent executive and the political executive.

What are the consequences of this 'politicisation of bureaucracy'? Discuss.



11. In one of the districts of a frontier state, the narcotics menace has been rampant. This has resulted in money laundering, mushrooming of poppy farming, arms smuggling and near stalling of education. The system is on the verge of collapse. The situation has been further worsened by unconfirmed reports that local politicians, as well as some senior police officers, are providing surreptitious patronage to the drug mafia. Then a woman police officer, known for her skills in handling such situations, is appointed as superintendent of police to bring the situation to normalcy.

If you are the same police officer, identify the various dimensions of the crisis. Based on your understanding, suggest measures to deal with the crisis.

12. In recent times, there has been an increasing concern in India to develop effective civil service ethics, code of conduct, transparency measures, ethics and integrity systems and anti-corruption agencies. Given this, there is a need being felt to focus on three specific areas which are directly relevant to the problems of internalising integrity and ethics in the civil services. These are as follows:
- Anticipating specific threats to ethical standards and integrity in the civil services,
  - Strengthening the ethical competence of civil servants and
  - Developing administrative processes and practices which promote ethical values and integrity in civil services.

Suggest institutional measures to address the above three issues.

13. Rakesh is a responsible district-level officer who enjoys the trust of his higher officials. Knowing his honesty, the government entrusted him with the responsibility of identifying the beneficiaries under a healthcare scheme meant for senior citizens.

The criteria to be a beneficiary are the following:

- (a) 60 years of age or above.
- (b) Belonging to a reserved community.
- (c) Family income of less than 1 Lakh rupees per annum.
- (d) Post-treatment prognosis is likely to be high to make a positive difference to the quality of life of the beneficiary.

One day, an old couple visited Rakesh's office with their application. They have been the residents of a village in his district since their birth. The old man is diagnosed with a rare condition that obstructs the large intestine. As a consequence, he has severe abdominal pain frequently that prevents him from doing any physical labour. The couple has no children to support them. The expert surgeon whom they contacted is willing to do the surgery without charging any fee. However, the couple will have to bear the cost of incidental charges, such as medicines, hospitalisation, etc., to the tune of one lakh rupees. The couple fulfils all the criteria except criterion 'b'. However, any financial aid would certainly make a significant difference in their quality of life.

How should Rakesh respond to the situation?

14. As a senior officer in the Ministry, you have access to important policy decisions and upcoming big announcements such as road construction projects, before they are notified in the public domain. The Ministry is about to announce a mega road project for which the drawings are already in place. Sufficient care was taken by the planners to make use of the government land with the minimum land acquisition from private parties. The compensation rate for private parties was also finalised as per government rules. Care was also taken to minimise deforestation. Once the project is announced, it is expected that there will be a huge spurt in real estate prices in and around that area.

Meanwhile, the Minister concerned insists that you realign the road in such a way that it comes closer to his 20 acres of farmhouse. He also suggests that he would facilitate the purchase of a big plot of land in your wife's name at the prevailing rate, which is very nominal, in and around the proposed mega-road project. He also tries to convince you by saying that there is no harm in it as he is buying the land legally. He even promises to supplement your savings in case you do not have sufficient funds to buy the land. However, by the act of realignment, a lot of agricultural land has to be acquired, thereby causing a considerable financial burden on the government and also the displacement of the farmers. As if this is not enough, it will involve cutting down a large number of trees, denuding the area of its green cover.

Faced with this situation, what will you do? Critically examine various conflicts of interest and explain what your responsibilities are as a public servant.

15. It is a State where liquor prohibition is in force. You are recently appointed as the Superintendent of Police of a district notorious for the illicit distillation of liquor. Illicit liquor leads to many deaths, reported and unreported, and causes a major problem for the district authorities.

The approach till now had been to view it as a law and order problem and tackle it accordingly. Raids, arrests, police cases, and criminal trials – all these had only limited impact. The problem remains as serious as ever.

Your inspections show that the parts of the district where the distillation flourishes are economically, industrially and educationally backward. Agriculture is badly affected by poor irrigation facilities. Frequent clashes among communities gave a boost to illicit distillation. No major initiatives had taken place in the past either from the government's side or from social organisations to improve the lot of the people.

Which new approach will you adopt to bring the problem under control?

16. A big corporate house is engaged in manufacturing industrial chemicals on a large scale. It proposes to set upon the additional unit. Many states rejected its proposal due to its detrimental effect on the environment. But one state government

acceded to the request and permitted the unit close to a city, brushing aside all opposition.

The unit was set up 10 years ago and was in full swing till recently. The pollution caused by the industrial effluents was affecting the land, water and crops in the area. It was also causing serious health problems for human beings and animals. This gave rise to a series of agitation thousands of people took part, creating a law and order problem necessitating stern police action. Following the public outcry, the State government ordered the closure of the factory.

The closure of the factory resulted in the unemployment of not only those workers who were engaged in the factory but also those who were working in the ancillary units. It also very badly affected that industry which depended on the chemicals manufactured by it.

As a senior officer entrusted with the responsibility of handling this issue, how are you going to address it?

17. Dr X is a leading medical practitioner in the city. He has set up a charitable trust through which he plans to establish a super-speciality hospital in the city to cater to the medical needs of all sections of society. Incidentally, that part of the State had been neglected over the years. The proposed hospital would be a boon for the region.

You are heading the tax investigation agency of that region. During an inspection of the doctor's clinic, your officers found some major irregularities. A few of them are substantial which had resulted in considerable withholding of tax that should be paid by him now. The doctor is cooperative. He undertakes to pay the tax immediately.

However, there are certain other deficiencies in his tax compliance which are purely technical in nature. If these technical defaults are pursued by the agency, considerable time and energy of the doctor will be diverted to issues which are not so serious, urgent or even helpful to the tax collection process. Further, in all probability, it will hamper the prospects of the hospital coming up.

There are two options before you:

- 1) Taking a broader view, ensure substantial tax compliance and ignore defaults that are merely technical in nature.
- 2) Pursue the matter strictly and proceed on all fronts, whether substantial or merely technical.

As the head of the tax agency, which course of action will you opt for and why?

18. Edward Snowden, a computer expert and former CIA administrator, released confidential Government documents to the press about the existence of Government surveillance programmes. According to many legal experts and the US Government, his action violated the Espionage Act of 1971, which identified the leak of State secrets as an act of treason. Yet, even though he broke the law,

Snowden argued that he had a moral obligation to act. He gave a justification for his “whistle blowing” by stating that he had a duty “to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them.”

According to Snowden, the Government’s violation of privacy had to be exposed regardless of legality since more substantive issues of social action and public morality were involved here. Many agreed with Snowden. Few argued that he broke the law and compromised national security, for which he should be held accountable.

Do you agree that Snowden’s actions were ethically justified even if legally prohibited? Why or why not? Make an argument by weighing the competing values in this case

19. As the whole world is fighting covid-19 pandemic, India has produced 2 vaccines, Covashield and Covaxin, which are made after tremendous research. These 2 vaccines have been approved by the top health body of India after analysing their efficacy and any adverse effect. The government of India has strategised its vaccine programme and has started immunising its citizens. To handle the cases of adverse reactions of vaccines to people, proper standard operating procedures have been formed and are being implemented by vaccine centres. Union Ministry of Health has launched a Mega awareness campaign for covid-19 vaccination drive and urged people to make it into a mass campaign so that more and more people can get the vaccine in the coming months.

However, it is found that the turnout of people for vaccination is low and it has resulted in vaccine wastage and hampering the process of halting covid-19 spread in India. On enquiry about why people are not turning out for vaccination, it is found that people are being misled about the efficacy and side effects of vaccines, like it will make you impotent or result in death.

Some politicians also raised questions about vaccine efficacy and side effect and also claimed that they would not take the vaccine. Although some incidents of mild reactions to people happened after taking the vaccine they were handled properly by the team of the health department at the vaccine centre. Suppose you are a chief medical officer in charge of vaccination in one such district where the turnout of people for vaccination is low and rumours about its efficacy and the side effect is on the rise.

Find out the ethical issues involved in this case and what strategy you will adopt to handle this.

20. Contagious disease spread in the world in the month of November 2019. To control the spread of disease government announced a public lockdown and measures of physical distance and hygiene norms. Due to the lockdown, Companies went into shutdown, and only a few can manage to go online and ask

their employees to work from home. Many people lost their livelihoods and but the major impact is on informal sector workers.

Because women in India are mainly employed in the informal sector, they felt a more disproportionate impact of the lockdown. Along with this economic hardship they faced issues of emotional, mental and physical violence during lockdown. Due to the lockdown and the norm of physical distancing, women could no longer visit their parent's home or their neighbours. Due to all these factors, cases of domestic violence, suicide and killing of women have increased. The burden on police has also increased during lockdown, so they too are busy in lockdown.

- (a) Identify ethical issues involved in the above case.  
(b) Suppose you are posted as a district collector in one such district of India where this is happening; what will be your response to the above situation?

21. There is a general rise in alcohol consumption in the country. Alcohol consumption creates not only health issues for the person consuming but also threatens the overall family relations, thus creating problems for other family members. For poor persons, this can create a situation of life or death for the whole family. Considering this, some states have banned the sale and consumption of alcoholic local beverages within their jurisdiction. The banning of local beverages has created an economic crisis for several tribal groups involved in their production. Also, there is a cultural practice of consuming local beverages on certain occasions. Thus, the ban on this has caused tensions in society. Also, there are intelligence inputs of mass protests being sponsored by the 'Daru Mafias' in the state. There are chances of law and order going to be challenged during these protests.

Suppose you are the SP of the district which is prone to such protests.

- (a) What are the options available to you?  
(b) What will be your course of action to manage the situation?
22. The world has entered the 4th industrial Revolution, which is led by technology like AI, machine learning etc. The government of India is also curious about leveraging this technology for economic development and the welfare of the people. However, as many experts pointed out, the use of AI and various technology will deprive huge employment opportunities in traditional industries. There is a report from NSSO regarding a huge increase in the unemployment rate in the country. There is also a huge skill gap along with diminishing employment opportunities in the government sector. Recently GOI and NITI Aayog have been doing seminars and R& D at a faster pace to incorporate technology-centric governance and infrastructure. People across the state are protesting for employment.

Suppose you are chief secretary of state and a similar type of protest is emerging in your state. There is also an allegation that certain interest group is utilising the opportunity to make the protest violent.

- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas involved in the above case?
- (b) Suggest the steps needed to be taken in the short and long term?
23. There is a renewed focus of the government on the industrialisation of economically backward areas of the country. In line with this government has given clearance for setting up a cement plant in the village of Mahua. Lands from farmers of nearby villages are acquired by the government for this. Farmers of the village are protesting against this project for insufficient and delayed compensation as well as they argued that a copy of the environmental clearance granted to the company was not made available in the public domain so they could not file a petition within the time frame. Now farmers' protest has turned violent, in which many people have been injured. The construction company is pushing for an early resolution of the problem, saying that further delay in construction will lead to time and cost over-run. They also argue that the plant will provide a boost to the local economy and infrastructure construction.
- (a) Suppose you are a district collector of the area. What steps will you take to handle the situation?
- (b) What do you think are the reasons for the neglect of public hearings during the process of environmental clearance in India?
24. The RTI Act aims to empower Indian citizens to seek information from public authorities and thus, in turn, makes the administration more accountable and responsible. It is viewed as a powerful beacon that lit the unlit corner of the working of the government. However, it has faced resistance because of bureaucratic apathy and inertia. Government functionaries are treating it as an unnecessary burden and the public sees it as another extension of layering of bureaucratic work.

This has led to implementation issues and questions have also been raised about the effectiveness of the act in achieving its desired objectives. Apart from this, certain issues related to the people seeking information like their intention or aims of seeking information have also been raised from time to time.

In light of these challenges in the implementation of the RTI Act answer the following questions-

- (a) Discuss the importance of the Right to Information for ensuring the Accountability of the government and its functionaries?
- (b) Explain the challenges that the implementation of the RTI Act has faced?
- (c) Suggest the ways to improve the effectiveness of the RTI Act that help in achieving this Act's intended objectives?

25. You are the director of the social welfare department. Your department runs several shelter homes for children, reform homes, etc. for the homeless and orphans. It has been brought to your notice that in one of the shelter homes, there has been a possible case of sexual exploitation of a girl child. The person alleged of the crime is related to a senior minister in the government and is known as a major philanthropist in the public. You are also aware that sometimes, children who want to escape shelter homes often make up stories to get out of the shelter home. You are in a fix, as taking any action against the person alleged of the crime will lead to embarrassment for the government and may lead to you being penalised for it. On the other hand, not taking any action on this issue may avoid the political turmoil that comes with this case. You are due to retire in two months.
- (a) Are there any ethical dilemmas involved in this case?  
(b) What would you do in such a situation? Justify your actions.
26. You are the Head of the Department at a Central University. Candidates are eager to work under you because of your inclusive and compassionate way of handling things. Raj is a blind candidate and has been pursuing his PhD under your supervision for the last 3 years. You have seen him working consistently, very hard and sincerely. He belongs to an economically deprived background and has already exhausted all his resources in this pursuit. You want Raj to complete his PhD on time and help him find a good job. He has recently submitted his final thesis after 3 years of coursework. You are known to be strict as far as the rules of the University and the quality of research work are concerned. While reviewing the thesis, you notice that a significant part of the final thesis has been plagiarised, well above the permissible limit. This is against the policies and rules of the University. If the external evaluators recognise the duplication in the thesis with any other existing body of work, then it can also affect your reputation.
- (a) Indicate the values in conflict in this case.  
(b) Evaluate the various options available to you and suggest how you would respond to this situation, giving reasons.
27. Ravi is a well-known environmental activist of one of the most famous international NGOs. He is 35 Years old and has garnered a lot of support for his activities and suggestions from many other professionals, institutions, and private firms. He is a shower lover and loves to have a shower 3 times a day at least. Obviously, he uses quite a lot of water as compared to those who shower just once a day. For 30 years, he has been continuing with the same routine. Ravi is trying to have an environment-friendly lifestyle but has not given a thought about his shower routine. In the year 2018, because of the success of a large project on saving water Ravi was nominated as "a person who contributed to energy saving of a year" and was given a cash prize of Rs 10 Lakhs and a memento.

- You are a friend of Ravi and an environmentalist who has done as good as him. You feel others deserve this nomination, but at the same time, you are in a dilemma. What options do you have with you?
- (a) Out of the options mentioned by you, which step would you like to adhere to and for what reason?
- (b) What moral crisis could be seen in the case?
28. A very renowned corporate entity in India was in the news for bad reasons. The corporate house that the entity was running, had managed some letters of undertaking from one of the branches of the banks for overseas credit from other lenders. The entity had aspired for expansion. Mr X is posted as a zonal manager of the bank, which has issued a Letter of Undertaking. He often remains very busy with the work and signs any file that is cleared by his juniors with a presentation of a few minutes. The letter of undertaking to the corporate entity was given on some relaxed terms and conditions so that the bank could also get benefits from the corporate entities' deal. Mr Y is junior in position to Mr X and is involved in the deal-making. He has told Mr X only the points which showed a bright picture of the corporate and the bank. The corporate entity failed to return money to the creditors, and the bank got trapped, as it gave the assurance.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the case?
- (b) You are friends with Mr Y and are in full knowledge of the deal, hidden or unhidden. You are an ardent deontologist. What all options are available to you? Which option would you choose and why?
- (c) Suggest some innovative ways to avoid such a problem to occur in the future.
29. You are a Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture. Your Minister has proposed a fixed annual grant to farmers which is expected to cost the public exchequer heavily. Having already taken the decision, he asks you to come up with research to support the scheme. After a lot of effort, you find that the socio-economic benefit of the scheme is reaching only large farmers due to many intricacies in the selection of beneficiaries. You approach the Minister with relevant facts and ask him to plug the gaps in the proposed scheme so that small and marginal farmers can benefit from this decision. However, he asks you to suppress the drawbacks and actively promote the scheme through mass media as the electoral benefits of such a scheme are huge. Elections are due in less than 3 months, and the political party currently in power is expected to return with a majority. Your promotion is also due around the same time. As a secretary, you are expected to fully support and cooperate with the ministers' decisions, and make the scheme a success, despite all the drawbacks in the scheme.



- (a) Mention the different stakeholders in the above situation and also highlight their prospective interests.
- (b) What are the ethical dilemmas faced by you in this situation?
- (c) Evaluate all the options available to you and suggest the best course of action, giving reasons for it.
30. You are an honest and responsible civil servant. You often observe the following:
- (a) There is a general perception that by adhering to ethical conduct one may face difficulties oneself and cause problems for the family, whereas unfair practices may help to reach the career goals.
- (b) When the number of people adopting unfair means is large, a small minority having a penchant towards ethical means makes no difference.
- (c) Sticking to ethical means is detrimental to the larger developmental goals
- (d) While one may not involve oneself in large unethical practices, giving and accepting small gifts makes the system more efficient.

Examine the above statements with their merits and demerits.

31. You are aspiring to become an IAS officer and you have cleared various stages and now you have been selected for the personal interview. On the day of the interview, on the way to the venue, you saw an accident where a mother and child who happen to be your relatives were badly injured. They needed immediate help. What would you have done in such a situation? Justify your action.
32. You are the head of the Human Resources department of an organisation. One day one of the workers died on duty. His family was demanding compensation. However, the company denied compensation because it was revealed in the investigation that he was drunk at the time of the accident. The workers of the company went to strike demanding compensation for the family of the deceased. The Chairman of the management board has asked for your recommendation.

What recommendation would you provide the management?

Discuss the merits and demerits of each of the recommendations.

33. You are the manager of a spare parts company A and you have to negotiate a deal with the manager of a large manufacturing company B. The deal is highly competitive and sealing the deal is critical for your company. The deal is being worked out over dinner. After dinner, the manager of manufacturing company B offered to drop you at the hotel in his car. On the way to the hotel, he happens to hit a motorcycle, injuring the motorcyclist badly. You know the manager was driving fast and thus lost control. The law enforcement officer comes to investigate the issue and you are the sole eyewitness to it. Knowing the strict laws about road accidents you are aware that your honest account of the incident would lead to the prosecution of the manager, and as a consequence the deal is likely to be jeopardised, which is of immense importance to your company.

What are the dilemmas you face? What will be your response to the situation?

34. A building permitted for three floors, while being extended illegally to 6 floors by a builder, collapses. As a consequence, several innocent labourers including women and children died. These labourers are migrants from different places. The government immediately announced cash relief to the aggrieved families and arrested the builder.

Give reasons for such incidents taking place across the country. Suggest measures to prevent their occurrence.

35. You are a Public Information Officer (PIO) in a government department. You are aware that the RTI Act 2005 envisages transparency and accountability in administration. The act has functioned as a check on the supposedly arbitrary administrative behaviour and actions. However, as a PIO, you have observed that there are citizens who filed RTI applications not for themselves but on behalf of such stakeholders who purportedly want to have access to information to further their interests. At the same time, there are these RTI activists who routinely file RTI applications and attempt to extort money from the decision-makers. This type of RTI activism has affected the functioning of the administration adversely and also possibly jeopardises the genuineness of the applications, which are essentially aimed at getting justice.

What measures would you suggest to separate genuine and non-genuine applications? Give merits and demerits of your suggestions.

36. Rajesh Kumar is a senior public servant with a reputation of honesty and forthrightness, currently posted in the Finance Ministry as Head of the Budget Division. His department is presently busy organising budgetary support to the states, four of which are due to go to the polls within the financial year.

This year's annual budget allotted 78300 crores for the National Housing Scheme (NHS), a centrally sponsored social housing scheme for the weaker sections of society. 775 crores have been drawn for NHS till June.

The Ministry of Commerce had long been pursuing a case for setting up a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in a southern state to boost exports. After two years of detailed discussions between the centre and the state, the Union Cabinet approved the project in August. The process was initiated to acquire the necessary land.

Eighteen months ago, a leading Public Sector Unit (PSU) had projected the need for setting up a large natural gas processing plant in a northern state for the regional gas grid. The required land is already in possession of the PSU. The gas grid is an essential component of the national energy security strategy. After three rounds of global bidding the project was allotted to an MNC, M/s XYZ Hydrocarbons. The first tranche of payments to the MNC is scheduled to be made in December.

Finance Ministry was asked for a timely allocation of an additional 6000 crores for these two developmental projects. It was decided to recommend the re-appropriation of this entire amount from the NHS allocation. The file was forwarded to Budget Department for their comments and further processing. On studying the case file, Rajesh Kumar realised that this re-appropriation might cause an inordinate delay in the execution of NHS, a project much publicised in the rallies of senior politicians. Correspondingly, the non-availability of finances would cause a financial loss in the SEZ and national embarrassment due to delayed payment in an international project.

Rajesh Kumar discussed the matter with his seniors. He was conveyed that this politically sensitive situation needed to be processed immediately. Rajesh Kumar realised the diversion of funds from NHS could raise difficult questions for the government in the Parliament.

Discuss the following with reference to this case:

Ethical issues involved in the re-appropriation of funds from a welfare project to a developmental project.

Given the need for proper utilisation of public funds, discuss the options available to Rajesh Kumar. Is resigning a worthy option?

37. The Chairman of Bharat Missiles Ltd (BML) was watching a program on TV wherein the Prime Minister was addressing the nation on the necessity of developing a self-reliant India. He subconsciously nodded in agreement and smiled to himself as he mentally reviewed BML's journey in the past two decades. BML had admirably progressed from producing first-generation anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs) to designing and producing state-of-the-art ATGM weapon systems that would be the envy of any army. He sighed in reconciliation with his assumptions that the government would probably not alter the status quo of a ban on the export of military weaponry.

To his surprise, the very next day, he got a telephone call from the Director General, Ministry of Defence, asking him to discuss the modalities of increasing BML production of ATGMs as there is a possibility of exporting the same to a friendly foreign country. The Director General wanted the Chairman to discuss the details with his staff in Delhi next week.

Two days later, at a press conference, the Defence Minister stated that he aims to double the current weapons export levels within five years. This would give an impetus to financing the development and manufacture of indigenous weapons in the country. He also stated that all indigenous arms manufacturing nations have a very good record of the international arms trade. As Chairman of BML, what are your views on the following points?

As an arms exporter of a responsible nation like India, what are the ethical issues involved in arms trade?

List five ethical factors that would influence the decision to sell arms to foreign governments.

38. Rampura, a remote district inhabited by a tribal population, is marked by extreme backwardness and abject poverty. Agriculture is the mainstay of the local population, though it is primarily subsistence due to the very small land holdings. There is insignificant industrial or mining activity. Even the targeted welfare programs have inadequately benefited the tribal population. In this restrictive scenario, the youth has begun to migrate to other states to supplement the family income. The plight of minor girls is that their parents are persuaded by labour contractors to send them to work in the Bt Cotton farms of a nearby state. The soft fingers of the minor girls are well suited for plucking the cotton. The inadequate living and working conditions in these farms have caused serious health issues for the minor girls. NGOs in the districts of domicile and the cotton farms appear to be compromised and have not effectively espoused the twin issues of child labour and development of the area.

You are appointed as the District Collector of Rampura. Identify the ethical issues involved. Which specific steps will you initiate to ameliorate the conditions of minor girls in your district and to improve the overall economic scenario in the district?

40. Parmal is a small but underdeveloped district. It has rocky terrain that is not suitable for agriculture, though some subsistence agriculture is being done on small plots of land. The area receives adequate rainfall and has an irrigation canal flowing through it. Amria, its administrative centre, is a medium-sized town. It houses a large district hospital, an Industrial Training Institute and some privately owned skill training centres. It has all the facilities of a district headquarters. A trunk railway line passes approximately 50 kilometres from Amria. Its poor connectivity is a major reason for the absence of any major industry therein. The state government offers a 10 years tax holiday as an incentive to new industries. In 2010 Anil, an industrialist, decided to take benefits to set up Amria Plastic Works (APW) in Noora village, about 20 km from Amria. While the factory was being built, Anil hired the required key labour and got them trained at the skill training centres at Amria. This act of his made the key personnel very loyal to APW. APW started production in 2011 with the labour drawn fully from Noora village. The villagers were very happy to get employment near their homes and were motivated by the key personnel to meet the production targets with high quality. APW started making large profits, a sizeable portion of which was used to improve the quality of life in Noora. By 2016, Noora could boast of a greener village and a renovated village temple. Anil liaised with the local MLA to increase the frequency of the bus services to Amria. The government also opened a primary health care centre and primary school at Noora in buildings constructed by APW. APW used

its CSR funds to set up women's self-help groups, subsidise primary education for the village children and procure an ambulance for use by its employees and the needy.

In 2019, there was a minor fire in APW. It was quickly extinguished as fire safety protocols were in place in the factory. Investigations revealed that the factory had been using electricity over its authorised capacity. This was soon rectified. The next year, due to a nationwide lockdown, the requirement for production fell for four months. Anil decided that all employees would be paid regularly. He employed them to plant trees and improve the village habitat. APW has developed a reputation for high-quality production and a motivated workforce.

Critically analyse the story of APW and state the ethical issues involved. Do you consider APW a role model for the development of backward areas? Give reasons.

42. Sunil is a young civil servant and has a reputation for his competence, integrity, dedication and relentless pursuit of difficult and onerous jobs. Considering his profile, he was picked up by his bosses to handle a very challenging and sensitive assignment. He was posted in a tribal-dominated district notorious for illegal sand mining. Excavating sand from river belts and transporting it through trucks and selling them in the black market was rampant. This illegal sand mining mafia was operating with the support of local functionaries and tribal musclemen who in turn, were bribing selected poor tribals and had kept the tribals under fear and intimidation.

Sunil being a sharp and energetic officer immediately grasped the ground realities and the modus operandi followed by the mafia through their devious and dubious mechanism. On making inquiries, he gathered that some of their office employees are in hand and gloves with them and have developed close unholy nexus. Sunil initiated stringent action against them and started conducting raids on their illegal operations of the movement of trucks filled with sand. The mafia got rattled as not many officers in the past had taken such steps against the mafia. Some of the office employees who were allegedly close to the mafia informed them that the officer was determined to clean up the mafia's illegal sand mining operations in the district and may cause them irreparable damage.

The mafia turned hostile and launched a counter-offensive. The tribal musclemen and mafia started threatening him with dire consequences. His family (wife and old mother) were stalked and were under virtual surveillance and thus causing mental torture, agony and stress to all of them. The matter assumed serious proportions when a musclemen came to his office and threatened him to stop raids, etc. Otherwise, his fate will not be different from some of his predecessors (ten years back, one officer was killed by the mafia).

- a) Identify the different options available to Sunil in attending to this situation.
- b) Critically evaluate each of the options listed by you.

- c) Which of the above, do you think, would be the most appropriate for Sunil to adopt and why?
43. You are the Vice Principal of a degree college in one of the middle-class towns. The Principal has recently retired, and management is looking for his replacement. There are also feelers that the management may promote you as Principal. In the meantime, during the annual examination, the flying squad came from the university and caught two red-handed students involved in unfair means. A senior lecturer of the college was personally helping these students in this act. This senior lecturer also happens to be close to the management. One of the students was the son of a local politician who was responsible for getting the college affiliated with the present reputed university. The second student was the son of a local businessman who had donated maximum funds for running the college. You immediately informed the management regarding this unfortunate incident. The management told you to resolve the issue with the flying squad at any cost. They further said that such incidents would not only tarnish the image of the college but also that politicians and businessmen are very important personalities for the functioning of the college. You were also given a hint that your further promotion to Principal depends on your capability to resolve this issue with the flying squad. In the meantime, you were intimidated by your administrative officer that certain members of the student union are protesting outside the college gate against the senior lecturer and the students involved in this incident and demanding strict action against defaulters.
- a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- b) Critically examine the options available to you as Vice Principal. What option will you adopt and why?
46. A Reputed food product company based in India developed a food product for the international market and started exporting the same after getting the necessary approvals. The company announced this achievement and also indicated that soon the product will be made available for domestic consumers with almost sane quality and health benefits. Accordingly, the company got its product approved by a competent domestic authority and launched the product in the Indian market. The company could increase its market share over a period of time and earn substantial profit both domestically and internationally. However, the random sample test conducted by the inspecting team found the product being sold domestically at variance with the approval obtained from the competent authority. On further investigation, it was also discovered that the food company was not only selling products which were not meeting the health standard of the country but also selling the rejected export products in the domestic market. This episode adversely affected the reputation and profitability of the food company.

- a) What action do you visualise should be taken by the competent authority against the food company for violating the laid down domestic food standard and selling rejected export products in the domestic market?
- b) What course of action is available with the food company to resolve the crisis and bring back its lost reputation?
- c) Examine the ethical dilemma involved in the case.
47. Pawan has been working as an officer in the State Government for the last ten years. As a part of a routine transfer, he was posted to another department. He joined a new office along with five other colleagues. The head of the office was a senior officer conversant with the functioning of the office. As a part of the general inquiry, Pawan gathered that his senior officer carries the reputation of being a difficult and insensitive person having his own disturbed family life. Initially, all seemed to go well. However, after some time, Pawan felt that the senior officer was belittling him and, at times, unreasonable. Whatever suggestions given or views expressed by Pawan in the meetings were summarily rejected and the senior officer would express displeasure in the presence of others. It became a pattern of the boss's style of functioning to show him in bad light, highlighting his shortcomings and humiliating him publicly. It became apparent that though there were no serious work-related problems/shortcomings, the senior officer was always on one pretext or the other and would scold and shout at him. The continuous harassment and public criticism of Pawan resulted in the loss of confidence, self-esteem and equanimity. Pawan realised that his relations with his senior officer were becoming more toxic and due to this, he felt perpetually tensed, anxious and stressed. His mind was occupied with negativity, which caused him mental torture, anguish and agony. Eventually, it badly affected his personal and family life. He was no longer joyous, happy and contented event home. Rather without any reason, he would lose his temper with his wife and other family members. The family environment was no longer pleasant and congenial. His wife who was always supportive of him also became a victim of his negativity and hostile behaviour. Due to harassment and humiliation suffered by him in the office, comfort and happiness virtually vanished from his life. Thus, it damaged his physical and mental health.
- a) What are the options available to Pawan to cope with the situation?
- b) What approach should Pawan adopt to bring peace, tranquillity and a congenial environment in the office and home?
- c) As an outsider, what are your Suggestions for both boss and subordinate to overcome this situation and for improving work performance, and mental and emotional hygiene?
- d) In the above scenario, what type of training would you suggest at various levels in the government offices?

48. Prabhat was working as Vice President (Marketing) at Sterling Electric Ltd., a reputed multinational company. But presently the company was passing through difficult times as the sales were continuously showing a downward trend in the last two quarters. His division, which hitherto had been a major revenue contributor to the company's financial health, was now desperately trying to procure some big government order for them. But their best efforts did not yield any positive success or breakthrough.

His was a professional company, and his local bosses were under pressure from their London-based HO to show some positive results. In the last performance review meeting taken by the Executive Director (India Head), he was reprimanded for his poor performance. He assured them that his division is working on a special contract from the Ministry of Defence for a secret installation near Gwalior and the tender is being submitted shortly.

He was under extreme pressure, and he was deeply perturbed. What aggravated the situation further was a warning from the top that if the deal is not clinched in favour of the company, his division might have to be closed and he may have to quit his lucrative job.

There was another dimension which was causing him deep mental torture and agony. This pertained to his precarious financial health. He was a single earner in the family with two school-college-going children and his old ailing mother. The heavy expenditure on education and medical was causing a big strain on his monthly pay packet. Regular EMI for housing loans taken from banks is unavoidable and any default would render him liable for severe legal action.

Against the above backdrop, he was hoping for some miracle to happen. There was a sudden turn of events. His secretary informed him that a gentleman Subhas Verma wanted to see him as he was interested in the position of Manager, which was to be filled by him in the company. He further brought to his notice that his CV has been received through the office of the Minister of Defence.

During the interview of the candidate-Subhash Verma, he found him technically sound, resourceful and experienced marketer. He seemed to be well-conversant with tendering procedures and had the knack of follow-up and liaising in this regard Prabhat felt that he was a better choice than the rest of the candidates who were recently interviewed by him in the last few days.

Subhash Verma also indicated that he was in possession of the copies of the bid documents that Unique Electronics Ltd. would be submitting the next day to the Defence Ministry for their tender. He offered to hand over those documents subject to his employment in the company on suitable terms and conditions. He made it clear that in the process, Sterling Electric Ltd. could outbid their rival company and get the bid and hefty Defence Ministry order. He indicated that it would be a win-win situation for both him and the company.



Prabhat was stunned. It was a mixed feeling of shock and thrill. He was uncomfortable and perspiring. If accepted, all his problems would vanish instantly, and he may be rewarded for securing the much-awaited tender and thereby boosting the company's sales and financial health. He was in a fix as to the future course of action. He was wonder-struck at the guts of Subhash Verma in having surreptitiously removed his company papers and offered to the rival company for a job. Being an experienced person, he was examining the pros and cons of the proposal/situation, and he asked him to come the next day.

- (a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- (b) Critically examine the options available to Prabhat in the above situation.
- (c) Which of the above would be the most appropriate for Prabhat and why?
49. Ramesh is a State Civil Services Officer who got the opportunity of getting posted to the capital of a border State after rendering 20 years of service. Ramesh's mother has recently been detected with cancer and has been admitted to the leading cancer hospital in the city. His two adolescent children have also got admission to one of the best public schools in the town. After settling down in his appointment as Director in the Home Department of the State, Ramesh got a confidential report through intelligence sources that illegal migrants were infiltrating the State from a neighbouring country. He decided to personally carry out a surprise check of the border posts along with his Home Department team. To his surprise, he caught red-handed two families of 12 members infiltrated with the connivance of the security personnel at the border posts. On further inquiry and investigation, it was found that after the migrants from neighbouring countries infiltrate, their documentation like Aadhaar Card, Ration Card and Voter Card are also forged, and they are made to settle down in a particular area of the State. Ramesh prepared the detailed and comprehensive report and submitted it to the Additional Secretary of the State. However, he has summoned by the Additional Home Secretary after a week and was instructed to withdraw the report. The Additional Home Secretary informed Ramesh that the report submitted by him had not been appreciated by the higher authorities. He further cautioned him that if he fails to withdraw the confidential report, he will not only be posted out from the prestigious appointment from the State capital, but his further promotion, which is due shortly, will also get in jeopardy.
- (a) What are the options available to Ramesh as the Director of the Home Department of the bordering State?
- (b) What option should Ramesh adopt and why?
- (c) Critically evaluate each of the options.
- (d) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Ramesh?
- (e) What policy measures would you suggest to combat the menace of infiltration of illegal migrants from the neighbouring country?

50. The Supreme Court has banned mining in the Aravalli Hills to stop the degradation of the forest cover and to maintain ecological balance. However, stone mining is still prevalent in the border district of the affected State with the connivance of certain corrupt forest officials and politicians. A young and dynamic SP who was recently posted in the affected district promised to himself to stop this menace. In one of his surprise checks with his team, he found a loaded truck with stone trying to escape the mining area. He tried to stop the truck, but the truck driver overruns the police officer, killing him on the spot and thereafter managed to flee. Police filed FIR, but no breakthrough was achieved in the case for almost three months. Ashok, who was the Investigative Journalist working with a leading TV channel, suo moto, started investigating the case. Within one month, Ashok got a breakthrough by interacting with local people, the stone mining mafia and government officials. He prepared his investigative story and presented it to the CMD of the TV channel. He exposed in his investigative report the complete nexus of the stone mafia working with the blessing of corrupt police and city officials, and politicians. The politician who was involved in the mafia was no one else but a local MLA who was considered to be very close to the Chief Minister. After going through the investigative report, the CMD advised Ashok to drop the idea of making the story public through electronic media. He informed that the local MLA was not only the relative of the owner of the TV channel but also had an unofficially 20 per cent share in the channel. The CMD further informed Ashok that his further promotion and hike in pay would be taken care of in addition, the soft loan of 10 lakhs which he has taken from the TV channel for his son's chronic disease will be suitably adjusted if he hands over the investigative report to him.
- (a) What are the options available to Ashok to cope with the situation?
  - (b) Critically evaluate/examine each of the options identified by Ashok.
  - (c) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Ashok?
  - (d) Which of the options, do you think, would be the most appropriate for Ashok to adopt and why?
  - (e) In the above scenario, what type of training would you suggest for police officers posted to such districts where illegal stone mining activities are rampant?
51. You have done MBA from a reputed institution three years back but could not get campus placement due to COVID-19 generated recession. However, after a lot of persuasions and a series of competitive tests, including written and interviews, you managed to get a job in a leading shoe company. You have eager parents who are dependent and staying with you. You also recently got married after getting this decent job. You were allotted the Inspection Section, which is responsible for clearing the final product. In the first year, you learnt your job well and were appreciated for your performance by the management. The company

has been doing good business for the last five years in the domestic market, and this year it is decided even to export to Europe and Gulf countries. However, one large consignment to Europe was rejected by their Inspecting Team due to certain poor quality and was sent back. The top management ordered that the ibid consignment be cleared for the domestic market. As a part of the Inspecting Team, you observed the glaring poor quality and brought it to the knowledge of the Team Commander. However, the top management advised all the members of the team to overlook these defects as the management could not bear such a huge loss. Rest of the team members except you promptly signed and cleared the consignment for the domestic market, overlooking glaring defects. You again brought to the knowledge of the Team Commander that such consignment, if cleared even for the domestic market, will tarnish the image and reputation of the company and will be counter-productive in the long run. However, you were further advised by the top management that if you do not clear the consignment, the company will not hesitate to terminate your services citing certain innocuous reasons.

- (a) Under the given conditions, what are the options available to you as a member of the Inspecting Team?
- (b) Critically evaluate each of the options listed by you.
- (c) What option would you adopt and why?
- (d) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by you?
- (e) What can be the consequences of overlooking the observations raised by the Inspecting Team?

52. Rakesh was working as a Joint Commissioner in the Transport department of a city. As a part of his job profile, among others, he was entrusted with the task of overseeing the control and functioning of the City Transport Department. A case strike by the drivers' union of the City Transport Department over the issue of compensation to a driver who died on duty while driving the bus came up before him for a decision in the matter.

He gathered that the driver (deceased) was plying Bus No. 528 which passed through busy and congested roads of the city. It so happened that near an intersection on the way, there was an accident involving a middle-aged man. It was found that there was an altercation between the driver and the car driver. Heated arguments between them led to a fight and the driver gave him a blow. A lot of passersby had gathered and tried to intervene but without success. Eventually, both of them were badly injured and profusely bleeding and were taken to the nearby hospital. The driver succumbed to the injuries and could not be saved. The middle-aged driver's condition was also critical but after a day, he recovered and was discharged. Police had immediately come to the spot and FIR was registered. Police investigation revealed that the quarrel was started by the

bus driver and he had resorted to physical violence. There is an exchange of blows between them.

The City Transport Department management is considering not giving any extra compensation to the driver's (deceased) family. The family is very aggrieved depressed, and agitated against the discriminatory and non-sympathetic approach of the City Transport Department management. The bus driver (deceased) was 52 years of age and was survived by his wife and two school-college-going daughters. He was the sole earner of the family. The City Transport Department workers' union took up this case and when it found no favourable response from the management, decided to go on strike. The union's demand was twofold. First was full extra compensation as given to other drivers who died on duty and second employment to one family member. The strike has continued for 10 days, and the deadlock remains.

- (a) What are the options available to Rakesh to meet the above situation?
  - (b) Critically examine each of the options identified by Rakesh
  - (c) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by Rakesh?
  - (d) What course of action would Rakesh adopt to diffuse the above situation?
53. You are appointed as an officer heading the section in Environment Pollution Control Board to ensure compliance and its follow-up. In that region, there were a large number of small and medium industries which had been granted clearance. You learnt that these industries employ many migrant workers. Most of the industrial units have got environmental clearance certificates in their possession. The environmental clearance seeks to curb industries and projects that supposedly hamper the environment and living species in the region But in practice. Most of these units remain to be polluting units in several ways like air, water and soil pollution. As such, local people encountered persistent health problems.

It was confirmed that the majority of the industries were violating environmental compliance. You issued notice to all the industrial units to apply for a fresh environmental clearance certificate from the competent authority. However, your action met with a hostile response from a section of the industrial units, other vested interest persons and a section of the local politicians. The workers also became hostile to you as they felt that your action would lead to the closure of these industrial units, and the resultant unemployment will lead to insecurity and uncertainty in their livelihood. Many owners of the industries approached you with the plea that you should not initiate harsh action as it would compel them to their units and cause huge financial loss, and shortage of their products in the market. These would add to the sufferings of the labourers and the consumers alike. The labour union also sent you representation requesting the closure of the units. You simultaneously started receiving threats from unknown corners. You,

- however, received support from some of your colleagues, who advised you to act freely to ensure environmental compliance. Local NGOs also came to your support, and they demanded the closure of the polluting units immediately.
- (a) What are the options available to you under the given situation?
  - (b) Critically examine the options listed by you.
  - (c) What type of mechanism would you suggest to ensure environmental compliance?
  - (d) What are the ethical dilemmas you faced in exercising your option?
54. You have been appointed as the DM of a district. In one of the areas of your district, there are illegal slums. The area was designated as a space for creating multilevel parking to decrease the congestion in the city. You have been asked to clear the slums for the construction of this parking structure which can significantly decrease traffic congestion. However, the slum dwellers are protesting aggressively against the demolition of slums and are adopting violent means to oppose the demolition. What would be your response in this circumstance? Examine the quality of a civil servant who will be required to manage the situations.
55. The cases of encounters have increased over time, and what's more worrying is the trend of it becoming readily acceptable by the public and media. Media has readily given 'Encounter Specialists' cult status. Media has too easily accepted the police version of "encounters" without doing any independent investigation of its own, and it has too readily given 'Encounter Specialists' cult status. The public is left with no choice but to believe what is being fed to them. What are the consequences of the popularisation of Encounters? Discuss the ethical issues involved with police encounters.
57. In one of the districts of a relatively backward state, Food adulteration is on the rise. Several people have been admitted to hospitals in the recent past due to food poisoning. The system has been worsened by the alleged collusion of food safety officers with food chain owners. A New designated officer has been assigned to the district to ensure the safety of the general public. If you are the same designated officer, identify the various dimensions of the crisis. Based on your understanding, what measures would you take to deal with the crisis?
58. You are an officer entrusted with the task of ensuring that in the post-lockdown period, the concept of physical distancing is being strictly enforced. In your district, vegetable vendors used to gather at designated places on fixed days before the Covid pandemic. However, during the lockdown period, these gatherings were prohibited. Now since all the other shops have been allowed to start operations with adherence to government policies. There is a demand from the vegetable vendors to allow them to organise the weekly markets as their

- livelihood is lost. However, in light of the expected crowd, there is an inherent risk of spreading the virus.
- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas faced by you in this case?
  - (b) List all the options available before you.
  - (c) What step will you take? Justify your chosen course of action.
59. You have been appointed as the District Magistrate (DM) of a district where agriculture is the chief occupation of the people. You received numerous complaints from the farmers that they are not getting the minimum support price for their paddy at the procurement centres. On investigation, you found that the officers in charge of procurement were not procuring paddy on the false pretext of excess moisture in paddy. Another reason given by officers was that most of the farmers were not registered with the government mandis, and hence their products couldn't be procured in the mandis. Several farmers have reached the mandi with their products which are lying there in the open.
- (a) Who are the stakeholders in this case?
  - (b) What are the issues involved here?
  - (c) What would be your course of action?
60. Gopal is an IAS officer, suspended for renewing the FCRA licence to a controversial religious preacher's Research Foundation, even though there were pending cases against his organisation. According to him, he was wrongly punished for the alleged lapses of his juniors. Gopal is known for his integrity and hard work. He has implemented important initiatives of the government over the years. In an unusual move, as many as 15 joint secretaries working in the ministry are lobbying and advocating for the immediate revocation of the order of his suspension.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
  - (b) Do you think the decision taken by the group of secretaries to lobby for their colleagues is justified?
  - (c) Express your opinion on the issue as a civil servant.
61. Recently, members of political groups barged into a central University's Faculty of Fine Arts. They were looking for artworks they had viewed on social media and found "distasteful and hurtful to religious sentiments". One series reportedly featured cut-outs of gods and goddesses with newspaper reports of crimes against women, while another was a collage with the Ashoka pillar positioned in an "obscene manner". Resisting the break-in, the faculty and staff of the department argued that the exhibition was still to be opened for the public to view, and the display was being finalised. Speaking to the media, the dean also denied that the frames were part of the evaluation submissions. It was also emphasised that the 2007 resolution

would have been followed, according to which all works would have been checked and approved before the opening of the annual exhibition.

You are the head of the committee constituted to look into the issue and decide the outcome.

- (a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case?
  - (b) Critically examine the arguments on which you will base your decision. What decision will you take and why?
  - (c) Comment on the need to protect artistic freedom in India.
62. You are the Director of film certification. A multi-billion-rupee film has come to you for approval. The film is not important just because of the huge amount of money involved but because of its potential to bring employment and tourism benefits to the region used for shooting. Director has promised to use all the local people and even train some as crew. The film involves extensive use of animals. Recently, a few animals died at the site of another film directed by the same person. It has been claimed that the deaths were accidental. However, there are rumours that the deaths were not accidental and could have been avoided. Local politicians in the region have been trying to create pressure for the approval of the film. Moreover, the subject has gained the attention of the public, who is demanding approval as well.
- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas in the above case?
  - (b) Under the given conditions, what are the options available to you as the authority who gives the final approval?
  - (c) What can be the consequences of overlooking the past antecedents of the director?
63. While going through the streets in the city, you notice an interesting trend. The majority of new hoardings put up by the big medical facilities in the city display the names and images of prominent doctors. A single doctor is claiming to treat multiple specialities on the hoardings.
- (a) Why or why not do you find this trend ethically appropriate?
  - (b) As head of one of the medical facilities, what will be your advice to the doctors in this regard?
63. You are an employee in a senior position in a well-renowned pharmaceutical company. This company is doing research for creating medicine for the treatment of a genetic disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), a progressive condition that affects the nerves that signal the muscle, leading to muscular weakness. Children with severe SMA disease mostly die in the first two years of their life. The company has successfully created the drug, and clinical trials are showing promising results. Over 80% of children who have received the drug during clinical trials have been cured. Clinical trials will continue for over 2 years till the company receives the nod from the government for its launch in the

market. Your niece, who is one year old, is suffering from the same disease. Patients for clinical trials have already been selected, so she cannot participate in the clinical trials. She is suffering from severe SMA disease and cannot stand a chance to wait for the official launch of the medicine. Your sister and her husband have been requesting you arrange the medicine for their daughter. You have access to the medicine and can get it easily for them, but it can create difficulties for you and your company.

- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
  - (b) What course of action will you take?
  - (c) Conscience or Corporate ethics, how will you justify both of them?
64. As computers become more and more ubiquitous and control increasingly significant and complex systems, people are exposed to increasing harm and risks. This concern has grown with the number of critical life services controlled by computer systems in the governmental, airline, and medical arenas. Another dimension of this problem is the ability of emerging technologies to impact human life.
- (a) What are the issues of accountability associated with emerging technologies?
  - (b) What moral responsibility do creators of technology have for the adverse consequences that flow from flaws in that technology?
  - (c) Do you think that a society that is heavily dependent on technology is at significant risk?
65. Imagine you are a bureaucrat who is designing a new contract for employees in a public sector factory. The introduction of the contract, the bureaucrat's economic advisors say, could result in two equally likely scenarios: in the first scenario, workers respond to incentives in the contract and production increases by 20%; in the second, the workers protest, causing unrest and production decreases by 2%. Since both events occur with the same probability, however, the higher authorities have asked you not to propose the contract considering low probability events and preferring to be risk averse.
- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas in the above case?
  - (b) In such trying circumstances, what will be your response?
  - (c) Examine the qualities of the public servant which will be required for decision-making in this situation.
66. In the recent past, a few instances have surfaced wherein civil servants have been implicated for bonafide mistakes. Their performance has been affected by baseless complaints and investigations, having significant reputational consequences for the accused bureaucrat. The instances have greatly affected the moral fibre of civil servants.
- (a) How does this trend affect the functioning of the civil services?



- (b) What measures can be taken to ensure that honest civil servants are not implicated for the bonafide mistakes on their part? Justify your answer.
67. Jallikattu is a facet of the Indian culture which dates back to the tradition of ancient India. It is typically a bull-taming sport, practised in thousands of villages in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu as a part of Pongal celebrations. Activists have argued that bulls are deliberately placed in a terrifying situation in a crowd to run away. The desperate bulls are so frightened that they jump off barriers which results in fatal injuries to the bulls and human life risk. They are often provoked with alcohol, sticks, knives, sickles and even chilli powder in the eyes. Many animal rights activists often protest against such bullfighting, citing the needless life endangerment of the bull and people. However, to some people, it is not merely a culturally significant sport but also a fine art in which the bullfighter is trained in a certain style and elicits emotion through the act of the fight. Some argue that these bulls are taken care of better than other cattle like cows.
- (a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in the case study.
- (b) How is the controversy over bullfighting related to the concept of ethical relativism?
- (c) Do you think that bullfighting is an ethically wrong practice or a justifiable cultural event? Justify.
68. You are a District Collector in an urban district of North India. There has been a substantial growth of illegal slums in the area of your jurisdiction in recent times. These slums are the livelihood of poor and marginalised people. These slums provide low-paid labour and essential commodities like vegetables, fruits, and street food at very low cost to middle-class households. However, these slums have been deteriorating the beauty of the adjacent areas. It has become a breeding ground for communicable diseases and hideouts for many criminals. Nearby high-class areas have raised this issue and have been demanding to remove these illegal slums. Recently, the court also ordered for the destruction of such illegal encroachments on public land. However, it is the monsoon season and raining heavily for some last days. Some local politicians are against the destruction of illegal slums because of their vote base in these slums. You have been asked by the government to tackle the issue as soon as possible. In this context answer the following:
- (a) Highlight the ethical issues involved in the given case.
- (b) What are the options available to you? Discuss their merits and demerits.
- (c) What course of action will you take to address the problem?

69. Recently, the Finnish PM, the youngest female world leader's party video has been viral video all over the internet. She was seen dancing, singing and partying with her friends. This has drawn reactions from the people who backed her as well as people who slammed her. People who backed her argued that just like other people, she is also a human being and has the right to enjoy herself with friends. Her governance during the Covid pandemic earned her praise as Finland did a better job than most of the European countries. However, the Opposition party has accused her of drinking alcohol and drug use at the party and argued that even last year, she was seen clubbing during the pandemic when others were suffering due to the pandemic. She has previously been criticised for attending too many music festivals & spending too much on partying instead of ruling. Many critics have slammed this behaviour as unethical, being in the highest position of Prime Minister of the country. In this context, answer the following questions.
- Identify the ethical issues involved in the above case.
  - Do you think that PM's behaviour is irresponsible, inappropriate and unethical?
  - Do you think that she should resign for the good governance of the country?
  - What are your suggestions to balance the public and personal life?
70. You are a public information officer in Coal Ministry. Someone has filed an RTI regarding the bidding process of a newly auctioned coal mine. You came to know about the violation of many provisions of the bidding process. The violation of the process has happened to allocate the mine to a relative of the minister. Now seniors are pressuring you to withhold the information based on national interest. Being a public information officer, you will be held accountable for the reasons you will give to withhold the information.
- What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
  - What measures will you take to ensure transparency in the process?
  - How will you protect the institutional integrity in this case?
71. You have been the Chairman of the committee that was constituted to prepare a response plan to maintain the quality of learning outcomes and address the challenges that young learners are facing due to the closure of schools during the pandemic. Due to your prior experience, you have been given the responsibility to prepare a post-covid educational plan. The members of the committee are split on the issue of continuing with online education or resorting back to the traditional model of learning. They are also concerned about affordability and inclusivity because of the loss of livelihood faced by parents.
- What are the ethical issues in online teaching?
  - Discuss the ethical considerations you will take into account while making your decision.
  - What will be your course of action? Why?

72. Your elder brother approaches you in a state of confusion. He has recently completed his MBA from a prestigious institute and has been offered a very good job in a leading FMCG company with a handsome salary. The problem is that this company also manufactures tobacco products and even manages to sell in tobacco-banned states.
- Your brother believes that tobacco is immensely harmful to an individual's health. Yet, his duty in this job profile will be to maximise the sale of such products. He also needs the job as he has just become a father and hence, needs resources for the needs of the baby and expanded family. He raises the following points:
- (a) If he accepts the job offer, should he do justice to his professional duties or his personal beliefs? Is there any way in which he can reconcile the two?
  - (b) Even if he does not accept this job, someone else will. Either way, the manufacture, promotion, and sale of such products will continue. What is the way out?
  - (c) Critically analyse the viewpoints. Based on this analysis, what would be your advice to your brother?
73. Consider you are an Indian Diplomat posted in a conflict-infested state of Ukraine in between the mass killings and massive destruction. You have to take a distinctive response to ensure the safeguarding and evacuation of Indian citizens. There are citizens from other nations too, including some of the countries listed on the grey list of FATF, and their citizens are considered enemy aliens by India. Some of these individuals are in dire need of assistance and are old or have serious health conditions. They are unable to contact their respective governments. There is only one Indian aircraft in the region that could be used for evacuation. The aircraft also has essential supplies on board.
- (a) Bring out the ethical dilemmas involved in the given case?
  - (b) What are the options available to you? Which course of action will you opt for and why?
  - (c) Examine the ethical tenability of expressing veiled concern?
  - (d) How does the above situation compromise the values embedded in international ethics and laws?
74. You are the chairman of a capital market regulating body. Recently, you have received information from sources that one of the top officials in the management has been sharing confidential information, including organisational structure, financial projections, business plans, agenda of the board meeting, and even ratings/performance appraisals of employees with an outside person. This outside person is believed to be a religious personality. There have also been allegations that she favoured certain individuals in terms of their compensation and contract win.

- The official has been one of the most prestigious, efficient, and well-performing officers to have ever worked in the organisation. Her decisions have brought a major positive impact on the functioning of the capital market.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?  
(b) Which values were compromised in the above case?  
(c) As a leader of the organisation, what are the values that you would like to promote?
75. Recently, a local MP was in the news because of his choice of an extempore in a public meeting to open up an unstructured discussion on constitutional clauses. A video of his speech went viral, creating confusion about his intentions. On the one hand, it provoked challenging debates among the public on constitutional sanctity. On the other hand, some people view that his tongue might have got slipped or he made statements unaware of the risk of falling into a legal fiasco. Nevertheless, all these acts have made him vulnerable to allegations of violations of constitutional oath.
- (a) Discuss the ethical issues involved in the above case. Does it warrant resignation? Give your opinion keeping in context the values in political life.  
(b) What are your views on the dilemma as to whether such an opinion formation should start with people and end in parliament or start in parliament and end with peoples' mandate?  
(c) How will you justify the decision of the MP as the party leader?
76. In the times of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a price surge in the range of 25-180% owing to two factors - a sudden surge in demand and supply side issues. The pandemic has also put vulnerable communities under long-term stress in terms of financial and health security. There have also been rising instances of black-marketing and counterfeit products. Pharmaceutical companies are going to continue exploiting the current crisis by hiking the prices of medical equipment and drugs.
- (a) Examine the ethical issues involved in the above case.  
(b) Consider that you are a District Magistrate. What are the options available to you? In the given case, how will you intervene against exorbitant price surges and black marketing?  
(c) Explore the above narrative in the context of humanitarian ethics.