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**GS QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE UPSC 2021 MAINS
ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE QUESTIONS GIVEN BY
THE KSG IN TEST SERIES FOR 2021**

PAPER – I

- Q1. Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti Literature and its contribution to Indian culture. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M005

- 19. Discuss in brief about the contributions of Sufi and Bhakti saints towards the development of literature in India. (250 words, 15 marks)**

- Q2. Trace the rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements with special reference to Young Bengal and Brahmo Samaj. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M006

- 15. The various reform movements gave the much-needed confidence to the educated Indians who had been demoralized and uprooted from their moorings by the propaganda of western cultural superiority. Analyse this statement in the context of socio-religious reform movements of the 19th century.**

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M215

- 13. Distinguish between the Reformist and Revivalist Socio-religious reform movements of nineteenth century? Evaluate their role in restructuring of the Indian society along modern lines.**

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD08

- 13. Social reforms of 19th century did not ordinarily mean a reorganisation of the structuring of society at large, instead it meant the infusion into the existing social structure of the new ways of life and thought. Critically analyse.**

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M206

- 10. The socio-religious reform movements of the 19th century only put an intellectual question mark, but it could not bring about real reform. Critically examine the statement.**

- 11. It was the efforts of 19th century social reformers which laid the foundation and spirit of a modern nation state in India. Analyse.**

- Q3. Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of Indian Princely States. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M011

- 11. Accession of a few of the princely states proved more difficult than the rest during the integration of princely states in India. Elaborate. (250 words, 15 marks)**

- Q4. Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M004

16. Why are the Western Ghats and Nilgiris, which are geologically stable, still among the most vulnerable areas to landslides? During the time when intensity of extreme events are predicted to increase because of Climate Change, suggest measures to better manage landslides to avoid loss of life and property. (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q5. Despite India being one of the countries of Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in percentage. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks
- Q6. What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M215

7. Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) should be the philosophy for managing the urban water sector in India. Elaborate. (10 Marks, 150 words)

- Q7. Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on the regional environment. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks
- Q8. Why is India considered as a sub-continent? Elaborate your answer. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks
- Q9. Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M215

2. Highlight the efforts of tribal communities in preserving Indian cultural heritage and promoting Indian values. (10 Marks, 150 words)

- Q10. Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M508

20. What do you understand about the Gig Economy? Discuss in brief about the potential and challenges of Gig Jobs in India. (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q11. To what extent did the role of the moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks
- Q12. Bring out the constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M006

6. Mahatma Gandhi's techniques in India's freedom struggle has always been lauded due to its nature and dignity. Discuss. Evaluate how non-cooperation was a form of protest? (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M006

8. Analyse the circumstances that led Mahatma Gandhi to launch the Civil disobedience movement (CDM) of 1930-34. How was the CDM of the 1930s different from earlier Gandhian movements? (150 words, 10 marks) (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD-08

14. The greatest contribution of Gandhi was to turn a class movement into mass movement. What were the different strategies played by Gandhi in achieving this?

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD-12

5. Highlight the differences in the approach and ideology of BR Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi towards social reform.

Q13. "There arose a serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars." Evaluate the statement. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q14. Briefly mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions, with examples. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q15. How do the melting of the Arctic ice and glaciers of the Antarctic differently affect the weather patterns and human activities on the Earth? Explain. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M004

2. Discuss in brief about the significance of the Arctic region for global climate. Discuss the possible consequences of melting of Arctic Ice. (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD12

20. Environmental impacts in Antarctica occur at a range of scales. Why is Antarctica important for the world? Analyse the threats to Antarctica ecosystem.

Q16. Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

Q17. What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD-12

9. Digital tech giants such as Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon and Walmart are all eagerly participating in writing the next chapter to the great Indian tech odyssey. Why big tech is betting big in India?

Q18. Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD12

17. Do you think India needs a population control law? What are the issues with implementation of such policy? What can be the potential benefits of a population policy?

Q19. What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD06

5. Crypto-currency is the new emerging technology being used in the financial and monetary sector. Critically examine its significance? Should India adopt its own central bank digital currency (CBDC)? (150 words, 10 marks)

Q20. How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M506

12. The cultural influence of Central Asia is seen even today in Indian society. Elaborate (250 words, 15 marks)

PAPER – II

Q1. '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. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD03

2. What do you understand by the Golden Triangle of the Indian Constitution? Discuss its significance with regards to the Indian constitutional jurisprudence.

5. In 70-years of working of the Constitution, there were attempts to both restrict and expand the scope of Fundamental Rights simultaneously. Elucidate.

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD13

2. The Indian Constitution retained the liberal democratic framework but broadened the scope of governmental intervention with a view to promoting social reform and welfare. Discuss.

Q2. Discuss the desirability of greater representation to women in the higher judiciary to ensure diversity, equity and inclusiveness. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q3. How have the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission of India enabled the states to improve their fiscal position? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

Q4. To what extent, in your view, the Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M002

5. Discuss the ways through which parliament exercises control over the union executive. Suggest measures to make it more effective. (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD13

4. The framers of the Constitution made accountability an integral element with respect to the Legislature and Executive. What are the challenges in enforcing accountability? How can executive be made more responsible and accountable in its functioning?

- Q5. "Pressure groups play a vital role in influencing public policy making in India." Explain how the business associations contribute to public policies. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M003

2. The insistent role played by pressure groups has stemmed more ruckus and conflicts in Indian society? Discuss. Also, explain why they have been criticized on many counts? (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- MD13

15. What are the significances, functions and roles of the political parties? How is it different from the pressure groups? Discuss the growth and evolution of the political parties in India. (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q6. "Besides being a moral imperative of Welfare State, primary health structure is a necessary pre-condition for sustainable development." Analyse. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M003

8. If a government invests in the social determinants of health, the people are likely to be usually healthier. In the light of the statement, highlight the major concerns in the current healthcare system in India. Suggest measures to address the same. (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD13

8. What do you understand by the term 'Universal Health Coverage'? Why is it so crucial for a country like India? How far has India achieved it?

- Q7. "Earn while you learn' scheme needs to be strengthened to make vocational education and skill training meaningful." Comment. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire-, Test- MD09

17. Skilling and education are like the Siamese twins, artificially separating them would be disastrous for both. Discuss. Suggest a roadmap for effectively upskilling and reskilling India.

- Q8. Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty and malnutrition be broken through microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD10

20. Self-Help Group (SHG) represents a unique approach to financial intermediation. Do you think SHGs in India in recent years have aided the evolution of the Indian administration towards a citizen-centric administration. Illustrate. (250 words, 15 marks)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M003

4. Various Government policies have created opportunities for Self Help Groups (SHGs), however, the bottlenecks still persist. Analyze (150 words, 10 marks)

- Q9. "If the last few decades were of Asia's growth story, the next few are expected to be of Africa's." In the light of this statement, examine India's influence in Africa in recent years. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M507

16. Africa is considered a foreign policy priority by India. In this context explain the measures that are needed to be taken by India to deepen its engagement with Africa (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q10. "The USA is facing an existential threat in the form of a China, that is much more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union." Explain. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD04

11. The increased rivalry between USA & China, uncertain world order with changing conditions has necessitated India's engagement with the ASEAN countries more profoundly. Discuss. (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q11. The jurisdiction of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) regarding lodging an FIR and conducting 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. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD03

20. Recently there has been suggestions that CBI should be given statutory status and independence and autonomy similar to the CAG. Do you agree? Give reasons (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q12. Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, yet they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analysing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M002

17. The recent developments in Myanmar pose significant challenges for India in coming years to make a balance between the national interest and global commitments to human rights and democratic ideals. Discuss (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q13. Analyse the distinguishing features of the notion of Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks
- Q14. Explain the constitutional provisions under which Legislative Councils are established. Review the working and current status of Legislative Councils with suitable illustrations. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks
- Q15. 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. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M503

15. What is a Departmentally-related standing committee's role in passage of a Bill? Have these committees lost their relevance in recent times? Justify your answer. (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q16. Has digital illiteracy, particularly in rural areas, couple with lack of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility

hindered socio-economic development? Examine with justification.
(Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD09

7. Closing the digital divide is critical to making socio economic growth around the world more equitable and sustainable. Discuss. (150 words, 10 marks)

Q17. "Though women in post-Independent India have excelled in various fields, the social attitude towards women and feminist movement has been patriarchal." Apart from women education and women empowerment schemes, what interventions can help change this milieu? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M009

20. Despite being a substantial member of the farming community, the women agri-workers lack voice in decision-making, and lack access to opportunities. Comment. What steps have been taken in the recent past by the government to aid women involved in agriculture? (250 words, 15 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD-12

15. Gender discrimination and inequality is a multi-layered problem that requires a more bottom-up approach, starting from changes within the society. Discuss. (250 words, 15 Marks)

Q18. 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. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M009

13. Civil society activism is the steel and concrete of democracy. In the light of the statement, discuss in brief about the contribution of civil society in strengthening Indian democracy. Also highlight the challenges faced by Civil Society organisations in India. (250 words, 15 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD10

10. Critically analyse the role of civil society in India's governance system.

Q19. Critically examine the aims and objectives of SCO. What importance does it hold for India? (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD04

15. While the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is not an impressive regional institution, it remains an important diplomatic forum to maintain security and peace in Asia and the world in the present times. Comment

Q20. 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. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

PAPER – III

- Q1. Explain the difference between computing methodology of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) before the year 2015 and after the year 2015. (Answer in 150 words)
- Q2. Distinguish between Capital Budget and Revenue Budget. Explain the components of both these Budgets. (Answer in 150 words)
- Q3. How did land reforms in some parts of the country help to improve the socio-economic conditions of marginal and small farmers? (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD14

7. SVAMITVA scheme has the potential to be a stepping-stone towards achieving Gram Swaraj in true sense and making rural India Atmanirbhar. Comment.

- Q4. How and to what extent would micro-irrigation help in solving India's water crisis? (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M504

19. We need a paradigm shift in our thinking and a strategy to not just increase land productivity measured but also maximise irrigation productivity. In light of this statement, highlight the measures needed to give effect to the credo of "per drop more crop" in agriculture. (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q5. How is S-400 air defence system technically superior to any other system presently available in the world? (Answer in 150 words)
- Q6. Explain the purpose of the Green Grid Initiative launched at 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)? (Answer in 150 words)
- Q7. 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? (Answer in 150 words)
- Q8. Discuss about 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. (Answer in 150 words)
- Q9. 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. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M508

17. Money laundering poses international and national security threats of myriad dimensions. Comment. What steps have been taken so far by the Indian government to tackle the challenge of Money Laundering? (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q10. Keeping in view India's internal security, analyse the impact of cross-border cyber-attacks. Also discuss defensive measures against these sophisticated attacks. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M508

5. What are the challenges associated with dealing with the rising threat of cyber-attacks? Do you think India needs a comprehensive national strategy in this context? Justify your answer with suitable arguments. (150 words, 10 marks)

- Q11. Do you agree that the Indian economy has recently experienced V-shapes recovery? Give reasons in support of your answer. (Answer in 250 words)
- Q12. "Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth." Discuss in the light of India's experience. (Answer in 250 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M508

16. The infrastructure sector might prove to be the key to overall economic growth and macroeconomic stability. In the light of this statement highlight the major steps taken by the government to boost the infrastructure in India. (250 words, 15 marks)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD06

8. Critically examine the significance and objectives of National infrastructure pipeline (NIP) and National monetization pipeline in boosting infrastructural development in India.

- Q13. What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, 2013? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India? (Answer in 250 words)
- Q14. What are the present challenges before crop diversification? How do emerging technologies provide an opportunity for crop diversification? (Answer in 250 words)
- Q15. What are the research and developmental achievements in applied biotechnology? How will these achievements help to uplift the poorer sections of the society? (Answer in 250 words)
- Q16. The Nobel Prize in Physics of 2014 was jointly awarded to Akasaki, Amano and Nakamura for the invention of Blue LEDs in 1990s. How has this invention impacted the everyday life of human beings? (Answer in 250 words)
- Q17. 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? (Answer in 250 words)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD06

19. Critically examine the outcome of UNFCCC COP26 meeting. What needs to be done to achieve the Paris agreement and 1.5° target to tackle global challenge of climate change in real sense? (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q18. Describe the various causes and the effects of landslides. Mention the important components of the National Landslide Risk Management Strategy. (Answer in 250 words)
- Q19. 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. (Answer in 250 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- MD07

12. India is facing huge challenges in internal security because of its vulnerability to organized crime. What measures are needed to tackle these challenges effectively? (250 words, 15 marks)

- Q20. 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. (Answer in 250 words)

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD14

11. Without development processes, there is no organic end to the causes of discontent, unrest and extremism. Elaborate. Do you think there is a need for developing region-specific action plans to prevent existing extremism?

KSG Mains Destinaire, Test- MD06

7. Drug and narcotics problem is considered as organized crime which continues as a persistent problem for the security forces as well as society. Discuss it in the context of geographical location of India.

PAPER – IV

- 1.(a) Identify five ethical traits on which one can plot the performance of a civil servant. Justify their inclusion in the matrix. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M509

5. (a) What are the five important qualities according to you, which a civil servant must have? Explain the significance of each of them with suitable examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Desitinaire, Test- MD15

1. (b) What are the values required by a civil servant for effective delivery of public services. Examine whether Indian bureaucratic setup promotes or impedes these values?

- (b) Identify ten essential values that are needed to be an effective public servant. Describe the ways and means to prevent non-ethical behavior in the public servants. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test -M015

5. (b) Nolan committee suggested seven vital qualities of civil servants. Define any four of them. How do civil servants use them in day-to-day functioning? (150 words, 10 marks)

- 2.(a) Impact of digital technology as reliable source of input for rational decision making is a debatable issue. Critically evaluate with suitable example. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M015

1. (a) Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is right to do. Discuss. Why ethics play an important role in our decision making? Explain through examples. (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Desitinaire, Test- MD05

4. (a) Discuss how conscience works as a source of ethical guidance? Should one always rely on conscience for making the right decision? Give your view.

- (b) Besides domain knowledge, a public official needs innovativeness and creativity of a high order as well, while resolving ethical dilemmas. Discuss with suitable example. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Desitinaire, Test- MD15

3. (b) The civil services held India together after Independence, but if the country's potential is to be realised, existing problems of inefficiency and inaction must be fixed. In this context discuss the reform needed in Indian bureaucracy.

3. 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. (Answer in 150 words)
- (b) "We can never obtain peace in the outer world until and unless we obtain peace within ourselves."-Dalai Lama (Answer in 150 words)
- (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 (Answer in 150 words)
- 4.(a) Attitude is an important component that goes as input in the development of human being. How to build a suitable attitude needed for a public servant? (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M015

2. (a) Define attitude. How does attitude influence our behaviour? (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M015

2. (b) 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. (150 words, 10 marks)

KSG Mains Desitinaire, Test- MD15

4. (b) "Attitude and not aptitude, determines altitude". Do you agree with the statement?

- (b) In case of 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. (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- M015

4. (a) Define Emotional Intelligence? Why is it so important in public life? How does it help in administration and governance? (150 words, 10 marks)

- 5.(a) "Refugees should not be turned back to the country where they would face persecution or human right violation." Examine the statement with reference to ethical dimension being violated by the nation claiming to be democratic with open society. (Answer in 150 words)

- (b) Should impartial and being non-partisan be considered as indispensable qualities to make a successful civil servant? Discuss with illustrations (Answer in 150 words)

KSG Mains Test series, Test- MD15

1. (a) What according to you is the meaning of trustworthiness and fortitude? How they get manifested in public services. Explain with suitable examples? (150 words, 10 marks)
5. (b) Highlight the qualities and values required, when a minister presides as an appellate authority.
- 6.(a) An independent and empowered social audit mechanism is an absolute must in every sphere of public service, including judiciary, to ensure performance, accountability and ethical conduct. Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words)
- (b) "Integrity is a value that empowers the human being." Justify with suitable illustration. (Answer in 150 words)

Test- M012

3. (b) Differentiate between

- (i) **Honesty vs. Integrity.**
- (ii) **(ii) Individual Integrity vs. Institutional Integrity. (150 words, 10 marks)**

7. 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 belt and transporting through trucks and selling them in 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 tribal's and had kept the tribal's 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 own office employees are in hand and glove with them and have developed close unholy nexus. Sunil initiated stringent action against them and started conducting raids on their illegal operations of movement of trucks filled with sand. The mafia got rattled as not many officers in the past had taken such strong steps against the mafia. Some of the office employees who were allegedly close to mafia informed them that the officer is determined to clean up the mafia's illegal sand mining operations in that district and may cause them irreparable damage. The mafia turned hostile and launched 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 than 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? (Answer in 250 words)

8. You are Vice Principal of a degree college in one of the middle-class towns. 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 annual examination the flying squad which came from the university caught two students red-handed involving 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 son of a local politician who was responsible in getting college affiliated to the present reputed university. The second student was son of a local businessman who has donated maximum funds for running of the college. You immediately informed the management regarding this unfortunate incident. The management told you to resolve the issue with flying squad at any cost. They further said that such incident will not only tarnish the image of the college but also the politician and businessman are very important personalities for the functioning of the college. You were also given hint that your further promotion to Principal depends on your capability in resolving this issue with 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 with you as Vice Principal. What option will you adopt and why? (Answer in 250 words)

9. An elevated corridor is being constructed to reduce traffic congestion in the capital of a particular state. You have been selected as project manager of this prestigious project on your professional competence and experience. The deadline is complete the project in next two years by 30 June, 2021, since this project is to be inaugurated by the Chief Minister before the elections are announced in the second week of July 2021. While carrying out the surprise inspection by inspecting team, minor crack was noticed in one of the piers of the elevated corridor possibly due to poor material used. You immediately informed the chief engineer and stopped further work. It was assessed by you that minimum three piers of the elevated corridor have to be demolished and reconstructed. But this process will delay the project minimum by four to six months. But the chief engineer overruled the observation of inspecting team on the ground that it was a minor crack which to not in any way impact the strength and durability of the bridge. He ordered you to overlook the observation of inspecting team and continue working with same speed and tempo. He informed you that the minister does not want any delay as he wants the Chief Minister to inaugurate the elevated corridor before the elections are declared. Also informed you that the contractor is far relative of the minister and he wants him to finish the project. He also gave you hint that your further promotion as additional chief engineer is under consideration with the ministry. However, you strongly felt that the minor crack in the pier of the elevated corridor will adversely affect the health and life of the bridge and therefore it will be very dangerous not to repair the elevated corridor.

(a) Under the given conditions, what are the options available to you as a project manager?

- (b) What are the ethical dilemmas being faced by the project manager?
(c) What are the professional challenges likely to be faced by the project manager and his response to overcome such challenges?
(d) What can be the consequences of overlooking the observation raised by the inspecting team? (Answer in 250 words)

10. The Coronavirus disease (COVID 19) pandemic has quickly spread to various countries. As on May 8th 2020, in India 56342 cases of corona had been reported. India with population of more than 1.35 billion had difficulty in controlling the transmission of Coronavirus among its population. Multiple strategies became necessary to handle this outbreak. The ministry of health and family welfare of India raised awareness about this outbreak and to take all necessary actions to control the spread of Covid 19. Indian Govt. implemented a 55 day lockdown throughout the country to reduce the transmission of virus. Schools and colleges had shifted to alternative mode of teaching-learning-evaluation and certification. Online mode became popular during these days. India was not prepared for the sudden onslaught of such a crisis due to limited in terms of human resource, money and other facilities needed for taking care of this situation. This disease did not spare anybody irrespective of caste, creed, religion on the one hand have and have not on the other. Deficiencies in hospital beds, Oxygen cylinders, ambulances, hospital staff and crematorium were the most crucial aspects

You are a hospital administrator in a public hospital at the time when Coronavirus had attacked large number of people and patients were pouring into hospital day in and day out

- (a) What are your criteria and justification for putting your clinical and non-clinical staff to attend the patients knowing fully well that it is highly infectious disease and resources and infrastructure are limited?

- (b) If yours is a private hospital, whether your justification and decision would remain the same as that of a public hospital? (Answer in 250 words)

11. A reputed food product company based in India developed a food product for the international market and started exporting the same after getting necessary approvals. The company announced this achievement and also indicated that soon the product will be made available for the domestic consumers with almost same quality and health benefits. Accordingly, the company got its product approved by domestic competent authority and launched the product in Indian market. The company could increase its market share over a period of time and earned substantial profit both domestically and internationally. However the random sample test conducted by the inspecting team found the product being sold domestically in variance with the approval obtained from competent authority. On further investigation it was also discovered that the food company was not only selling products which were not meeting the health standards 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 visualize 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 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. (Answer in 250 words)

12. Pawan is working as an officer in the State Government for the last ten years. As a part of routine transfer, he was posted to another department. He joined in 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 general inquiry, Pawan gathered that his senior officer carries the reputation of being difficult and insensitive person having his own disturbed family life. Initially, all seem 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 in the displeasure presence of others. It became a pattern of boss's style of functioning to show him in bad light highlighting his shortcomings and humiliating publically. It became apparent that though there are 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 loss of confidence, self-esteem and equanimity. Pawan realized that his relations with his senior officer are becoming more toxic and due to this, he felt perpetually tensed, anxious and stressed. His mind was occupied with negativity and caused him mental torture, anguish and agony. Eventually, it badly affected his personal and family life. He was no longer joyous, happy and other family members contented even at home. Rather without way reasons 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 to him also became a victim of his negativity and hostile behavior. Due to harassment and humiliation suffering 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 with Pawan to cope up with the situation?
- (b) What approach Pawan should adopt for bringing peace, tranquility and 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 the work performance, mental and emotional hygiene?
- (d) In the above scenario, what type of training would you suggest for officers at various levels in the government offices? (Answer in 250 words)



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PAPER – I

1. Do you think India needs a population control law? What are the issues with implementation of such policy? What can be the potential benefits of a population policy?
2. Describe the significance of water as a strategic asset. Also examine how national policy on water is the key to addressing problems with water quality and ensuring water security for all.
3. Though religion and politics are considered as two distinct and autonomous concepts, they have had a synthetic existence in the traditional society and continue to influence each other in the modern society a well. Discuss.
4. Not all social groups were moved by the abstract concept of “Swaraj”. Support the statement in the light of Civil Disobedience Movement in 1930s.
5. The origin of Indian painting goes back to 8000 years and an account of its development is inextricably meshed with the development of Indian civilisation. Give a brief overview of theme of Northern Paintings vis a vis Southern Paintings in India.
6. Distribution of black and Red soil in India has the greater affinity to its geology and local relief features. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
7. Critically evaluate the mechanisms established for the welfare and empowerment of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes with special reference to the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP).
8. Multidimensional Poverty provides a practical and beneficial complement to income-based poverty measures. Substantiate.
9. Explain the reason behind change in caste and caste system in modern India? Do you think politics influences the caste system and caste identities?
10. French Revolution is regarded as the turning point in modern history as the rise of new ideas infused with liberalism, enlightenment and democracy. Discuss.
11. There is an organic relationship between the ancient culture of the Indus Valley and modern Hinduism. Critically examine the statement
12. Explain the significant features of Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP). Which practices can be successfully implemented for other urban areas?

13. How did Gandhi leverage India's cultural and spiritual ideas to propel the masses towards goal of independence and social regeneration?
14. What are the advantages of India being at peculiar geopolitical location at the apex of Indian ocean?
15. Ethnic and cultural diversity of India proved to be a challenge as well as an asset in the objective of nation-building. Comment.
16. The art and craft traditions of India showcase the tangible heritage of India with history of more than five thousand years. Elaborate.
17. How did idea of nationalism emerged and led to the formation of nation-states in Europe and elsewhere?
18. Highlight the factors for Inter-generational poverty among tribal communities. What measures are needed to ameliorate this issue?
19. Q20. Public policy shifting towards social model of disability is the new way forward for building disability inclusive societies. In context of this shift discuss the policies and measures needed to ameliorate the conditions of persons with disabilities.
20. Discuss the broad strategy adopted by India for national consolidation after independence. Analyse how regionalism posed a major challenge to the process of consolidation?
21. Art and culture of a country is one the main sources of soft power benefiting its international relations. Explain the statement in context of India.
22. Briefly describe the traditional art forms of India and its relation with Indian philosophy and values.
23. The contamination of urban soils due to the rapid development of urbanization and urban services has become a major environmental and human health challenge. Elaborate.
24. Sufism on the Indian soil did not represent a novelty and its postulates had been nurtured for a long by hermits, ascetics, philosophers, and wanderers. Do you agree with the statement?
25. Modernisation of Japan was a response to the challenges posed by colonialism. Do you agree? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
26. Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration of tribals in Indian society.
27. Highlight the changes in the administration pre and post revolt of 1857? Why did the British make these changes?
28. To what extent the rock painting of prehistoric time helps us in the reconstruction of our past?

29. Regionalism aims to seek a redefinition of state-society relationship in such a manner that accommodates regional identity demands and takes due care of their socio-economic requirement. Discuss with examples.
30. Define the relationship between Poverty and Migration. What are the Consequences of Migrations?
31. Environmental impacts in Antarctica occur at a range of scales. Why is Antarctica important for the world? Analyse the threats to Antarctica ecosystem.
32. Culture being the highlight of National Education Policy, is India shifting its trajectory of education towards traditional learning?
33. American Revolution was more a war for economic independence than a political independence. Comment and how French saw their dreams getting realised in America?
34. Multidimensional Poverty provides a practical and beneficial complement to income-based poverty measures. Substantiate.
35. Highlight the non-geographical factors influencing location of heavy industries? Also account for the changes brought by Industry 4.0 in the secondary sector of Indian economy.
36. As the wishful liberal order of the 20th century continues to crumble, the 21st century may very well see a new phase of colonization led by developed nations. Do you think China has emerged as a New Colonial Power?
37. Trace the origin and historical development of different forms of Indian music. What are the factors responsible for rich diversity among musical traditions?
38. In what circumstances congress changed its aim from swarajya to poorna swarajya?
39. The rise of extremism on the Indian political scene was not sudden. Trace the growth and impact of this school of thought on Indian freedom struggle. How were extremists radically different from the moderates?
40. How did India's culture and traditions act as an instrument of national integration? Also highlight the importance of maintaining sustained cultural connect between different regions.
41. Gandhi was popular in masses because he imbibed in himself all kinds of ideologies. Comment.
42. To make women empowerment a reality, entrepreneurship is an innovative and simple tool. Substantiate. What measures have been taken in this regard?

43. First World War was an outcome of many gradual and immediate events. Comment.
44. 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.
45. Comment on the contribution of peasant and workers movements in freedom struggle.
46. Why several economies in developing South Asia and Africa have not been able to organize commerce and industry on a scale as large as the West?
47. How does social media pose a significant challenge to the vulnerable groups in India? What can be done to make these sections resilient against this vulnerability?
48. Blue Economy must be one of the thrust areas for sustainable development of coastal resources. Substantiate.
49. Digital tech giants such as Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon and Walmart are all eagerly participating in writing the next chapter to the great Indian tech odyssey. Why big tech is betting big on India?
50. Media and press played a significant role in awakening of national and social consciousness since the time of independence movement. Elaborate with examples.
51. Should India have adopted a uniform cultural model rather a composite culture model of unity? Discuss briefly its pros and cons.
52. Describe the geographical, economic and cultural importance of Indian Island.
53. Second World War has taught many lessons, some of which seems to be even more pertinent in the present times. Comment. Discuss the role of India in international conflicts/proxy wars.
54. Highlight the differences between Hindustani and Carnatic music.
55. According to Forest Survey of India Nearly half of India's forest and tree cover can emerge as 'climate hotspots'. What are its implications? Give a brief assessment of forest and tree cover of India.
56. What are the differences between traditions, beliefs and spiritual practices of Buddhism and Hinduism? How can we apply the learnings from both the religions in today's world?

57. Most of the unusual climatic happenings are explained as an outcome of the climate change and global warming. How far do you agree with the statement?
58. Identify the main political and socio-economic factors for the rise of bhakti movement in North India. What is the influence of other traditions on this movement?
59. The Himalaya plays a significant role in shaping the geo-ecological conditions of Indian sub-continent. Discuss.
60. What is the role of local winds in influencing climate, agriculture and socio-economic conditions of various regions of the world?
61. 'The Iranian revolution of the 1970s was not only a political event but also a psychological watershed'. Comment. How did this event mark a momentous development in the modern history of Islam?
62. "British imperialism itself was one of the important causes for the growth of freedom movement in India". Comment
63. "Despite being one of the largest producers of food-grains and vegetables, India suffers from large scale malnutrition and hunger". What is the reason for this dichotomy? Enumerate the various steps taken by the government to tackle this problem.
64. "If civilization is to survive, it must live on the interest, not the Capital, of nature". analyse.
65. "India being a diverse society has its unique challenges and problems, hence needs sui-generis social innovations to resolve them". Examine this statement in the context of contemporary developments and substantiate your points with the help of relevant examples.
66. "India lives in the past and the future". Describe the peculiar circumstances of the architectural evolution in India that happens even to this day.
67. "Jainism has made valuable contributions to Indian culture in the fields of ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, literature and art". Comment.
68. "The earliest organized Muslim response to Western influence appeared in the form of the Wahabi Movement".Discuss.
69. "The main feature of Mughal architecture reached its apex under Shahjahan". Elucidate with examples.
70. "The treaty of Bassein by its direction and indirect operations gave the East India Company the Empire of India." Critically analyse the statement.
71. "The worst thing that colonialism did was to cloud our view of our past." Do you agree with this idea? Elaborate the mechanism

- of colonialism with suitable examples and throw some light on the impact of this phenomenon on the Indian subcontinent.
72. 1991 saw India shift to a new paradigm in terms of the Indian economy. Discuss.
 73. A progressive track of urban development keeping sustainability, disaster risk resilience and community building should be the core guiding principle for urban development. Substantiate.
 74. According to a report by TRAFFIC Poaching cases in India went up 151% in lockdown. What do you think are the reasons behind this? Suggest measures to combat poaching.
 75. Account for the geographical distribution of groundwater resources of India. How serious has its depletion been in recent decades?
 76. All citizens have constitutionally been guaranteed equal rights in accessing public places. Despite the given right, do you feel preventing women's entry into temples is a glaring instance of irrationality and inequality? Justify your stand.
 77. Ancient literature is the crowning glory of the Indian civilization. However, it is also not inert from certain limitations. Briefly discuss these limitations. Also, bring out the major points of differences between Shruti and Smriti literature.
 78. Both Buddhism and Jainism can be associated with rock-cut site architecture. Elucidate the major rock-cut sites and compare their features.
 79. By preserving our heritage, we preserve the legacy of artefacts and intangible attributes. In the light of the statement, discuss various initiatives by the union government for the development of heritage sites in India. Describe the challenges in preserving/managing the heritages in India.
 80. Caste continues to be a system of discrimination, but remedies for removing that discrimination keep eluding us. What are the reasons behind this? What measures are needed to eliminate such discrimination?
 81. Civil Disobedience Movement was a Pan-Indian movement. Explain.
 82. Comment on the role of Rekhta in the development of Urdu and other regional languages of India.
 83. Critically evaluate how the mandate system, set up by the Allied powers, was a thinly veiled form of colonialism and occupation by the erstwhile colonial powers.
 84. Critically examine the various facets of education policies of the British in India from the eighteenth century till independence.

85. Cross-border problems in a more integrated world are forcing nations to come together, even as elements of traditional globalisation lose traction. How should India chart its path in this era of new globalization?
86. Democracy at the top will not be a success unless it is built on this foundation from below. In this context trace the evolution and growth of local self-government in India since colonial times.
87. Despite the efforts made on the ground, people continue to suffer from perennial floods in Eastern India. What are the factors responsible for the regular occurrence of floods in these regions? What measures need to be taken to improve the situation?
88. Diastrophic endogenetic forces have shaped the earthscape. Identify the major geographical features of Asia.
89. Differentiate between fold mountains and block mountains. Also, substantiate the causal relationship between fold mountains and volcanoes.
90. Differentiate between the east and west coastal plain on basis of structure, relief and physiography.
91. Digitization is the key to optimize land use and effective policymaking and planning. In this context explain the significance of measures taken by the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).
92. Discuss in brief the Malabar Rebellion. Highlight the factors responsible for its limited impact with special emphasis on the role played by the British.
93. Discuss in brief the plate tectonic theory vis-a-vis continental drift theory. Also, explain how volcanic activities and seismic events provide major evidence for proving the validity of plate tectonics theory.
94. Discuss the distribution of ship breaking industry across the world with a special focus on India. Also, elaborate on the environmental concerns involved in it.
95. Discuss the dynamics involved in the involvement of the United States in World War- II. Also, analyse the impact of World War II on the different spheres of global order.
96. Discuss the effectiveness of the Struggle-Truce- Struggle strategy of Mahatma Gandhi.
97. Discuss the nature of the Subsidiary Alliance Treaty and its advantages to the East India Company.
98. Discuss the role of Domestic Resource mobilization in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. Also, highlight the constraints in domestic resource mobilization in India.

99. Discuss the significance of Besant's Home rule league. Compare Besant's league with Tilak's Home rule league.
100. Distribution of black and Red soil in India has the greater affinity to its geology and local relief features. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
101. Do you think Socio-economic empowerment is more effective than a two-child policy in cutting fertility rates? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
102. Do you think that the onset of globalization in India signals the gradual withering away of the welfare state? Give reasons for your answer.
103. Do you think that the shift from the Joint family to the nuclear family system is the structural requirement for a modern industrialized Indian society? Discuss.
104. Does changing the names of cities rob it of its unique culture and identity? Use examples to substantiate your argument. What are the reasons behind the recent thrust in renaming places, cities, stations, roads etc.? What impact does such a move have on the psyche of people in India?
105. Draw parallels between casteism and racism. What can India learn from the Black Lives Matter movement?
106. E-agriculture offers a wide range of solutions to agricultural challenges and has great potential in promoting sustainable agriculture and protecting the environment. Elucidate.
107. Economic survey 2017-2018 speaks about "son meta-preference" in India. What do you understand by "missing women" and "unwanted girls" in this context? Do you feel that the provisions of the PCPNDT Act 1994 have not realized their intended objectives?
108. Energy transition is gaining momentum worldwide. It will result in the loss of jobs of coal miners and those who work in fossil fuel power plants. What measures should be taken to ensure that transitions are inclusive?
109. Even after 75 years of independence gender equal land rights remains a distant goal in India. Discuss.
110. Even though Renaissance, Reformation and Enlightenment had many similarities, yet they had different essence on the social awakening of the modern world. Discuss these events highlighting their inherent differences and their importance.
111. Examine the economic and social causes for the 1857 revolt in British Indian history.

112. Examine the role of Gandhi in making the Non-cooperation movement the biggest mass movement?
113. Examine the significance of seals and other archaeological sources in the reconstruction of the socioeconomic and religious life of the Harappan people.
114. Explain how earthquakes and tsunamis are two closely related phenomena? Discuss the impact that a tsunami has on surrounding geographical features. What role does the Indian Tsunami Early Warning System play in reducing the impact?
115. Gandhian ideas are often criticised for being too steeped in idealism. Looking back at it almost after seventy years of his death, do you think his ideas were divorced from realism? Critically analyse.
116. Give a brief account of the important choke points of the world and their significance. Discuss in what ways maritime chokepoints form the backbone of international trade.
117. Glaciers are the barometer of the environment. Elucidate.
118. Globalization is antithetical to inclusive growth. Comment.
119. Globalization's backlash among others also includes Mental Health Issues. In the light of the statement, discuss the challenges to India's mental health landscape. What should India do to solve its mental health crisis? Elucidate with reference to the existing institutional setup.
120. Highlight salient features of the Forest Rights Act. Illustrate how this law has become an instrument in the protection of the indigenous culture and rights of the tribes in India.
121. Highlight the contribution made by NITI Aayog since its inception. Do you think that its vision and mission is in sync with the aspirations of "New India-2022"?
122. Highlight the measures taken in recent years which have put people at the centre of urban governance.
123. Highlight the reasons behind the success of India's southern states in containing population growth. What are the challenges in implementing the same in other parts of the country?
124. How did socio-economic conditions created by World War-I fuel nationalism and furthered the goal of Indian Independence?
125. How did the American Revolution influence the French revolution? Briefly analyse the impact of the French Revolution on the political developments in Europe in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

126. How did the pandemic induced lockdown affect people with mental health issues? What measures were taken at the institutional level to address the same?
127. How did the political benefits of the permanent settlement of Bengal balance its economic defects?
128. How do social identity and socio-economic inequities impact social indicators of development in India?
129. How do you visualize the recent Dalit uprisings in various parts of the country? Explain the recent Supreme Court judgement regarding 'Prevention of atrocities Act 1989'. Do you feel that the court has taken the right step in the path of Dalit empowerment?
130. How does a tropical cyclone derive its name? Enumerate the conditions that favour the formation of a tropical cyclone. Also, discuss the Indian initiatives for effective cyclone management.
131. How is the 'Dravidian' style of temple from the 'Aryan' style of temple?
132. How were the religious reform movements of medieval times different from that of the 19th century? Although conceived in the spirit of enlightened social regeneration both movements achieved marginal success. Comment.
133. Identify the major earthquake-prone zones across the world and in India.
134. Illustrate the relationship between anti-cyclonic condition and desert formation.
135. In a recently published report titled "Five Ways to Win with Digital Platforms", India has been ranked high among G20 economies and projected to dominate the digital platform economies till 2022. Since the digital economy is global and thus, its impacts and challenges can be experienced and analysed through its inter-mixing with local social realities. India has a large percentage of the workforce in the informal sector which have lesser access and availability of social protection measures. In this context, discuss the "social protection preparedness" in the digital platform economy in India.
136. In a secular democracy what is important is that the government should not be partial towards any religion nor bring religion into governance. Do you think that India has time and again deviated from this dictum? Substantiate your views.
137. In addition to being smart, Indian cities need to be sustainable. Substantiate. What steps have been taken in this direction?
138. In what manner was the Industrial Revolution the greatest turning point in the history of mankind? Analyse the

- constructive outcomes of the Industrial Revolution. Has it also created some socio-economic problems in its evolution? Discuss.
139. Inclusive growth has so far remained an elusive dream in India. In the context of the statement identify the factors which derail inclusive growth in the country and suggest some measures for achievement of the same.
140. India during the medieval period attracted many travellers from many parts of the world. Present a Socio-Economic picture of India through the glasses of some of the travellers who travelled to India between the 11th and 17th Centuries.
141. India is the second-most populous country in the world, yet it struggles to show its presence in each Olympics. Discuss the challenges faced by the country in marking its presence in the world sports arena. Suggest measures to address the same.
142. India still has far too few women in business, and this could hold our economy back unless appropriate policy action is taken. Substantiate.
143. India's population boom of the past has endowed it with a collateral benefit: a demographic dividend. Substantiate. What are the challenges in leveraging this dividend?
144. Indian History has given us cultural diversity & the present evolution is narrowing the difference. How far do you agree with the statement?
145. Indian sculptures have come of age and have reached newer heights under each successive phase. Discuss by giving suitable examples.
146. India's workforce is struggling with a worrying retreat of women's participation. Examine. India needs to tackle the issue from both fronts, one at home and the other at the workplace. Analyse with reference to the initiatives taken by the government to address the same.
147. Indus Valley civilization provides an important insight into the relationship between a civilizational collapse, violence, disease and other contemporary issues. Critically analyse.
148. Islands differ in their geomorphologic settings, yet they share a common concern that makes them vulnerable. Discuss. What are the types of islands found in India and what are the underlying threats to them?
149. It is believed that any economic growth comes with a hidden environmental cost. What should India do to strike a balance between development and environmental protection?
150. It is believed that the impact of climate change will extend well beyond an increase in temperature, affecting ecosystems and

- communities. In this context, discuss the impact of climate change on the hydrological regimes of river basins in India.
151. It is often said that blood can't be washed with blood and peace can't be purchased with violence. In this context, what is your opinion on the culture of bombs and politics of revolutionary terrorism during the colonial period? Give arguments to support your views.
 152. It is often said that the American revolution was a natural and even expected event in the history of colonial people who had come of age. Explain.
 153. Land degradation has emerged as a global developmental and environmental issue. Highlighting the consequences of land degradation, suggest measures to tackle it.
 154. Laws are undoubtedly the way to spread light into the lives of manual scavengers, yet the need of activists, NGOs and civil society can't be ignored. What are your views to strengthen the ground entities to cleanse India of this problem?
 155. Leftism in India grew out of the special politico-economic circumstances prevailing in India towards the end of the First World War and was inextricably intertwined with the mainstream of the nationalist movement. What were those circumstances that favoured the growth of Leftist ideologies in India?
 156. List some important features of tropical forests. Lumbering activity is more developed in the Siberian climate but underdeveloped in various tropical countries. Why?
 157. Manual scavenging as a practice perpetuates caste-based discrimination against Dalits. What is your opinion regarding this? Analyse the issue with the help of relevant examples.
 158. Many historians hold the view that World War -I was a tragedy of miscalculations. What is your opinion on this issue? Give arguments to substantiate your views.
 159. Mauryan dynasty encompassed most of the Indian subcontinent. It got enriched by Indian diversity and made a remarkable contribution to the art and architecture of existing traditions. Discuss its main highlights.
 160. Mere tolerance or an empirical plurality of cultures is not the same as a conscious democratic project of multiculturalism. Substantiate.
 161. Minorities have been integral to Indian politics since the national movement and have shaped the contours of our politics. Substantiate.

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162. Modern technology can bring in a paradigm shift from “growing more” under ideal conditions to “growing more” under sub-optimal conditions. Discuss this by highlighting the various initiatives taken by India in this context.
163. Nature’s destabilizing encounter with modernity is not serving us well. Considering this observation highlight the impact of the industrial revolution and rampant globalization on the environment. Also, suggest measures to tackle the challenges.
164. Nehru laid the foundations upon which his successors have been trying to build a prosperous and happier India. In the light of this statement discuss the role of Jawaharlal Nehru as an architect of Modern India.
165. Not just the monsoon but the cumulative effect of lack of suitable policies and implementation mechanisms for drought-prone areas are to be blamed for the grim situation that prevails in the Indian agricultural sector. Comment.
166. One important Indian Ocean issue that has received little discussion is the potential impact of deep seabed mining. In this context discuss the prospects and challenges associated with the exploration of oceanic deposits in the IOR.
167. Outline the major events associated with German unification. Also, discuss the impact of German unification on the contemporary Geo-political developments in Europe.
168. Paternity leave should be given due consideration along with maternity leave to address the prevalent gender norms that prevent women from participating in the labour market. Elaborate.
169. Politics has given way to economy in the post-cold war era. Comment.
170. Poor crop diversification has been cited as one of the most important reasons for the ongoing agrarian crisis in India. In this context discuss the challenges associated with the achievement of this objective. Throw some light on the various government initiatives taken for promoting crop diversification.
171. Population control laws grossly impinge on the right to reproductive freedom. Critically analyse. Do you think India needs a population control policy? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
172. Poverty and development continue to be inseparable entities. Rather, poverty appears to be directly proportional to economic growth. In the light of this statement, analyse how poverty has impacted various groups in society and discuss its impact on developmental challenges.

173. Press has been the chief instrument of politicisation, political propaganda, education and formation and propagation of nationalist ideology. During colonial times it helped in arousing, training, mobilizing, and consolidating nationalist public opinion. In this context, briefly highlight the contribution of some of the nationalists who fought to secure press freedom in British India.
174. Ranging from Prabandha to Abhanganga regional literature has emerged as a diversified yet united domain. Comment. Highlight the factors that contributed to the emergence of regional literature.
175. Receding glaciers are the indication of an agonizing future. What measures do you suggest to address the problem?
176. Regionalism can help preserve local traditions, customs, and ways of life. Comment.
177. Sardar Patel's contribution to the integration of India, his vision of a newly born state was unmatched and none of the contemporaries could have lived up to the requirements of the time better than him. Comment.
178. Several factors determine the location of industries. Explain the factors responsible for the location of the sugarcane industry in India.
179. Several states in the north-eastern region are embroiled in inter-state border disputes. What do you think is the root cause of such border disputes? Suggest some viable solutions to the problem.
180. Statements of Mahatma Gandhi provided the terra firma to the Indian national movement. Do they have relevance in present times as well? Discuss.
181. The African decolonization was one of the most significant events in world history. However, the after-history is not very remarkable. Discuss the problems faced by the African nations after their decolonization.
182. The arrival of Lord William Bentick marked the beginning of a new era in numerous ways. Giving an account of his policies in various spheres, elaborate on his role in the rise and fulfilment of British rule in India.
183. The British replaced the rich histories of Indian philosophy that were once associated with religion, education, and health with the colonial philosophy of conversion, modernisation and improvement. Comment.

184. The colonial past of India has left an indefinite mark on Indian architecture. Identify post-colonial constructions that bear such imprints.
185. The conflict between Israel and Palestine has dragged on for years. What are the underlying reasons due to which even at the end of almost two decades of the twenty-first century, no permanent peace agreement has been reached?
186. The current conflict in Israel-Palestine is the latest example of the state's attempt to erase history, remake geography. Comment.
187. The difference between moderates and extremists was that of means rather than that the end. Comment.
188. The effective management of land and water resources in India will drastically reduce the human suffering in the country. Comment. Give recent examples to substantiate your arguments.
189. The face of EL-Nino and La-Nina has been ever-changing because of a multitude of factors and thus the equation of the Indian Monsoon with these events has never been straightforward. List such factors and analyse their bearings.
190. The French position which at one time dazzled India with its political successes was destined to end in humiliation and failure. What were the causes responsible for the defeat of the French power in India?
191. The global race for strategic minerals is intensifying with China taking the lead. In the light of the transition from conventional to non-conventional sources of transport and mobility, account for India's stock of reserves and the scramble for the same.
192. The globalization process has not only brought changes in Indian society but also working to transform administration and governance. Discuss.
193. The integration of the tribal population into the mainstream after independence was particularly challenging. Critically analyse the reasons for the poor performance of India's Tribal Policy.
194. The looming humanitarian crisis across the world is a symbol of the failure of global institutions. Discuss.
195. The main functions of the press are to convey the government policies to the public, keep the government informed of public needs and reactions to its policies and keep everyone informed of events and happenings at home and abroad. To what extent hadpress in India fulfilled this objective during colonial times? Discuss.

196. The Moderates who believed in patience and reconciliation rather than in violence and confrontation are rightly known as the 'early nationalists' and were not without achievements. Elucidate.
197. The need of the hour is proactive prevention, mitigation and preparedness rather than a reactive relief-centric approach to address the menace of floods in India. Elaborate with suitable illustrations.
198. The Opium wars marked the start of the era of unequal treaties. Briefly discuss its contribution to shape the political developments in China in that period. Do you think it favoured the development of Republican China in the early 20th century?
199. The pandemic has exacerbated an already troubling trust deficit across political, economic, and demographic divides. Discuss. Do you agree with the proposition that trust is the bedrock of civilization?
200. The pharmaceutical sector is considered one of the strongholds for India in the global market. Discuss its potential and status in the Indian context and account for its concentration in some specific areas in India.
201. The proliferation of slums is a major problem in many big cities. Elaborate on causes and effects of slum proliferation; suggest measures to combat the problem.
202. The railways in India, instead of catalysing an industrial revolution as in Western Europe and the USA, acted as the catalyst of complete colonisation. Examine.
203. The roots of the decades-long Israel-Palestine conflict lies in a century-old document, commonly known as, Balfour Declaration, 1917. Elaborate. Also, discuss the objectives and provisions of this declaration.
204. The subsidiary alliance system was the Trojan Horse Tactic of empire building. It disarmed the Indian states and built British protectorates over them. Comment on the role of the Subsidiary Alliance on the expansion of British territories of India.
205. The tectonic regime in the Andaman Sea has varied in time. Trace the evolution of this region based on the theory of plate tectonics and seafloor spreading.
206. The third battle of Panipat was decisive in the sense that it ushered in a new participant in the struggle for Indian supremacy and marked a turning point in the history of India. Critically analyse.
207. The tradition of paintings in India has transcended time and culture to stake their rightful place in art history. In this context,

- give a brief account of the growth and development of paintings in India from Palaeolithic times till today.
208. The train which was fired by philosophers was fuelled by finance. Discuss this statement in the context of the French revolution.
 209. 'The transitional shift of Indian Society has caused drug abuse among different sections'. In the light of the statement discuss the socio-economic impact of drug abuse on women. List the functions of various institutional setups to curb this menace.
 210. The urbanisation that is ill-informed by key precepts of ecology compromises the resilience of cities and communities. Comment.
 211. The way forward to establish gender parity is to dissolve the systemic barriers to equity. Analyse.
 212. The world is moving towards a new Balkanization. How do you see the redrawing of the world map in the future?
 213. The year 1991 diverted the Indian economy's destination from socialism to economic liberalization. How do you think this transformation has benefited India?
 214. Though the Boxer Rebellion failed it did enough to stir up national pride within China itself. What were the major causes behind the Boxer Rebellion of 1900?
 215. Trace the development of the Famine policy of the British in India. How far was the commercialization of agriculture responsible for the frequent occurrence of famine in the country?
 216. Trace the reasons behind increasing instances of dowry harassment, domestic violence, and other gender-based crimes. Why do you think the problem is still prevalent in socio-economically advanced communities in India?
 217. Urbanization is not a side effect of economic growth; it is an integral part of the process. Analyse this statement in the context of India and discuss the major challenges and opportunities of the process.
 218. What are footloose industries? What are the geographical factors which determine the location of the woollen textile industry in India?
 219. What are local winds? How do they influence the climate of a place? Substantiate with examples.
 220. What are Ocean Gyres? How are tropical gyres different from sub-tropical gyres?
 221. What are some technology missions launched by the government for the agriculture sector? How would the National Mission on

- Agricultural Extension & Technology help in raising the productivity of the agricultural sector?
222. What are the challenges of a developing country in Prepare a hazard mitigation plan for the Himalayan states of India.
223. What are the different kinds of subsidies provided to the farmers by the government of India? Critically analyse the possible effects of the new MSP policy on the Indian economy.
224. What are the major characteristics of Indian folk art? Identify the differences between tribal & non-tribal art forms?
225. What are the major locational factors for fertilizer industries?
226. What are the major painting traditions in India? Identify their exponents with their specialities.
227. What challenges does the feminisation of agriculture bring forth? How can these challenges be turned into opportunities?
228. What do you understand by "Drain of Wealth" during British rule? Examine its bearing on the current Indian Economy.
229. What do you understand by Industrial Corridors? Identifying the major industrial corridors in India, explain their main characteristics.
230. What do you understand by the phrase "UNITY IN DIVERSITY"? Do you feel that the vast cultural diversity of India is a hindrance to the nation-building process? Substantiate your arguments with some examples from the recent past.
231. What do you understand by the term "Ethnocentrism"? Do you feel the debate over food choice, has been given a communal colour that goes against our constitutional principle of secularism?
232. What factors led to the formation of linguistic states in India, briefly discuss the consequences of such division.
233. What impact did the colonial rule have on different aspects of Indian culture? Do Indians still suffer from a colonial mindset? How can Indian minds be decolonised?
234. What is Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) and why is it losing its stability? Examine its implication on the Global Climate System.
235. What is desertification? What are the main factors responsible for desertification in India? Discuss the various socio-economic effects of desertification.
236. What is Permafrost? Discuss in brief the significance of Permafrost. Also, highlight the challenges emerging out of permafrost thawing?

237. What is Socialism? In what aspects is it different from Communism? Establish linkages of socialist philosophy with the Russian Revolution and elaborate how this philosophy has impacted the political developments in various parts of the world.
238. What is Standard Operation Procedure? How can it be used for forecasting tropical cyclones?
239. What is the difference between religious revivalism and religious fundamentalism? What are the reasons for religious revivalism in different communities in contemporary Indian society?
240. What is the Integral Humanism of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya? Discuss the relevance of this philosophy in contemporary times.
241. What role can animal rearing play in fulfilling the government's objective of Doubling Farmer's Income by 2022? Analyse the role of the National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development in this context.
242. What steps are needed to close the gender gap in our economy and society?
243. What were the chief challenges of post-independence consolidation? How were those challenges different from the current stream of sub-nationalism?
244. What were the circumstances that led to the Korean Crisis of the 1950s? How was American policy during the Korean War different from the other theatres of conflict in that period?
245. What were the major causes of the American Revolution? Discuss the role of the Boston tea party in giving an impetus to the American War of Independence.
246. Which of the traditions of art do you consider is the best manifestation of the geoecology in which it may have flourished? Illustrate your answer with an Indian example.
247. While social media gives a platform for women to raise issues, repeated online abuse takes away that freedom. Comment. What measures can be adopted to make social media platforms more secure?
248. While the INC was fighting mainly for political freedom, Dr B. R. Ambedkar focused on social freedom. Discuss Ambedkar's most noteworthy contributions to labour reform and women upliftment.
249. Why are rare-earth metals termed 'rare'? Also, discuss their distribution across the world and application in the industrial sector.

250. While the number of women opting for science in higher education has shown a gradual increase in recent years (All India Survey on Higher Education 2019–20), we do not see a corresponding rise in women entrants to science workplaces or research and development (R&D) institutions. What are the possible reasons? What steps can be taken to ensure gender parity in the discipline?
251. Why did the Germans object to the treaty of Versailles? How far were their objections justified?
252. Why was the process of decolonization more rapid than the process of colonization? How did it affect the erstwhile colonial powers?
253. With a tinge of Buddhist influence and based on the principles of Shilpa Shastra, temple architecture in India has evolved since time immemorial. Trace the evolution of temple architecture in India from ancient to modern times.
254. Women farmers are disproportionately more affected by climate change and land degradation. Elaborate. Suggest measures for proper adaptation and mitigation strategies.
255. 'Colonization is based more on economic rationality, rather than on the philosophy of 'White Man's Burden'. Comment.
256. 'Economics is at the core of International Relations'. Illustrate.
257. 'Footloose Industries are becoming popular with entrepreneurs'; trace the reasons for this phenomenon.
258. 'History is written by victors with the vanquished written off as total evil'. How is this relevant to Paris Peace Conference Post World War I? How far was this conference responsible for preparing the ground for World War II?
259. "Terracotta art came to its own with the advent of city life and its aesthetic quality and skill were associated with urban milieu". With reference to the above statement, comment on the significance of terracotta.
260. "The arctic holds a myriad of secrets about the world climate, ocean life, human activities and interactions between them." Critically analyse the statement considering the recent findings of the ongoing Polar stern expedition in the Arctic region. Outline the differences between Arctic and Antarctic ecosystems.
261. "The Harappan artist was at his best when he dealt with seals. Those seals are of exquisite workmanship". Comment.
262. "Tribal movement is more violent in central India when compared with North-eastern India"; trace the reasons for this in the constitutional scheme and provide a way forward.

263. "We have no right to seize Sind, yet we shall do so and a very advantageous, useful, humane piece of rascality it will be", elaborate the statement in its perspective.
264. A radical trend of militant nationalism started emerging in the latter decades of the 19th century and early decades of the 20th century. What were the factors responsible for the emergence of such trends particularly then?
265. Africa was the site for the most gruesome excesses of colonialism. Comment. Did Colonial policies differ in Africa compared to other colonies?
266. After the French Revolution of 1789, there was a period of ideological, political, and social upheaval in the political history of France and by 1799, Frenchmen were fed up with the outcomes of revolution that they welcomed even the absolute rule of Napoleon. Explain.
267. Agroforestry is one of the many measures being adopted to make agriculture climate resilient. Enumerate the economic and environmental benefits of agroforestry. What steps can be taken to realize the latent potential of this sector?
268. Children are the future of India but ironically their safety is not even guaranteed at home. Who do you think is to be blamed for this deteriorating state of affairs? In the light of rising incidents of child sexual abuse, what measures do you think need to be taken to ensure their safety?
269. Communalism, corruption & regionalism make a fatal triangle. Identify their interface in contemporary Indian society.
270. Critically analyse the factors for the centralization of the IT Industry in India.
271. Deprivation breeds segregation, segregation breeds exclusion & exclusion breeds sub-nationalism. Elucidate.
272. Discuss the factors behind the rise of extreme nationalism of fascist variety having varied faces in various countries. Also, discuss the main features of fascism that emerged during the interwar period.
273. Discuss the factors that help India in solar power generation? However, despite being a sustainable and permanent source why has it not been tapped to its potential? Critically discuss the challenges and the way ahead.
274. Discuss the main objectives of the Indian National Movement up to 1905. What were its weaknesses during this period?
275. Discuss the strategy of planned economic development adopted by India. How has this development strategy limited India's economic interaction with the outside world? Elucidate.

276. Distinguish between the Western and Eastern coastal plains of India in terms of their evolution. Present an account of the topography and drainage pattern.
277. Do you believe that the uprising in 1857 was nationalist in nature? If not, what was its character?
278. Explain seismic waves with a special focus on Love Waves. How do they help in enhancing knowledge about earth's internal structure?
279. Explain the mechanism of Monsoon with special reference to the Jet Stream Theory.
280. Gandhiji's means of large-scale disobedience and defiance of constitutional authority has left a bad legacy behind. It has provided a convenient cloak to the unscrupulous and the anti-social elements to defy the constitutional authority in free India in the name of Satyagraha. This has spread the habit of disorder—an unhealthy trend in modern Indian Politics. How far do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
281. Globalisation has been heralded as the promise of prosperity by Western countries. But of late, the world is witnessing some of its ugly shades. Discuss the impact of globalisation in the 21st Century. Also, analyse the anti-globalisation movements and the possibility of their success.
282. How do tropical cyclones and heat exchange mechanisms create disturbance in the heat budget?
283. How far do you think the growth of science and technology directly or indirectly led to the rise of Colonialism and Imperialism in the 18th and 19th Centuries?
284. Identify the bearings of the neighbouring countries on the Indian culture.
285. If the congress was buried at Surat, it was reborn in Lucknow. Lucknow session of 1916 revived the congress as an effective instrument of Indian nationalism. What were the major developments that took place at the Lucknow session which made it historic? Evaluate.
286. In October 1962, the world was brought to the brink of a nuclear war. What were the circumstances which led to the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962?
287. In Post-independent India, land reforms were undertaken to remove the barriers to economic and social development. However, its faulty implementation has given rise to several challenges which India is still grappling with. Do you think that the problem of Naxalism is a fallout of the unsuccessful implementation of Land Reforms in India?

288. In recent years instances of cloud bursts have risen rapidly. Recently the government has asked scientists to develop a system to predict cloud bursts. Explain what is cloud burst? How is it caused and preventive measure to avert this disaster?
289. India is a land of a huge diversity of ethnicity, language, script, culture but it survived as an independent nation when all its neighbours and others, despite being more homogenous, couldn't achieve the same. How would you describe the role of the British in unifying India?
290. India is divided into caste, class, religion and region. Despite so much diversity what has kept us united?
291. India is rapidly becoming urbanized, but the urban facilities are not able to cope up with the growing demand. Identify the role of small & medium towns in this regard?
292. India's struggle for freedom was markedly different from its counterparts in Southeast Asia. Compare the broader aspects of the two and delineate the outcomes.
293. Indian capitalist class had developed a long-term contradiction with imperialism while retaining a relationship of short-term dependence on accommodation with it. Analyse this statement.
294. Indian secularism has evolved to address the peculiar social situation in India. Discuss.
295. Integral Humanism was conceived as an Indian solution to India's problems. Elucidate.
296. It is the social and cultural factors that have led to the failure of family planning in India. Explain in context of regional variance in the infertility rate in the country.
297. Italian unification was an outcome of Cavour's diplomacy, Mazzini's intellectual revolution, Garibaldi's sword, and the active support of King Victor Immanuel II. Analyse.
298. Jute enjoys an economic and ecological advantage over other crops. Yet the jute industry is struggling to survive, in this context, discuss the problems associated with the jute industry and give suggestions to revive the golden fibre.
299. LGBT Community is the new untouchable class. Do you agree? Also, explain the causes behind their discrimination and marginalisation in Indian society?
300. Monsoon is affected by various weather phenomena. In this context differentiate between El Nino and El Nino Modoki. Explain Madden Julian oscillation (MJO) and the concept of Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and its impact on the Indian monsoon.



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301. Narrate the chief characteristics of the industrial revolution? How did it affect the society and polity of England?
302. Plate tectonic theory scientifically explains the origin of second-order relief feature. Explain.
303. Rammohan Roy was the herald of a new age in India. Elucidate.
304. Recently scientists observed 'First Fingerprints of Healing' in the Antarctic Ozone Layer. What are Ozone-depleting substances? Discuss the measures taken at the global level that led to the shrinking of the Ozone Hole.
305. Regionalism in India is not only rooted in India's diversity of languages, cultures, tribes and religions but also fuelled by a sense of regional deprivations. Critically analyse.
306. Review the education Policy of the English East India Company. To what extent did it serve the imperial interests of Great Britain? What are its present footprints?
307. Solid waste management is an increasing problem for the civic authorities in urban areas of India. What are the key challenges in the growth of solid waste management in India?
308. Some countries are antagonistic to religion. But there are models that there could be reconciliation between religion and secularism. The context of India marks the difference between Secularism and Secularization. How relevant are they in the present Indian context?
309. The ageing population in India is sharply on the rise. Discuss the major problems of the elderly class, especially keeping in mind globalisation and climate change.
310. The anthropogenic pressure makes Himalayan tourism more vulnerable to earthquakes, floods and resultant landslides than the Western Ghats. Explain by citing examples of several human-induced natural disasters in the past decade. Suggest some steps that should be taken to avoid such incidents in future.
311. The Chipko movement not only raised the issue of ecological sustainability but also those related to socio-economic inequalities and political representation. Comment.
312. The cost of European peace in the 19th century was paid for by the first World War. Comment.
313. The differently abled are turned into 'disabled' because society is not built in a manner to accommodate them. Recommend some measures to attend to the same.

314. The emergency of 1975 was the outcome of systematic failure in the time of social, economic, and political crisis that prevailed in India. Discuss.
315. The global meltdown has once again made socialism relevant; give your opinion.
316. The government is envisaging the Interlinking of rivers as a panacea to solve the twin problems of water scarcity & water surplus across India. Explain the model of interlinking of rivers for India & critically analyse the merits/demerits of the same.
317. The history of nationalism during the British period was not just the pre-history of the nation-state but a phase in the continuing process of nation-building which continued after independence. Discuss.
318. The infirmities of the Shimla Accord have repercussions that are still being felt. Comment while detailing the circumstances leading up to the accord.
319. The Mathura school was contemporaneous with Kushan and Gandhara. However, it was indigenous art, though it shows traces and influence of Gandhara art. Give your opinion on its evolution.
320. The struggle for independence discourse is usually centred on Gandhi-Nehru-Patel and the hardcore frontmen. However, the softer part of the struggle is usually overlooked. Discuss the importance of arts like music, poetry, etc. in the national struggle for freedom.
321. The transformation of Sanskrit into a language of literary and political expression and the development of vernacular speech into literary language were two great moments of transformation of culture and power in Pre-Modern India. Explain.
322. There are drastic differences present between rural and urban India. What are these differences and the causes behind them? Do you think the gap is widening or narrowing?
323. To what extent can we relate growing inequality in society with globalisation? Also, discuss how has globalisation impacted the labour workforce in India?
324. Trace the evolution of the women empowerment movement in India and substantiate it with relevant illustrations.
325. Tribal revolts posed an early challenge to British authority in India. Elaborate. What were the underlying causes of these revolts?
326. Vallabhbhai Patel's contributions to India go beyond the integration of the Princely States. Elucidate.

327. Wetlands are nature's kidneys. Elucidate. How are they threatened by anthropogenic actions in India? Give steps taken to attend the same.
328. What are the causes behind the rise of crime against women in the last two decades in India? Explain especially in the context of the new forms of gender violence that are taking place.
329. What contributes to the location of the cotton textile industry in India? Trace its current trend.
330. What do you understand by religious fundamentalism? How is it linked with communalism? What are the other factors that are leading to the rise of fundamentalism?
331. What do you understand by the phenomenon of Hybrid Eclipse? Describe the astrophysical factors for different types of solar eclipses. Why is the study of solar eclipse crucial? Examine.
332. What do you understand by the Plate Tectonic Theory? How does it help in explaining the formation of the Himalayas and the Appalachian Mountains?
333. What do you understand by Tsunamigenic zones? Bring out these zones on the Indian coastline. Examine the steps taken by the government to minimize the impact of Tsunamis.
334. What is the difference between caste and casteism? Analyse their presence in the context of the Indian society today.
335. While the Marathas proved superior to the various Muslim powers that rose on the ruins of the Mughal Empire, they were inferior to the English in material resources, military organization, diplomacy, and leadership. Critically examine this statement highlighting the causes of the defeat of the Marathas.
336. Why did the issue of national unity and security become a primary challenge at the time of independence? How did India choose to shape itself into a nation? Elucidate.
337. Why is India one of the worst flood affected nations across the world? Critically assess the government measures taken to deal with floods.
338. Women movements have contributed to the upliftment of status and accomplishments of rights of women. Critically analyse.
339. "Capacity, Coordination and Community participation", these three Cs are the three pillars of disaster management. Elaborate. Discuss the role of NDRF in capacity building for disaster management.
340. "Vivekananda may be regarded as the spiritual father of the modern nationalist movement." Elucidate.

341. A working woman faces the double burden of workload: one at the workplace and another at home. Do you think it acts as an impediment to their workforce participation? What attitudinal change do you think is required in society to encourage the participation of women in the workforce?
342. Agro-based traditional industries play a vital role in industrialization in an underdeveloped economy. Analyse the factors for localization of the sugar industry in India and note the recent trends in the industry.
343. Although religious reformation was a major concern of the socio-religious movements of the 19th century, none of them was exclusively religious. Elucidate.
344. Analyse the economic and social factors which led to the rise of Indian nationalism in the second half of the 19th century.
345. Are anthropogenic activities increasing the intensity of droughts and floods in India? What preventive steps according to you are needed to be taken by civil society and policymakers?
346. As urbanization puts pressure on governments to reduce congestion and pollution while improving mobility, it is high time urban public transport in India get an overhaul. Discuss the issues, challenges, and remedies for urban transport in India.
347. Characterize the term 'dependency ratio'. How does an age structure change towards a lower dependency ratio creates a demographic dividend? Clarify with regards to India through changing shape of an age-gender pyramid in the last two censuses.
348. Clarify how mid-eighteenth-century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity.
349. Comment whether supporting the Khilafat Movement which had pan-Islamic leanings gave an indirect legitimacy to Jinnah's two-nation theory.
350. Coral reefs are often called the tropical rainforests of the sea, for their richness of biodiversity. What are the conditions in which corals thrive? How is climate change impacting these aquatic ecosystems?
351. Critically analyse India's role in the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971. What impact did it have on the polity of the country at the time?
352. Critically analyse the importance and pitfalls of "Atmanirbhar Bharat". What steps does India need to take to become a self-reliant economy?

353. Describe systematically the vertical and horizontal movements originating in the earth's crust. Give relevant references from the Indian sub-continent.
354. Discuss the extent to which the Indian renaissance movement contributed towards nationalist consciousness.
355. Discuss the role of the Tibetan plateau in precipitation over the Indian subcontinent. Do you think the rainfall pattern in India is experiencing a change in recent times? Explain.
356. Discuss the social factors responsible for the emergence of Dalit consciousness in India. What have been the social consequences of this phenomenon?
357. Discuss the success and limitations of the moderate phase of the congress.
358. Discuss the various mountain-building processes. Also, explain why the Himalayas are known as true mountains.
359. E-waste, which is one of the most toxic of all waste material, is increasing at an alarming rate in the country and its management and handling have become a major challenge. Discuss. Suggest some measures to handle the menace of e-waste.
360. Examine the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase.
361. Examine the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.
362. Explain how mid-eighteenth-century India was assailed with the phantom of a divided nation.
363. Gandhian methods of protest were defining of the freedom movement. Its legacy can be seen in post-independent India as well. Elucidate.
364. Globalisation has opened a floodgate of opportunities and challenges for tribal people. In the light of this statement, analyse the impact of globalisation on the ecological, cultural, and economic life of tribes in India.
365. Globalization has increased the income level and productivity but has reinforced inequality. Explain the statement with reference to Indian agriculture.
366. Globalization has led to a widening in cultural differences between Urban and Rural India. Do you agree with this view? Substantiate.
367. Globalization has not only influenced the economy and society, but it has also thrown certain challenges as well as opportunities for the performing arts in India. Discuss.

368. Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.
369. How has the process of globalisation and various free trade agreements impacted plantation workers in India?
370. In recent years, Indian forests have seen an unprecedented rise in forest fire. Forest fires are as much a man-made hazard as it is a natural disaster. Discuss in the context of India. Also list measures to prevent it.
371. In what ways were the political institutions of the Licchavis of Vaishali different from that of modern democracies? Point out those features of modern democracies that were not found in pre-modern societies.
372. India holds one of the largest reserves of Iron ore in the world, but its share in global steel production is negligible. Briefly discuss the various challenges faced by the Indian Steel industry. What measures has the government taken to revive the steel sector?
373. India's physical features and geological structure had a great influence on the development of its culture, as did the country's diverse flora and fauna. Examine this statement in the context of the cultural diversity of India.
374. Indian reform movements can be characterized as liberal, progressive, egalitarian, and humanist. Critically analyse.
375. It is said that the Savannah land holds great promise for the future. Do you think so? Why? Outline some of the probable difficulties that may be encountered in their development.
376. Ken-Betwa link is being seen as a model link project of Inter Linking of Rivers (ILRs) programme. How can the project prove to be a game-changer for the region? Briefly discuss the challenges associated.
377. Our ancestors had given India a 'civilisational state identity and this phenomenon, even now, guides us. What is a 'civilisational state'? How are the civilizations of South Asia different from those of East Asia, The Middle East and Europe?
378. Physiography and climate are not only relevant for the generation of culture but have high significance for socio-economic development as well. How valid is the statement in the context of present-day regional disparities in the country?
379. Recent years have seen both greater empowerment of women, as well as a rise in the crimes against women. What could be the causes of such contradicting patterns? Elucidate.
380. some policy interventions needed to attend the same.

381. The currents in the oceans originate due to the combined effects of several factors acting internally as well as externally. Explain these factors in brief. Also, mention the factors which modify ocean currents.
382. The entry of Japan into the 2nd World war changed the course of Vietnamese history. Analyse in the context of the Vietnamese nationalist movement.
383. The evolution of Plate Tectonics theory from the Continental Drift Theory postulation by Wegener was an interesting journey. Discuss. Also briefly explain the key differences between these two theories.
384. The First World War was responsible for devastation and death but at the same time, it strengthened the women liberation movement in the west.
385. The impact of the Bolshevik revolution was not limited to the territory of Russia, but its effects were felt far and wide. Discuss.
386. The Industrial Revolution created the Modern World. Critically Evaluate. Why was Europe more suited for the development of the Industrial revolution?
387. The inherent weakness of the temple entry movement in the pre-independence era found expression in the growth of casteism and the continuous existence of discrimination based on caste and gender even in post-independence India. Critically examine.
388. The Kaladan Multimodal project will not only improve connectivity to the Northeast but also help India in its Act East initiative. Briefly discuss.
389. The Mural Paintings of Ellora is unique in terms of stylistic eclecticism. Discuss.
390. The partition of Bengal and the subsequent swadeshi and boycott movement opened a new episode in the history of the freedom movement of India. Critically analyse.
391. The Partition of India was not merely a political failure. It was also our civilization's failure. Comment.
392. The peasant revolts of the late 18th and early 19th century were though massive in their totality yet wholly local in their spread. Discuss.
393. The post-racial world is a myth and there is a long distance to cover to get there. Examine this statement with reference to 'casual racism'.
394. The Princely States were latecomers to the freedom movement. Elaborate.
395. The process of the creation of a composite Indian identity has occurred concurrently with more protections for diversity. Analyse.

396. The recent protests in America sparked due to the killing of an unarmed black citizen by the police, speaks volumes about the socio-economic exclusion that exists in the world. Comment. What are your suggestions to attend such fissures that exist in Indian society? Substantiate your views with constitutional commitments.
397. The revolt of 1857 was limited in its territorial spread and did not engulf all of India. Examine the causes which prevented a wider conflagration.
398. The temperature of Ocean water differs at different places. What are the major factors which affect the distribution of temperature of ocean water around the globe?
399. Trace the development of education during the British period in India.
400. What are Jet Streams? Explain their climatic impacts with special reference to the Indian monsoon.
401. What are the conditions which facilitate the generation of Tropical Cyclones in the Bay of Bengal? Present a comparative analysis of the impact of Tropical Cyclones and Temperate Cyclones on India.
402. What are the differentiators of extratropical cyclones that make them more predictable? Why are there few Tropical cyclones during the Southwest monsoon period?
403. What are the various problems associated with sand mining in India? Also mention some of the recent initiatives of the government to overcome these problems.
404. What is Apartheid? Give a brief account of the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa.
405. What is Neo-slavery? Describe the various forms and causes of Neo-slavery in India. Critically assess the steps that the government has taken to counter this modern form of slavery.
406. What is the 'Sendai Framework'? Mention the major objectives of the recently launched NDMP and how it is integrated into the Sendai Framework?
407. What was the significance of Stupa in ancient Indian history? Trace the development of Stupa architecture in India.
408. Why is the thickness of the troposphere at the equator the greatest? How is it that the lowest temperature at the tropopause is vertically over the equator rather than over the poles?
409. Women were the foremost focus of social reforms in 19th and 20th century India. Comment.
410. "Ram Mohan Roy was the first liberal in the 19th century." Comment.

411. What were the major land settlement systems introduced by the British? Critically analyse how these changes affected the Indian agrarian structure.
412. What is permafrost? Mention the characteristics and geographical distribution of permafrost. Why does its thawing pose a risk to the world? Comment.
413. What is Challenger Deep? Why are scientists interested in deep ocean areas? What are the challenges in exploring them? Critically analyse.
414. "Railway's development in India provides an interesting instance of private enterprise at public risk." Comment.
415. Elucidate the main trends within the Home Rule Movement. Critically analyse the historical significance of the Home Rule Movement.
416. Analyse how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.
417. Plassey proved a battle with far-reaching consequences in the fate of India. Critically evaluate.
418. Comment on the reasons that explain the trend of simultaneous declining child sex ratio and rising overall sex ratio in India. Suggest
419. Differentiate between planetary winds and local winds in terms of their origin, influence and scale of operation. Also, illustrate the impact of local winds in influencing the climate of any area.
420. What do you mean by multiculturalism? Do you think that too much focus on cultural identities will halt the project of cosmopolitanism? In light of this, analyse the downside of multiculturalism.
421. What are the possible benefits of utilizing India's vast network of Inland waterways for transport? Elucidate the challenges and the steps being taken in this regard.
422. What are the major differences in Temple architecture in the Nagara and Dravida style? Illustrate. Further, trace the evolution of Dravida temple architecture.
423. India has a long and rich history of folk art. Illustrate.
424. Indian classical dances although having different origins have a common religious orientation. Discuss.
425. The ancient tradition of puppetry has seen a decline in recent times. In this context, discuss few puppetry traditions of India. Also, discuss the need for revival of this age-old tradition.
426. Storytelling has been an important art form in India since time immemorial. Trace the evolution of this traditional art form

- depicted through different narrative reliefs and paintings of the historic and prehistoric periods.
427. Compare and contrast the teachings of Buddhism and Jainism. Why did Buddhism become popular and decline subsequently?
428. Adoption of responsible tech practices is essential to create trust in technology and a thriving and well governed digital society. Discuss. What steps have been taken in this regard?
429. Briefly comment on the journey of state reorganization in India. Why do you think the demands of creation of new states still persists?
430. Indian nationalism grew partly as a response to international events and partly as a reaction to colonial policies. Justify.
431. What we need is 'development through culture' not 'development versus culture'. Explain the statement with special reference to north-east region of India.
432. The migration of people into India has been a major factor in development of various aspects of India's life and culture since pre-historic times. Elaborate. Do you still witness these influences?
433. Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of rareearth metals in the world.
434. Like everything else, architecture also thrives on change, its expression changes depending on the socio-political and economic conditions in the area it develops in. Analyse the statement in context of changes witnessed in the architectural landscape of India.
435. Highlight the significance of major Earth ecosystems. What are the threats they are facing?
436. Describe any four measures and their relative significance for consolidation and nation building in India.
437. What are the key triggers of Desertification in India? What measures have been taken to address this issue?
438. Explain the differences between continental and oceanic crust. What is the impact of the interaction between the two on Earth's physical geography?
439. Assess the impact of digital globalization on Indian society.
440. The homogenising effects of cultural globalisation and the global flow of goods and information are diluting the unifying forces that hold the nation together. Critically comment.
441. Briefly comment on how science was used as a tool for both subjugation and liberation in modern India.

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442. Governance tools like citizen's charter is aimed to change the 'Chalta Hai' culture of the Indian governmental system. Comment.
443. 'Liberal interpretation of right to life has made many DPSPs designated as low hanging fruits and converted them to fundamental rights.' Comment, with special reference to article 21A.
444. Discuss the relevance of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992. How far have these amendments improved local governance in India? Critically examine.
445. Compare and contrast the features of the Indian and French constitutions.
446. The elevation of India's strategic priorities vis-a-vis the Gulf countries reflects on the structural changes taking place in the Middle East. Discuss.
447. Discuss the role of finance commission in maintaining fiscal federalism in India. What do you think should be done in post covid period to improve fiscal relations between centre and states?
448. An approach that leverages data to maximise citizen benefits, while ensuring privacy, security and access, must be the way forward, if we are to truly realise the power of digital governance. Discuss.
449. Russia's face-off with the West shows that spheres of influence are here to stay as instruments to regulate competition between great powers. In this context analyse the impact of Russia-Ukraine conflict for India and the world.
450. The Indo-Pacific is emerging as a theatre of power politics. Discuss in the backdrop of QUAD.
451. Strategic partnerships without strong economic content would have no meaning in the Indo-Pacific, where China's economic clout is growing by the day. In this context analyse the significance of India-UK economic ties with special reference to the free trade agreement (FTA).
452. Do you think there is a need for substituting human rights with digital rights? Has it been done anywhere in the world till now?
453. Why is reforming the World Trade Organisation challenging? What could be some of the likely implications of the proposals

- seeking institutional changes in the World Trade Organisation for developing countries, including India?
454. Explain the mechanisms of centre's control over states functioning in Indian federal setup. Does it support or distort the federal ethos?
455. Discuss the Relevance and feasibility of the idea of 'One nation One election'.
456. Discuss any two Constitutional institutions responsible for redressal of disputes raised by common citizens.
457. India and Chinas' view on the current geopolitical developments in the world has an element of convergence. Critically analyze.
458. A more representative gender jurisprudence does not just mean more women in courts but increase in the quality of judgments that better reflect the diversity of Indian experiences. How far Indian judicial system manage to deliver responsible and representative gender jurisprudence?
459. 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.
460. Comment on the potential of technology to transform social welfare delivery. What are the challenges associated with it?
461. India and Bangladesh relations may become a role model for International Relations if the two neighbors deal with each other with more maturity, keeping the regional aspirations and nuances of both the countries in mind. Discuss.
462. Broadly highlight the structure of Urban local governance in India. How is it different from rural areas? What are the challenges associated with Urban local governance?
463. Discuss the depth and breadth of India-UAE bilateral cooperation with special reference to the significance of comprehensive trade agreement signed recently.
464. India faces the unique challenges of a large population which is catered by urban-centric health care system. How does the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) plan to bridge this gap?
465. How does right to information play a vital role in ensuring transparency and accountability in governance? What steps are needed to strengthen the RTI regime?
466. Evaluate the pros and cons of the decision to link Aadhar with Voter ID. Do you think it can negatively impact India's electoral democracy?

467. To what extent can Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill act as an instrument of social change?
468. Dignity of labour needs advocacy to help our youth bridge gaps between aspirations and abilities. How can new labour codes help in fulfilling this objective?
469. What are the reasons behind India's repeated corporate governance breakdowns? What is the existing regulatory and institutional mechanism for regulating corporate governance?
470. Discuss the mandate and jurisdiction of International Court of Justice (ICJ). What is the significance of its rulings?
471. Japan and India are "Special Strategic and Global Partners" which share strategic interests. Elaborate.
472. What is the role of Human Rights Council? How successful has the council been in fulfilling its mandate?
473. Despite the geopolitical churn, the depth of India-Russia ties is evident. Why is Russia so crucial for fulfilment of Indian foreign policy objectives? What are the challenges in realising the full potential of Indo-Russia strategic partnership?
474. Good governance landscape of India has radically changed in style, scale and scope. Discuss the statement in light of the recently adopted Hyderabad declaration.
475. India's Nuclear Policy has helped to build its image as a responsible nuclear stakeholder and helped in 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 of its pragmatic approach towards changing global order? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
476. Define judicial activism with special reference to PIL. Judicial activism has had manifold impact on the political system. Justify the statement by giving suitable arguments.
477. 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.
478. Differentiate between the powers of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on the basis of the following parameters: functions and control over election. Explain, with reasons, the powers that are exercised only by the Lok Sabha.
479. Police falls under the state list in Indian constitution which means that 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.

480. Comment briefly on the financial relations between the Union and the States in India. What are irritants generally encountered?
481. E- governance is necessary for ensuring good governance. Discuss.
482. How does Indian constitution enforce doctrine of separation of powers and principle of Checks and Balances?
483. 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.
484. "Constitution is not a mere lawyer's document, it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always a spirit of age." Explain the statement in context of working of Indian constitution.
485. India and the EU have maintained robust strategic relation, however, in some critical areas, there is still room for enhanced cooperation. Explain with examples.
486. Participatory and decentralized governance are the central pillars of effective governance. Explain. What is the role of NGOs in participatory governance?
487. Comment on the significance and relevance of the second chamber of Indian parliament.
488. Schemes and programmes already drafted for the tribal people need to be implemented effectively. In this context explain the challenges in implementation of Forest Rights Act? How has it empowered the tribal community?
489. Politics of freebies has raised serious governance issues and pose fundamental questions about the viability of the democratic process in the future. Discuss. Do you agree that it is good politics but bad economics?
490. With the passage of time and new developments, the concept of rights in India underwent reviews and renewed interpretations by judiciary and other state and non-state actors. Discuss.
491. "From estranged democracies to engaged democracies, India and the USA have come a long way". Comment.
492. What are the functions and responsibilities of GST council?
493. Discuss the relevance of Indo Pacific region in the backdrop of QUAD and AUKUS.
494. How technology and innovation can address the challenges of access, equity, accountability and affordability faced by the current education system of India?

495. What are the powers & functions of Election Commission of India? Discuss the need for reforms to ensure free and fair elections.
496. Indian constitution has been inspired by various Constitutions of different nations. Substantiate.
497. Discuss the efficacy of available mechanisms for adjudication of Inter-State Water disputes in India.
498. Very few amendments to our constitution have had such wide-ranging effect on the common man as the First Amendment. Justify.
499. Discuss the concept of Judicial Review. How far has Judicial Review helped strengthen democracy in India?
500. Indian education system suffers from deep inequities of access, resources and outcomes often rooted in geographic, social and economic disadvantages. What measures have been taken to rectify this scenario?
501. Economic development expanded the scope of civil society to all aspects of life, such as charity funds, market-based organizations, and business associations. Highlight their role and limitations in Development Processes.
502. India's growth story is now intrinsically linked to the relative welfare of its people in the digital age. This calls for a greater impetus towards an e-governance infrastructure that focuses on public service delivery in order to achieve the goals of last mile connectivity. Analyse.
503. In what way, the current parliamentary system and process of representative democracy represent further development of the democratic spirit and ethos of India?
504. 'Joining the forces of social audit and e-governance will be the first step towards the goal of community empowerment'. Elaborate.
505. Discuss in brief various mechanisms and measures taken for effective implementation of directive principle under Article 39A of the Indian constitution.
506. 'Post-covid, India has witnessed an increased dependence on information technology driven platforms and services'. In light of the above statement analysis the strengths and weaknesses of e-governance.
507. To what extent Election commission has justified its role as the guardian of free and reasonable elections?
508. Two different claims of the Constitution, the right to freedom of religion, and the right to equality appear to be at variance, creating a paradoxical legal situation. Justify with examples. How can we reconcile the two?

509. Liberal interpretation of right to life has made many DPSPs designated as low hanging fruits and converted them to fundamental rights.' Comment, with special reference to article 21A.
510. How certain aspects of Representation of People's Act can be tweaked to effectively fulfil the objectives of electoral reforms?
511. "Destroying the rights of one section of society makes the whole society vulnerable". Examine the statement in the light of proposed labour laws in recent times in India. Also, describe the issues and challenges to labour law reforms in India.
512. "The distribution of a vaccine should be in an equitable manner rather than the ability to pay". Substantiate your concerns with the backdrop of the rise of vaccine nationalism.
513. "As an emerging global hegemon, China has ever-expanding national security and economic interests." In light of this statement analyse China's increasing role in Africa. How does India's intent and approach towards Africa differ from China?
514. "It is time to define the limits of sedition". In light of the recent judgement of the Supreme Court analyse the issues associated with the sedition law of India. How can the limits of sedition be defined?
515. A much more vigorous intervention for prevention of and punishment for hate speech is required. Explain how effective action can be taken against the rising threat of hate speech.
516. A people-oriented approach facilitated by the Centre can help resolve Assam-Mizoram row. Discuss.
517. Afghanistan's future will impact Central Asia and South Asia more than the distant global powers involved with it now. In light of this statement highlight the significance of Afghanistan for India. Also, evaluate India's response to the Afghan situation.
518. Among many lost opportunities for India, Afghanistan has hit the most and even made worse by the new axis of influencers which will keep the US and India at bay. Discuss.
519. Analyse the distinguishing features of the notion of parliamentary democracy and parliamentary sovereignty in the Constitutions of the Britain and India.
520. Are allegations of China resorting to debt-trap diplomacy justified? If yes, is it a form of neo-colonialism?
521. Article 32 is considered as heart and soul of the constitution. This status depends more on its functioning than its provision in the constitution. Examine with the help of suitable examples.
522. As India moves forward with the self-reliance initiative, what role can the Indian Diaspora play in making 'Brand India' stronger? Justify with examples.

523. Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission has the potential to provide a much-needed fillip to India's capacity to address emerging Public Health issues. Critically analyse.
524. Balancing fundamental rights is a constitutional necessity. In this context highlight the conflict between the right to reputation and freedom of speech and expression.
525. China's strategy of push and shove to solidify its position along the LAC requires bold and decisive action from India. Critically analyse.
526. Covid-19 has exposed the deep fault-lines that hobble India's transition towards a more digitally enabled society. Substantiate. What measures are needed to bridge the digital gap?
527. Critically analyse how the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021 will help in protecting the rights and dignity of women.
528. Critically analyse the interface between the constitutional provisions and laws of India with the social media platforms acting as arbiters of truth.
529. Directive Principles of State Policy seeks to create social and economy democracy. Discuss.
530. Discuss aims and ideals of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution.
531. Discuss briefly the legal, political, economic, social and cultural factors that have led to corruption and loss of accountability in governance.
532. Discuss the doctrine of Judicial Review. How has it strengthened democracy in India?
533. Discuss the relevance of K.S. Putta Swamy judgement in context of emerging data governance regime in India.
534. Discuss the role of the Finance Commission in India's federal architecture. Critically analyse the impact of Terms of Reference (TOR) of the fifteenth finance commission's report on the fiscal federalism on India.
535. Disruption of parliament is replacing discussion as the foundation of our legislative functioning. What measures should be taken to ensure the smooth functioning of the legislature?
536. Do you think local self-government system in India has proven to be an effective instrument of governance? Substantiate your view with suitable examples.
537. Do you think that the difference in the marriage age of men and women goes against the creed of securing gender justice, gender equality, and fundamental rights? Justify your view with suitable arguments.
538. Due to overlapping interest and aspiration for regional leadership India and China are neither permanent friends nor permanent enemies, explain.

539. Empowering local bodies must be a priority to improve public health. Substantiate. What measures have been taken in this direction?
540. Fake news and associated social problems have been a major concern in India. Discuss. Do you think law and technology can provide a solution to fake news?
541. Following the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan, China has emerged as one of the first nations to develop diplomatic channels with the Taliban. What is China's interest in Afghanistan? What are the challenges associated with this?
542. Give an overview of India's Tibet Policy. Has this policy seen a shift lately? Is it time to rethink India's approach to Tibet?
543. Has Anti defection law curtailed parliamentary debates? Critically analyse.
544. Has Bangladesh's proximity with China affected its relations with India? How?
545. Hate speeches endanger the Freedom of speech. In light of the statement, critically examine the efficacy of institutional setup in India to curb hate speech.
546. Highlight the relevance and significance of Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act as an instrument to empower gram sabhas. Why is it referred to as a 'Constitution within the Constitution'?
547. Highlight the significance of BIMSTEC for India. Why it has emerged as the preferred grouping of countries in South Asia?
548. Highlight the significance of the 97th Constitutional Amendment. Has it been able to achieve its objective? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
549. Highlight the significance of the essential commodities Act with respect to the socialist orientation of India. Discuss the rationale behind the recent amendment of the existing act.
550. Highlight the vulnerabilities of the tribal households in India. Critically analyse the impact of the potential interventions to ensure sustainable livelihoods for the tribal population in India.
551. How did Burma become Myanmar? What factors led to the recent coup in Myanmar? How should India react to the Myanmar coup?
552. How does India's strategy to engage with its neighbourhood fit into the framework of Security and Growth for All (SAGAR)? What are the limitations of this approach?
553. How has India's relationship with Bangladesh evolved since its independence? What are some of the unresolved issues between the nations?
554. How is the recent coup in Myanmar going to impact its relationship with India? What challenges does it present to India?
555. How will the Abraham accord impact the Middle East? Who are the winners and losers?

556. If an act is used arbitrarily then it will have negative impacts or will jeopardise the basic rights of an individual. In light of the statement examine the provisions of Preventive Detention in the constitution. Also, highlight the jurisprudence of the difference between preventive and punitive detentions.
557. 'If judicial review means anything, it is judicial restraint that does not allow everything.' Comment. Highlight the difference that exists between judicial activism and judicial overreach.
558. In the context of continuing uncertainty, new roles are emerging for multilateral groupings of countries. In this context analyse how QUAD can strengthen partnership and improve collaboration on new-age challenges.
559. India does not see the Indo-Pacific Region as a club of limited members nor as a new theatre for geostrategic contestation. Do you agree with this assessment?
560. India with its three distinct personalities, the rural, the urban and the metropolitan has just entered a decade of challenges and opportunities in a globalised world. In this context analyse the changing role of civil services in a modern democracy.
561. India's Afghan policy is at a major crossroads. Substantiate. Do you think India should directly engage with the Taliban? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
562. India's best asset is its modern democracy. Critically analyse.
563. India's healthcare policy must continue focusing on its long-term healthcare priorities. Identify these priorities and the appropriate measures needed to achieve them.
564. India's tryst with the cooperative movement has produced mixed results. Discuss. What measures are needed to rejuvenate the institution?
565. India's foreign policy towards ASEAN is a part of India's Act East Policy and despite its significance, India is compelled to withdraw itself from Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. Highlight the reasons behind it. Do you think India needs better regional integration? Substantiate your view with suitable illustrations.
566. Is India's digital divide hampering access to vaccines? Critically analyse.
567. Is the world witnessing a retreat from multilateralism? Critically analyse.
568. List the factors behind the rise in custodial deaths and suggest remedial measures to curb this problem. Do you think that the need of the hour is police reform? Substantiate your views.
569. Lok Adalat has the potential to improve the access to justice for the vulnerable and overcome the limitations of the traditional justice delivery system. Substantiate.

570. Management of Transboundary water resources is expected to be one of the biggest challenges for India as it has water disputes with almost all the countries with which it shares its land boundary. Comment. Do you think India needs to give more emphasis on hydro-diplomacy and Transboundary Water Interaction Nexus? Explain with suitable illustrations.
571. Merit should be socially contextualised and reconceptualised as an instrument that advances social goods like equality that we as a society value. In light of this statement analyse the utility and relevance of reservation as an instrument of social advancement.
572. Migrant labourers deserve a fair share in the developmental accomplishments of the country. Comment in the backdrop of post-Covid-19 developments.
573. National Crime Record Bureau report of 2019 reveals an increase of approximately 60 per cent in cybercrime cases in the year 2019. What is Cybercrime? Do you think existing infrastructure is inadequate to deal with the new age cybercrimes? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
574. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is a pathbreaking initiative to reimagine the future of education. Substantiate.
575. NEP 2020 will be critical to building a New India. Comment.
576. New Education Policy 2020 has the potential to make education more equitable, inclusive, and high-quality. Substantiate.
577. Not only as a strategic partner but also as a partner in space and defense is France India's most trusted western ally? Explain.
578. Nurturing entrepreneurship has been taken up as an agenda in the National Education Policy 2020. Substantiate.
579. On what grounds can the President of the US be removed? How is the process different from the impeachment of the Indian President?
580. One nation and one election is not the panacea to solve the governance deficit in the country. Critically examine. Discuss the feasibility of one nation and one election in such a large and diverse country like India.
581. Parliament is unable to play the role of an effective oversight mechanism over Executive in India. Examine.
582. Peace and Non-violence are the guiding forces of India's foreign policy. Do you think it has been reflected in India's disarmament policy in the United Nations? Substantiate your views with suitable illustrations.
583. Principles of natural justice are very much a part of the constitutionalism in India. Do you agree? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.

584. Recent cooperation between India and the US is based on the unprecedented convergence of Indian and American national interests. Substantiate.
585. Recently Bangladesh celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the war of liberation and India has played a critical role in the birth of Bangladesh. The real challenge lies with the evolving bilateral relationship between two South Asian neighbours vis-à-vis the emerging geo-political scenario of the South Asian region. Critically analyse.
586. Skill development efforts aim at not only existing jobs but also jobs that are to be created. Highlight the steps taken to increase the skill levels in population to unlock the demographic dividend.
587. Space is the new frontier of the global geopolitical competition. Explain. Where does India stand in this race?
588. Technology can both facilitate and impede access to welfare entitlements. In light of this statement highlight the challenges associated with Aadhar in facilitating inclusive governance.
589. The Anthropological Survey of India (ANSI) has warned against the exploitation of the North Sentinel Island of the Andamans for commercial and strategic gain as it would be harmful to the Sentinelese. What are the guidelines given by the ANSI for the protection of the Sentinelese?
590. The boundary dispute between Asian countries is a legacy of colonial rule on them but the present dispute between India and China is not limited to the McMahon line alone. Elaborate. Analyse the implications of these disputes and suggest the short-term and long-term measures to resolve them.
591. The central focus of India's poverty reduction initiatives is livelihood development of the poor households. Explain the statement with special reference to the National Rural and Urban livelihood missions.
592. The centuries-old historical ties between India and Nepal can remain strong only if they remain relevant to contemporary times. Comment. What steps are being taken to strengthen the relations between India and Nepal?
593. The civil services are the crucial pillar responsible for administering the country. It is believed that reform is long overdue in the Indian Administrative Services. Do you think "Mission Karmayogi" - National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) is the right step in this direction? Analyse.
594. The condition of our prisons and prisoners represents a failure of our democratic society as well as the rule of law. Analyse the issues associated with India's prison system. What measures can be taken?
595. The constitution of India conceived a powerful supreme court but with great power comes great responsibilities and for carrying this

- responsibility it needs to have some weapons. Discuss how is the power of the supreme court protected? Do you think the apex judiciary in India needs to change for enjoying continued confidence and legitimacy? Substantiate your views.
596. The crisis during the pandemic highlighted the vulnerabilities faced by migrants and informal workers, making clear the need for a clear policy framework and greater efforts to their welfare. Substantiate.
597. The dispute between social media platforms and the Indian government on new IT Rules may set a precedent for how tech platforms guard their users' data around the globe. In this context highlight the major criticism against the new IT Rules and ways to overcome those.
598. The dormancy of the decision-making body of the nation makes democracy a dead entity. Comment. Suggest measures for the effective working of the Parliament of the country.
599. The employment scenario in India is not a quantitative decline but also a qualitative decline as witnessed in the recent Periodic Labour Force Survey. Discuss. What steps have been taken by the government in the recent past for employment generation?
600. The gravity of global development is shifting towards the east. Explain this in limelight of foreign policies initiative of India and other major nations.
601. The ideals of social justice reinforced through reservation policy have witnessed limited success over seven decades. Comment. Suggest measures to ensure social and economic justice for the most deprived sections of society.
602. The position of India's President is ceremonial in nature. Examine this statement in comparison to position of Governor of a state.
603. The public education system is the primary option for millions of students in India, still, government schools are not the first choice. Discuss.
604. The rising prices of diesel have pushed up prices of a range of goods at a time when prices of goods and services are already high. What measures should the government take to keep inflation reined in?
605. The uncoded parliamentary privileges often confront the Right to freedom of speech and expression in the Indian constitution. Elucidate. Do you think parliamentary privileges need a detailed codification? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
606. The United Kingdom abolished the offence of sedition in 2009 but the seeds in colonial India to stifle free speech still bear fruit here. Do you think that there is a need to repeal the sedition law in India? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
607. 'There is a global turbulence through which Indian foreign policy must navigate for its aspiration to emerge as a leading power'.

- Discuss. Do you think along with a profound economy, India needs to have multi alignment? Substantiate your view.
608. This is an opportune moment to look at the movement's history, examine the potential of cooperatives and analyse the challenges they face. In this context explain the role and significance of the Ministry of Cooperation, recently constituted.
609. Though Article 15 of the Constitution gives citizens the right to not be discriminated against, it often falls short in addressing the myriad shades of discrimination that have emerged since its adoption. Critically analyse.
610. To take forward its call for a free, open, inclusive and connected region, India has joined and created new partnerships and various plurilateral configurations. Substantiate. How can India further leverage these to fulfil its objectives in the Indo-Pacific region?
611. To what extent has Forest Rights Act (FRA) fulfilled the twin objectives of social welfare and conservation of natural resources?
612. Tokyo Olympics 2020 is a game-changer for Indian Sports. What steps should be taken to promote sports in India?
613. Trace the evolution of the Shanghai Co-operation Organization. India's membership in Shanghai Co-operation Organization not only has a strategic significance but also will help in becoming a global leader. Examine.
614. Trace the reasons behind high level of food insecurity in India despite a food-surplus economy. Suggest measures to safeguard food security.
615. Trace the reasons behind the failure of cooperatives in India. Explain the measures that can be taken to improve their efficiency with the help of a case study.
616. What are the current indicators of the geostrategy of Afghanistan? India needs to re-strategize its policy towards Afghanistan with respect to the changing scenario. Critically Examine.
617. What are the health care challenges faced by India? Do you think there is a need to institutionalize healthcare and decentralize its management for effective outcomes? Give reasons in support of your answer.
618. What are the issues that hinder the promotion of both digital rights and innovation in India? How can these be addressed?
619. What are the main provisions of the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020? How will it help to enhance consumer welfare and what are the issues associated with it?
620. What are the problems associated with the Telecom sector? How has TRAI performed its role as a regulator?
621. What are the reasons behind interstate disparity in corruption? Use examples to substantiate your arguments.

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622. What are the reasons behind the large number of inter-state water and land disputes in India? How can these be solved amicably?
623. What do you mean by Preventive Detention? Discuss with reference to constitutional provisions.
624. What do you understand about the "Double burden" which modern women are facing? Do you think the calculation of the economic value of household work will increase the status of women in society and particularly Indian society? What will be the possible impact?
625. What do you understand by the indigenous healthcare system? How can it support modern medicine for achieving universal healthcare?
626. What do you understand by the Right to be forgotten? What is its significance? What are the challenges in its enforcement?
627. What factors contribute to the regional disparity in social development? Use examples to substantiate your argument.
628. What is the difference between the fifth and sixth schedules of the constitution?
629. What is the importance of public debates in democratic regimes? Does India need US-style presidential debates?
630. What is the significance of tribunals in the Indian judicial and administrative system? Do you think the recent Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021 will adversely impact the efficient functioning of Tribunals? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
631. What lessons can be learnt from the mistakes made by the US and USSR in Afghanistan? What should be India's strategy in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of American forces?
632. What political scenario of India led to the addition of the 10th schedule in the constitution? Do you think it has delivered what it had promised? Support your answer with suitable arguments.
633. What role can India play in the Build Back Better World initiative? Do you think this initiative can meaningfully challenge BRI, which is designed by China to establish strategic dominance in trade, foreign policy and geopolitics? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
634. What will be the implications of the removal of US forces from Afghan soil? Should India engage with the Taliban?
635. Which factors are responsible for the border dispute between Assam and Mizoram? What can be done to prevent future disputes?
636. While globalization is interconnecting societies and creating networks of mutual interdependence, the adaption of political order to such revolutionary change lags. Comment. Do you think India's non-alignment and strategic autonomy is serving self-interest in the emerging global scenario?

637. With the end of Articles 370 and 35(A), J&K has moved forward on multiple parameters. Critically analyse.
638. With the increasing internet access to all, there must be stricter laws to implement the Right to be forgotten. Discuss.
639. Write a short note on the writ jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, with special focus on the writ of mandamus.
640. Refrain and restraint are the essential virtues in the arena of adjudication because they guard as sentinel. In light of this statement evaluate the functioning of the Indian Judiciary.
641. The growth of India's weight in the Indo-Pacific comes at a time when it is becoming clearer that complex regional geopolitical problems cannot be addressed adequately by rigid and structured traditional alliance frameworks. Comment. Also, analyse the significance of India's engagement with key western nations in this context.
642. Sedition law has no place in a modern democracy. Discuss.
643. Highlight the importance of Arbitration as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. What are the issues associated with its efficient functioning?
644. Recent events call for reforms in our Criminal Justice System. In light of this statement highlight the issues associated with the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).
645. What is the Collegium system's role in protecting democracy? Do you think it needs to be reviewed? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
646. Highlight the role of civil society in holding the government accountable? Critically analyse the role played by civil society in India in fulfilling its core function.
647. Pandemic has highlighted crucial issues with our healthcare system. What steps can be taken to build a resilient healthcare system?
648. Draft e-commerce rules raise concerns of regulatory overreach. Critically analyse. Suggest measures for the creation of an e-commerce ecosystem in which the welfare of consumers is at the centre of the policy.
649. As a new round of geopolitical posturing begins on India's north-western frontiers, Delhi must deal with several new actors that have carved out a role for themselves in the region. Analyse.
650. India could play a leadership role by helping set common standards for the democratic world in this new era of globalization. Do you think the complex geopolitics of contemporary times present new opportunities for India? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
651. One major consequence of the pandemic is that health and environmental policy will have to go hand in hand. Substantiate.

652. "Operation Flood" (OF) that started in the 1970s transformed India's dairy sector. Substantiate. Do you think more private players are required to further enhance the productivity and profitability of the dairy industry?
653. Highlight the conflict between IT Rules and the requirements of international law and standards related to the rights to privacy and freedom of expression.
654. Women's self-help groups can play a powerful role in building a more equal society. Substantiate. Highlight the challenges they face in effectively performing their role.
655. Differentiate between Rule of Law and Rule by Law. Do you think that the tension between the two defines the quality of justice? Justify your answers with suitable arguments.
656. Despite claims of success, the operationalization of welfare schemes has often been riddled with problems, resulting in the exclusion of beneficiaries and hardship. In this context explain the challenges in implementing the One Nation One Ration Card (ONOR) scheme.
657. In the face of conventional rivalries and transnational threats only coordinated, human-centric responses can ensure peace and stability. How should the United Nations evolve to fulfil this priority?
658. Streamlining of delivery mechanisms with technology can enable police forces to improve efficiency and serve citizen's needs better. Substantiate.
659. Explain the rationale behind the G7 proposal to tax multinational tech giants. Do you think India should embrace it? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
660. Rehabilitation and empowerment is the key to break the vicious cycle of manual scavenging. Substantiate.
661. Analyse the impact of India's new draft e-commerce rules on the e-commerce ecosystem of India.
662. Regulation must keep pace with this economic and social reality. In this context analyse the criticality of enacting the Privacy and Data Protection (PDP) Act.
663. Despite judicial verdicts, India's sexual minorities face discrimination in employment, health issues and personal rights. What are the reasons behind this? What measures are needed?
664. 'Electoral democracy' is a "pre-condition for democracy". Discuss. Highlight the measures needed to strengthen our electoral democracy.
665. "The growing ties between China and Iran can pose significant challenges for India's relations with Iran and interests in the Persian Gulf region." Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
666. A blended approach would provide students autonomy, instil a disposition of self-advocacy, promote student ownership, and enable

- them to learn at their own pace. In light of the statements analyse the opportunities and challenges that are associated with the proposal of UGC to encourage “blended teaching” in higher educational institutions.
667. A country’s international stature and credibility draws in no small measure from how it is perceived by partners and adversaries alike. Creating a positive external image of the country is, therefore, a major objective of its foreign policy. Critically analyse in the context of India’s foreign policy.
668. A major responsibility in a federal country with strong centralizing features is to maintain the balance, as well as mutual respect, between political structures at the central and state levels. Discuss.
669. A robust policy framework akin to the one that guided the country’s solar revolution could lead to an increase in production and demand of Hydrogen as a green fuel. Substantiate.
670. Africa is considered a foreign policy priority by India. In this context explain the measures that are needed to be taken by India to deepen its engagement with Africa.
671. All governments leverage foreign policy for a variety of domestic ends, be it economic welfare, security, responding to public expectations, boosting popularity at home, and so on. In light of this statement evaluate how the foreign policy actions were taken by India have contributed towards fulfilling its national objectives.
672. An imbalanced representation in terms of gender, caste, religion, and lack of professional diversity in the higher judiciary can be hazardous for the ends of justice. Critically analyse.
673. Analyse the India-Israel relations in the context of recent development happening in the region? Do you agree that there is a decisive shift in India’s strategy in dealing with the Israel-Palestine issue?
674. Analyse the issues involved in WhatsApp’s privacy policy? Highlight the policy and regulative measures needed to maintain a balance between protection of constitutional rights to privacy and freedom of expression.
675. As American troops leave Afghanistan and the US turns away from the Middle East to the Indo-Pacific, there is a scramble to redo the foreign policy maths in the region. Discuss. What should be India’s approach going forward?
676. As covid has shown, cheap and equitable access to health services is vital to our collective welfare. Comment.
677. Citizen groups conducting inquiries and publishing reports in the public domain ought to be seen as a sign of democratic and legal consciousness. Critically analyse. Explain how can citizens be empowered to participate more efficiently in governance?

678. Constitutional morality does not appear along with a democratic constitution but requires strenuous and unbroken efforts to establish it as a convention and tradition. Comment.
679. Courts should be guided by constitutional morality, not what is socially acceptable. Comment.
680. COVID-19 has once again proved that the Indian civil society is willing to fill the vacuum created by the state in times of despair. Comment.
681. Decades of under-investment in healthcare is a leading cause of poverty in India. Substantiate.
682. Delineate the contours of India-UK 'enhanced trade partnership (ETP)'? How will it help to improve the commercial relations between the two nations?
683. Delineate the idea of "One Nation, One Election". What are the major issues involved in its conceptualization and implementation?
684. Delineate the significance of efficient rural healthcare infrastructure and universal free access to it. Trace the reasons behind its current state and the measures needed to strengthen it.
685. Describe in brief the key features of the Aspirational District Program? Highlight the major achievements of the scheme since its inception.
686. Developments in Myanmar pose a serious policy challenge to India. Comment. What steps should be taken by India to safeguard its interest and credibility in Myanmar and Southeast Asia?
687. Do you think Section 124-A of IPC should be reviewed as it has lost its relevance and utility? Justify your answer.
688. Do you think the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) is a challenge to civil liberties? If yes, how can it be tweaked to protect the balance between concerns of national security and fundamental rights?
689. Emergency strengthened democratic ideals of a free press, an independent judiciary, and a transparent government. Discuss.
690. Enabling access to data is critical to analyse and provide evidence-based knowledge to guide decision making. Substantiate.
691. Explain the factors responsible for increasing levels of Child labour in India. What measures are needed to comprehensively tackle the issue?

692. G7 nations reached a historic agreement to push for a global floor of corporate tax. What will be the implications for India and the world?
693. G-7 presents an opportunity to expand the global dimension of India's growing partnerships with the US and Europe. How will deepening cooperation with the West help India secure its interests?
694. G-7 will help determine the shape of Globalisation. In this context highlight the various issues which need to be addressed at the global level.
695. Given the state of dairy farmers, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, government intervention is essential to save the sector. Substantiate.
696. Giving local governance structures the freedom to craft their strategies is the key to good governance. Substantiate.
697. Health workers are critical not just for the functioning of health systems but also for the preparedness of health systems in preventing, detecting and responding to threats posed by diseases such as COVID-19. In this context highlight the problems faced by human resources, one of the critical building blocks of the health system.
698. Highlight the major provisions of the Model Tenancy Act. What are its limitations? What changes are required to increase its efficiency in providing affordable housing?
699. Highlight the major reasons behind the poor state of nutrition in India. What measures are needed to address India's nutrition challenge?
700. How do principles of new India, Atma Nirbharta, Antyodaya and minimum government, maximum governance figure out in the template of governance in India?
701. How do you think the problem of shortage of health workers can be solved?
702. In a nation where access to education remains a fundamental issue and where an individual's success largely depends on access to resources, shaped by socio-economic and caste advantages, 'merit' is just another form of discrimination. Critically analyse.
703. Including Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) commitments in India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) would differentiate India from competitors such as China and enhancing India's attractiveness. Critically analyse.

704. India has work to do if it is to seize the possibilities of the emerging global order. Discuss.
705. India is currently facing massive water challenges, which in recent years have become one of the most urgent policy issues. In the light of the urgency of this challenge, sustainable and innovative approaches to the management of water resources have acquired more importance than ever. Analyse and suggest measures.
706. India needs systematic changes that could range from increased investment in health infrastructure and building an overall environment that could prove to be beneficial for health workers. Discuss.
707. India, as a free country, needs to maximize the freedom of its people within reasonable bounds. In light of this statement analyse the need for a review of the sedition law.
708. India's technocratic approach to vaccination is excluding the digitally deprived. Critically analyse.
709. Indian diplomacy must take a fresh look at its Act East policy and the constraints being imposed on it by unsatisfactory economic performance and domestic politics. Substantiate.
710. India-US relations are in a good place now. They are set to deepen further. How can diaspora accelerate this process? Give suitable examples to support.
711. Inequitable access to and exclusion from law and policy-making processes is a relatively unexplored yet crucial social justice issue. Discuss. How can public participation in policymaking be ensured?
712. Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 violate the purpose of Article 14 and Article 19 of the Constitution. Critically analyse.
713. Integrating digital technologies in courts is the key to enhance judicial productivity and efficiency. Critically analyse.
714. Investment in Gender-inclusive policies is the key to sustainable economic recovery in a post-pandemic world. Comment.
715. Non-communicable diseases (NCD) pose the greatest health challenge in India. Substantiate. What steps have been taken by the government to tackle it?
716. One of the important aspects of the country's fight against the pandemic was the coordination between the Centre and state governments. In this context, explain the importance of cooperative federalism in managing crises.

717. Our democracy is encapsulated in a federal structure that ensures the harmonious functioning of the entire system. Elucidate. What are the issues witnessed in centre-state relations in recent times? How can they be addressed?
718. Penetration of Educational technology (EdTech) apps for learning has increased manifold in the educational ecosystem disrupted by the pandemic. Analyse opportunities and concerns associated with this development on learning outcomes and the privacy of students.
719. Perhaps the design of a new efficient and inclusive health system will emerge from the Covid crucible to serve as the platform for universal health coverage. Elaborate.
720. Recent Indo-US engagement points towards a new synergy and commitment to deepen the strategic partnership — at the bilateral, regional and global levels. Discuss.
721. Security interests are being given primacy over both civil liberty interests as well as economic interests in the new IT Rules. Critically analyse.
722. Shopping in India is a social phenomenon. In this context analyse the prospects and challenges of Social commerce in India.
723. Solutions to any social problem calls for an effective collective action that coordinates the aspirations of several groups of stakeholders. Substantiate. What role can the voluntary sector play in facilitating such participation?
724. The democratisation of learning has the potential to make education more accessible and relevant for future challenges and opportunities. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.
725. The fault lines are hardening in what will be a long standoff between Big Tech and the Indian state. Critically analyse. How should governments balance concerns of sovereignty and social media regulation?
726. The foundation for US-India ties is built on that most practical of motives, which is shared interest. Discuss.
727. The global tax deal concluded at G-7 has struck an appropriate balance of divergent interests to smoothen out some rough aspects of globalization. Critically analyse.
728. The judicial interpretation of the right to life and liberty under Article 21 in several judgments as inclusive of health was crucial but has its limitations. In this context analyse the significance of the constitutional right to health in breaking discriminatory structures that will otherwise continue to perpetuate inequality.

729. The Maldives has proved to be a model for India's relationships with the rest of South Asia. Substantiate.
730. The pandemic has made it urgent to review how the Centre and states share responsibilities of governance. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
731. The present crisis has demonstrated the limits of India's ability to lead South Asia. Critically analyse the statement in light of the low level of regional integration witnessed in South Asia.
732. The problem of gender disparity is compounded by hurdles put up by governments, society and businesses. Discuss. Suggest measures to tackle this issue.
733. The Quad is an expression of the convergence of interests of many countries. It's in many ways, a reflection of the contemporary nature of the world order. Discuss. How can India leverage it to fulfil its objectives?
734. The quality of democratic governance anchored in sacrosanct human rights is determined by the integrity and resilience of constitutional institutions established to sustain and nurture its purposes. Substantiate with examples.
735. The rupture in the US engagement with China coincides with the rapid deterioration in Delhi's relations with Beijing. How does this development help India to set up a new context for its partnership with the West?
736. The SC judgement on the validity of the 102nd Constitutional Amendment Act run sharply athwart values of equality and federalism, which has long been regarded as integral to India's democracy. Critically analyse.
737. The scope of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is not limited to just employment generation, it has the potential to transform rural India. Elucidate.
738. The Social media intermediary guidelines are a blunt instrument that if enforced will end up destroying more value than it creates. Critically analyse.
739. The way to reform the tribunal system is to look at solutions from a systemic perspective supported by evidence. Establishing the NTC will entail a radical restructuring of the present tribunal system. Critically analyse.
740. The woman voter is making herself heard. But political parties must do more to fix the gender deficit in political representation. Trace the reasons behind this gap and prescribe measures to fill it.

741. The world faces many challenges posed by the fissures and fractures in the WTO system. Discuss.
742. There is little doubt that economic growth, and access as well as the quality of delivery of basic services, are necessary for improving the well-being of all social groups. Highlight the problems in India's affirmative-action policies aimed at bringing disadvantaged groups at par with others are unlikely to close the gap. Suggest measures.
743. There may never be a better time to upgrade India-US relations to take them to unprecedented levels of integration and partnership. Critically analyse.
744. This pandemic offers us a rare opportunity to put our largely medieval public healthcare apparatus in good shape. Discuss. What measures are needed?
745. Though India prides itself on the steel frame of its bureaucracy, originally modelled along the lines of the civil service in the United Kingdom, the 'establishment' in India never developed the institutional heft necessary for the job. Critically analyse. What steps are needed to increase the efficiency of civil services?
746. Trace the reasons behind low levels of cooperation in South Asia. What can be done to foster a new era of partnership in social innovations that can benefit all South Asians?
747. Unless we reform how India is governed, the structures, processes, and culture of government, we will continue to be disappointed by what the system delivers. Discuss.
748. Unprecedented interactions among the major powers are leading to a significant diplomatic churn in the West Asian region. Discuss. What challenges and opportunities does this bring for India?
749. Water security in India should be understood in the context of its relationship with health and gender rights. Discuss. What measures can be taken to alleviate future water stress?
750. We had to play catch-up on the first phase of the digital revolution. We are now on the cusp of the next phase, which will be led by technologies like blockchain. In light of this statement explain why the need for comprehensive policymaking has never been greater.
751. What are the challenges and opportunities associated with India-EU Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA)?
752. What are the issues associated with the sedition law? Why is it often regarded as a colonial era relic which has outlived its utility?

753. What do you understand by “Rule of Law”? Do you think it has been waning in India?
754. When it comes to gender equality, there are miles to go in numerous aspects of Indian social life. Comment. What steps have been taken to bridge the gender gap?
755. While upholding the 102nd Constitutional Amendment, SC has failed to appreciate the significance of Article 15 and has created a constitutional and federal crisis. Critically analyse.
756. Why is there a need to regulate social media? What steps have been taken by India in this direction?
757. With renewed tensions between the US and China, and the US and Russia, the utility of the G20 is not so obvious currently. This adds to the significance of the revival of G7. Critically analyse.
758. India's foreign policy will not be constrained by ideology, bloc politics, or even external pressure. Rather, India's decisions on how to engage with other countries will be heavily shaped by the importance of strategic autonomy and the preservation of its national interest. Critically analyse.
759. The 50 percent cap on reservations reflects an attempt to balance the state's prerogative to try to correct historical injustices suffered by some groups, with the right to equal opportunity for all citizens. Discuss. Do you think the solution lies in expanding jobs and educational opportunities?
760. While the East is emerging as a huge market, the US, UK and EU offer much potential for trade expansion. Discuss. What should be India's approach to deepen its commercial engagement with the west?
761. Robust and reliable health statistics and epidemiological data are imperative to create an efficient healthcare system. Substantiate. What steps have been taken to address this?
762. As a direct consequence of the pandemic, New Delhi's claim to regional primacy and leadership will take a major hit, its 'leading power' aspirations will be dented, and accentuate its domestic political contestations. Critically analyse.
763. The pandemic seems to have fuelled nationalism, undercut international cooperation, and heightened geopolitical tensions. Comment. Do you think the very act of fighting pandemics can foster comity and collaboration between nations?
764. Collaborative federalism that chooses to ignore asymmetries in power will only strengthen the democratic choices for better governance. Discuss.

765. Few Western powers are as deeply connected to India as Britain. Yet, building a sustainable partnership with Britain has been rather hard. Critically analyse.
766. There's no escaping the fundamental contradiction of 21st century India: It is one of the world's largest economies, ambitious and aspirational, and its government has vast resources. But it is also, still, a poor country, with a per capita income one-fifth of China's. What are the reasons behind such paradox? How can the problem be resolved?
767. What are the primary areas of convergence between Japan and India? How can India deepen its engagement with Japan?
768. A silent pandemic of anxiety and mental ailments is here. What are the psychological impacts of the pandemic on the mental health of various sections of society? How can government and society mount a joint and comprehensive response to tackle the issue?
769. "The doctrine of Basic Structure reinforces the supremacy of the Constitution". How has the Supreme Court defined the term Basic structure? How has it changed the process of legislation in the country?
770. Do you feel the implementation of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts, have led to the restructuring of the Indian polity? Critically analyse the achievements of the local self-governance structure in India.
771. GST seems to have curbed the financial autonomy of the states by taking away their taxation powers. Analyse the impact of GST on the federal structure of Indian Polity. How does the 101st Constitutional amendment Act seek to address this issue? Discuss.
772. There have been voices to amend the Delhi Police Special Establishment Act, 1946. What are the issues involved in it which call for an amendment? What are the powers and responsibilities of India's apex investigating agency? Also, analyse the concerns raised in the functioning of CBI.
773. Office of profit has been in news recently. Discuss the constitutional provisions concerning the office of profit. Examine whether holding an office of profit undermines the accountability of the executive to the legislature.
774. What is a quasi-judicial body? Critically examine whether quasi-judicial bodies dilute the concept of separation of power in India.
775. Elucidate with examples the issues and challenges to the implementation of ICT in governance.

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776. Define the term empowerment. Examine the grassroot initiatives to empowerment.
777. What role does caste play in determining electoral behaviour? Analyse the patterns of contemporary communal politics.
778. 'The position of speaker is crucial in the structure of Indian parliamentary system.' Comment wrt Article 110. Do the provisions of Article 110 restrict the power of judicial review?
779. What do you understand by alternate dispute resolution mechanisms? Do you think it has been successful in India so far? Discuss with special reference to Lok Adalat. Also, suggest measures to strengthen it.
780. The Indian parliamentary system is rooted in the British Westminster system. But despite that, it is much different and unique in its nature and functioning from the British system. Critically analyse.
781. What are the differences between presidential and parliamentary forms of government? Do you think under mass popular leaders with a complete majority in the legislature, the parliamentary form of government becomes presidential in nature?
782. 'Inability and reluctance to perform the mandated duties gives incentives to the three organs of the state to impinge into the functional space of each other.' Discuss this statement using relevant examples.
783. The vitality of civil society in a society is the indicator of the health of a functional and vibrant democracy. Elaborate. Also, suggest measures to strengthen civil society in India.
784. The idea of 'one nation -one election' may bring administrative consistency and continuity but it will defeat the ideals of federalism in India. Do you agree?
785. Differentiate between formal and informal associations, highlight their role and contributions in Indian polity. Do you concur with the view that the rise in these associations undermines the role of political parties in India?
786. What do you understand by parliamentary privileges? Do you think they are essential for the functioning of parliament? Justify. Also, discuss in brief the ever-going controversy between fundamental rights and parliamentary privileges.
787. 'Not employment but employability is the major problem for India'. In this context, suggest measures for making Skill India programme a game-changer.
788. "National Human Rights Commission is a toothless tiger". Do you agree? Discuss its composition and the powers. Why has it

- not been able to function effectively? Suggest some measures to improve its functioning.
789. What is the role played by the MPLADs scheme in rural development? Trace its performance since its introduction. Critically analyse the reforms required, so as to not overlap with the jurisdictions of PRIs.
790. "Healthy coordination between Self Help Groups and Panchayat Raj Institutions is the need of the hour". Explain the challenges in achieving synergy between these two institutions and suggest some measures to overcome the same.
791. The political will and economics of the market are as important a factor for hunger as is the scarcity of food and poverty. Do you agree? Also, provide the framework to address the double whammy of poverty and hunger in India.
792. Discuss the role of bureaucracy in good governance. Do you subscribe to the view that bureaucracy in India instead of being a facilitator of good governance has become fetters to it?
793. For citizen-centric governance, an active citizenry with a participatory role in decision making is paramount. Critically analyse.
794. 'Secularism is the most misused word in Indian politics. Do you agree? How is the Indian view of secularism different from that practised in western countries?
795. "If outlays are to be converted into outcomes, there is no alternative to the behavioural change of people and nudging them towards the desired outcome". Critically analyse. Also, substantiate with relevant global experience in this regard.
796. The fuel for the development process is provided by the government. But NGOs act as the catalysts in the process. In this light analyse the role of NGOs in the development industry. Also, state whether a separate act for NGOs' regulations is needed.
797. Poverty deprives people of accessing resources considered basic for human existence, despite many schemes to alleviate poverty the problem persists. In this background analyse Universal Basic Income (UBI) as a tool for poverty alleviation. What are its potential benefits and challenges in implementation?
798. "Breakdown of joint families and rapid urbanization has rendered old age population vulnerable to a myriad of problems". Discuss government's schemes for the welfare of old age population, its shortcomings and suggest measures to overcome them.

799. India's healthcare system is out of reach of millions of Indians owing to high costs and its limited reach across regions. In this context critically analyse the success of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in transforming the healthcare system in India.
800. Post-independence the government has launched many welfare schemes for vulnerable sectors of society, a large number of these schemes suffer from poor performance. Discuss the causes with examples. Suggest measures to improve the performance of such schemes.
801. Menaka Gandhi Vs UOI case, 1980 has broadened the scope of Fundamental Rights we enjoy today. Examine the changes it has brought in the jurisprudence of the country. Also, highlight the significance of the case.
802. A healthy and robust public sector drug manufacturing is vital for the success of the National Health Mission. However, there has been a near disappearance of public sector capacity in drug manufacturing. Highlighting the need for revival of the sector suggest measures to boost its capacity.
803. In the light of the recent US' interest in the militarization of space and the Domino effect, it would have on the world, discuss the importance of a Space Security Policy in India.
804. What are the risks associated with space debris? What measures have been taken at the national and international levels to remove debris?
805. India-Russia Defence co-operation has witnessed a perceived drift in the recent past. What are the concerns raised by Russia against this drift in engagement? What are India's justifications for the same?
806. What is Non-Alignment 2.0? Do you think NAM as a movement is facing the crisis of legitimacy and relevance? Give arguments to support your views.
807. India's decision to revive the quadrilateral security dialogue with Japan, the United States (US) and Australia marks an important departure in its engagement with the great powers. What was the need for revival of the Quad forum? Why was Quad being opposed? Substantiate.
808. A constitution is not just an assortment of laws and institutions but a framework of ground rules that act as a bulwark against the tyrannical power of the state to oppress others. Elaborate in the Indian context.
809. The constitution of India inherits its secular characteristics, not only from the preamble but several other provisions that reflect India's unique socio-cultural heritage. Analyse.

810. Indian polity and its constitutional scheme present a unique dilemma where while it proposes and works towards federalism, it has an inherent unitary bias. Do you agree? Substantiate.
811. Even decades after the passage of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, the promise of financial and administrative decentralization remains unfulfilled. What are the possible reasons for this? Also, suggest measures to address this issue.
812. India's education system faces myriad of challenges. Do you think creating an All-India Education Services (AIES) will help solve many of the challenges faced by the education system in the country? Critically examine.
813. Healthcare expenditure pushes millions of Indians below the poverty line. In this context discuss whether the Right to health should be made a fundamental right in India? Analyse its effect on the economy in the short term and long term.
814. Do you consider that the increased assertive role played by pressure groups has resulted in more chaos and conflicts in society? In the context of caste groups led violence to discuss the strategy to deal with negative fallouts of pressure groups.
815. What do you understand by strategic partnership? It is criticized that India has signed too many strategic partnerships which dilute its actual foreign policy objectives. Do you subscribe to this notion? Give arguments to support your views.
816. 'After decades of ignoring the importance of commonwealth, Delhi now believes that a rejuvenated Commonwealth could lend greater depth to India's global outreach'. Critically analyse.
817. What do you understand by track II diplomacy? Discuss its potential and challenges in the context of India-Pakistan relations.
818. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is a vital institution for securing human rights. While discussing its structure and function, elaborate on its relevance and efficacy in the present world order.
819. South Asia's water crisis depicts a typical problem of scarcity amid abundance. Elaborate. Why do you think cooperation on water lags behind in the region? Suggest a way forward to deal with this issue of uncertain water future in the region.
820. "Given its size and resources, India's ambition to become a leading power, rather than a mere balancing power, is legitimate". Discuss the challenges and opportunities India currently faces in this regard. Suggest measures to overcome those challenges and a way forward for India to emerge as a leading power.

821. India and Nepal share a unique relationship of friendship and cooperation characterized by deep-rooted people to people contacts. However, of late few irritants have cropped up in the bilateral relations between the two countries. What are the probable reasons behind such developments? How should India address the same?
822. The Indo-Pacific region is emerging as a new Geo-Political construct. How do you see this development in the sphere of global politics? What could be the opportunities for India from such developments? Analyse.
823. To those who criticise the Indian constitution as a copied constitution, Dr Ambedkar had replied that "nobody holds any patent rights in the fundamental ideas of the constitution". In this light, compare and contrast the Indian constitution with that of the constitutions of the UK and USA.
824. Contempt of court is one of the sacred tools available with the judiciary for upholding the constitutional values and rule of law. Discuss. Analyse how in recent times there have been controversies surrounding the contempt of court power of the judiciary.
825. Do you think that this is high time that India should move to a presidential form of government from a parliamentary form? Justify your answer.
826. "As our society and its needs are ever-evolving, if the constitution does not keep pace, it will become redundant". In the light of this statement discuss some of the major amendments that have been made to-date to serve this objective.
827. The increasing instances of crime and terrorism bring to fore the need for building Smart Police in India. Discuss. How far do you think that inclusion of police and public order in the concurrent list can solve this issue? Give arguments to support your views.
828. The issues of academic freedom and university autonomy have re-emerged on the agenda in the last few years. Why is institutional autonomy required? Does Autonomy enable an institution to enhance its performance?
829. Resolving an inter-State water dispute is mainly about balancing the competing genuine demands and interests of each state and coming up with a pragmatic sharing arrangement. Comment in the light of the recent Cauvery verdict.
830. Briefly discuss the legislative and judicial functions of the President. Is the ordinance making power of the President a case of functional overlap? Discuss.

831. Centrally sponsored schemes have been a point of contention between the centre and the states. What are the major reasons for this contention? Suggest some viable solutions to address these imbalances.
832. The need of the hour is to find a way out of the complexities and problems are thrown up by the multiple forms of federalism and power-sharing arrangements. Comment.
833. What is China's Five Finger Policy? Discuss China's role in the dynamics of India-Pakistan relations.
834. Stability not only in the immediate neighbourhood but also in the extended neighbourhood is pertinent for India's growth and development. Establish the relationship between India and its extended neighbourhood.
835. Not only the executive and the legislature but also the Judiciary has been actively involved in Election reforms. Discuss.
836. The basic philosophy underlying SHGs is the fact that the shortcomings and weaknesses at the individual level can be overcome by the collective responsibility and security accrued by the formation of a self-help group. How far do you think SHGs have succeeded in overcoming this shortcoming? Substantiate.
837. While in theory, the Rajya Sabha has to defend the interests of the states in the Parliament but in actual practice, the capacity of the house to do so is very limited. Examine this statement in the context of the powers and functions of the Rajya Sabha.
838. Separation of power is part of the basic structure of the constitution. Do you consider that delegated legislation and administrative tribunals violate this principle? Elucidate.
839. What is the process of the creation of a new state in India? Do you think that the process is sufficiently federal? Discuss.
840. What is two plus two dialogue? Discuss the importance of the two plus two dialogue between India and the USA in the context of India's relations with Iran and Russia.
841. The Representation of People Act is pivotal in preventing criminals from being elected as representatives and ensuring a fair election in the true sense. In the context of this highlight some of the recent amendments made to this act to fulfil the above objective.
842. Critically examine the role of the Election Commission of India in the conduct of free and fair elections in the country. Highlight some of the recent initiatives taken by the commission to strengthen the faith in democracy.
843. It is time that the government institutionalizes the review mechanism of the functioning of the regulatory bodies. Discuss

- in the light of various issues crippling the functioning of regulatory bodies and their relative importance of positive interventions in India.
844. Though NITI Aayog is a collaborative federal body, it has its own limitations/challenges. While discussing the challenges suggest measures to avoid functional overlaps so as to bring about real changes at the grass-root level.
845. "Basic structure doctrine is necessary, though not sufficient, a step towards the goal of attaining socio-economic justice in India." Critically analyse. Trace the evolution of this doctrine mentioning its salient features.
846. The expansive powers accorded to the Speaker defeats the rationale of bicameralism in the Indian parliamentary system. Do you agree? Give arguments to substantiate your points.
847. "It may work best as an insurance against violation of the people's mandate but cannot be a tool to stifle all dissent". Analyse the statement highlighting the significance of anti-defection law. Discuss the problems associated with the functioning of this law.
848. Highlight the reasons for the huge pendency in the Indian Judicial system. Do you think Alternate Dispute Resolution will be an effective solution for dealing with this problem?
849. Informal sector workers, especially domestic workers are subjected to various forms of exploitation. Comment with respect to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.
850. 'Judicial review of religious practices would negate the freedom to practice one's religion according to one's faith and beliefs'. Critically examine.
851. An independent judiciary is a primary prerequisite for a healthy, vibrant, functioning democracy. However, judicial independence cannot exist without accountability. Discuss.
852. Define the term 'Pressure Group'. In recent times, do you feel pressure groups are doing more harm than good? Justify your stand with relevant examples.
853. The most important function of the parliament according to the Indian constitution is to make the government accountable. Discuss some prominent mechanisms through which the parliament performs this function. Suggest measures to strengthen parliamentary oversight over government.
854. PRIs in India are often described as grass without roots. In this light discuss the challenges faced by PRIs. Also, suggest solutions to empower PRIs in the real sense.

855. What do you understand by "Terms of Reference"? How is it creating hurdles in the path of cooperative federalism? Suggest alternatives to improve the effectiveness in the process of fiscal devolution.
856. Judicial activism at times leads to conflict between the executive and judiciary. What according to you are the reasons for judicial activism becoming judicial overreach? Discuss giving examples. Give suggestions to reduce the conflict between the two organs.
857. "A political party that does not respect democratic principles in its internal working may not be expected to respect those principles in the governance of the country". In this regard discuss the need for improving intra party democracy in our country.
858. Frequent elections lead to many governance and administrative issues. Discuss. What are the pros and cons of simultaneous conduct of elections? Give your suggestions on the issue.
859. '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.
860. The new Health Policy indeed makes the right noises in identifying the pitfalls of India's healthcare situation, and which way the country should head. In this context highlight the major challenges in the sector and how this policy promises to resolve them?
861. To make India a Global Innovation hub for startups it is necessary that India develops a robust innovation and start-up policy. Comment on the progress made by India in this so far.
862. What is Citizen's charter? Discuss its importance in citizen-centric administration.
863. Critically examine the role of the Indian diaspora in building a New India.
864. Do you think that India's engagement with Afghanistan has reduced the strategic depth for Pakistan in Afghanistan? Substantiate your views.
865. Has SAARC failed as a regional forum for co-operation in South Asia? Analyse. Suggest measures for its revival.
866. The demographic transition in India is taking place at a rapid pace. What are the emerging demographic patterns, opportunities and challenges associated with this phase of transition? Discuss.
867. India's relations with her neighbours have been in the doldrums in recent years. Do you think India needs to relook its

- neighbourhood policy? Give suggestions to make India's foreign policy more realistic and pragmatic.
868. Diaspora can be considered as a diplomatic tool. Analyse this statement with a suitable example.
869. While the US constitution is described as very rigid; the Indian constitution is more flexible than rigid. Elucidate making a comparison between the two.
870. Rajya Sabha is an institutional Framework to protect federalism. Illustrate.
871. Judicial reform can transform the structure, behaviour and functioning of the Indian Judicial setup. Comment.
872. Parliamentary privileges are located between parliamentary supremacy and judicial assertiveness. Illustrate.
873. There are indications that the Judiciary is overreaching and intruding more and more into the exclusive space of legislature and the executive, thereby creating unhealthy asymmetry in the dedicated balance among institutions in the country. Critically evaluate.
874. The presence of hostile neighbours enables the internal conflicts to get external support, which includes money, arms and sanctuaries. Elaborate.
875. The right to life is undoubtedly the most fundamental of all rights. Does the right to life under article 21 include the right to die? Examine this in the light of various Supreme Court judgements.
876. One of the most important reasons for India's urban woes is the absence of powerful and politically accountable leadership in the city. What major reforms can be undertaken to strengthen city governance? Give suggestions.
877. 73rd Constitutional Amendment was a significant step taken to ensure that democracy flourishes at the grass-root level and therefore, sought to devolve the powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government. The idea was to strengthen the grass-root democracy in India. In light of this statement, assess the journey of PRI in the last 25 years.
878. Different programmes and schemes of GOI provide a new dimension in the relation between centre and state. Illustrate.
879. The jurisdiction of the Indian Supreme Court is much broader than any other court in the USA and Britain. Illustrate.
880. There is no conceptualization of smart city mission, but its attributes have pragmatic consideration. Discuss.

881. Even the most comprehensive set of formal democratic institutions may not be in a position to produce the needed accountability in the absence of a strong and vigilant civil society to energize them. Discuss.
882. It is imperative that in all states where village bodies administer justice under customary laws by virtue of the sixth schedule or other laws, such laws are duly codified. Analyse the above statement with issues associated with it.
883. A gender is a non-binary form of identity that goes beyond male and female. What does it mean to be a Third Gender in the Indian context? How has the relationship of the Third Gender with the Indian society been? Discuss.
884. Indian Diaspora has a major role to play in India's economic & diplomatic future though most home-land centric Diaspora has not received enough incentives from the home country. Comment in the light of recent developments.
885. The old law on Manual Scavenging could not eradicate the socio-cultural menace from India. How far can the new bill-The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation (Amendment) Bill, 2020 go in eradicating manual scavenging from India?
886. "The Government of India has announced several e-governance schemes recently. But, along with the availability of e-services, their accessibility and use are equally important." In the light of this statement, examine the major challenges involved in delivering the e-governance projects on the ground.
887. "India has no other way but to improve its 'Ease of doing business' scenario if it's most important manufacturing campaign 'Make in India' has to be successful." Critically analyse.
888. There is an increasing demand by different political parties to go for two houses in the state, but it's seen that the 2nd house only functioned as a delaying chamber. Examine with examples.
889. A system for partial state funding should be introduced to reduce the scope of illegitimate and unnecessary funding of expenditure in elections. Analyse.
890. The issue of disqualification of members on grounds of defection should be decided by the President/Governor on the advice of the Election Commission. Comment. Suggest measures.
891. "Even though fair elections are held at regular intervals for State Assemblies and Parliament, they do not reflect the true consent of the people because many women are "missing" from the electorate." In the light of the term "missing women" coined by

- Dr Amartya Sen, critically discuss the gender dimension of voting in India.
892. "India's bid to NSG membership is an overstated ambition"? Discuss.
893. Delhi is a classic case of asymmetrical federalism in the Indian constitution, though it has a special place with respect to cooperative and competitive federalism. Give your opinion.
894. Do you agree that the real struggle between China and India is to secure their energy needs? Give your opinion.
895. "The Health Workforce in India, a WHO report, based on the 2001 census data claims that over 57 per cent allopathic doctors in the country have no medical qualifications". Assess the quality and condition of medical infrastructure available across India. Suggest some measures to fill this void.
896. The inter-state council which was constituted to deal with federal disputes in a comprehensive manner remains an underutilized and ignored constitutional body. Critically examine.
897. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) has surfaced as a new milestone in the regulation of the corporate sector. Express your opinion that whether such moves can help in improving the corporate world when evasion of taxes' etc remain a general practice in the country.
898. Governance using ICT is seen as the solution to all the problems related to reach, time, scope etc. How far do you agree that programs like 'Digital India' will be able to reach real India? Discuss in the light of possibilities and challenges.
899. Compare the constitutional relationship of government/ legislature of NCT of Delhi with respect to the government of India/ parliament vis a vis similar relationship of other states with the union of India.
900. The outcomes of MGNREGA are not completely in tune with its objectives. Bring out and critically examine the shortcomings of the MGNREGA programme.
901. The civil service which India inherited from the British was called the 'Steel Frame' of the country, but over the years it has metamorphosed to "Iron Cage". Critically evaluate this argument.
902. Growing threats from the Indian Ocean needs urgent preparedness to address it'. In this backdrop discuss the imperatives for India to have Blue Water Navy.
903. 'Chinese assertive space endeavours include offering assistance to India's neighbours in Space technology'. It is said that India

- is losing ground on the space front with China's Space diplomacy. Elaborate.
904. In recent times, India has launched many programmes for the development of the downtrodden. Which programme do you consider as the most relevant and effective? Give reasons in support of your argument.
905. The Indian Act 1935 introduced diarchy at the centre and proposed to set up All Indian Federation. Comment.
906. There is a long debate among critics to review the Indian electoral system of first-past-the-post (FPTP) and introduce Proportional Representation (PR). In this light compare and contrast both the systems analysing their merits and demerits.
907. "For a while, there has been seen an overlap between the debates at BRICS and IBSA Summits. In such a scenario, some experts opine that IBSA should be merged with BRICS" Do you think this will be in the interest of India and global south? Give your opinion.
908. Social security initiatives taken by the Government of India are broader in context but the same in content. Discuss.
909. Do the collective privileges of parliament surpass the privilege of individual members? If yes, how?
910. Article 13 of the Indian Constitution is a bulwark against legislative and executive excesses. Comment.
911. The ideal of secularism finds its fullest realization in Article 25 of the constitution. Comment.
912. Unbridled capitalism has resulted in the herald of the concept of minimum governance. Comment.
913. Implementation of a uniform civil code in a pluralist society like ours may prove counterproductive. Comment.
914. What is the Westminster model? Has the Indian constitution adopted it in letter and spirit?
915. Article 24 defines best the relations between the president and the Prime Minister. Comment.
916. What is meant by the independence of the judiciary? Enumerate the provisions in our constitution in this regard.
917. What is unitary nationalism? What effect does it have on Indian society?
918. Do you think corporations have entered political discourse? Answer this in view of the growing role of the corporates in elections.

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919. The parliamentary democracy in India has incorporated some features of the presidential system. Illustrate with some examples.
920. Speakers are not apolitical entities and are often embedded in party politics. But they are conferred with discretionary power by the constitution for ensuring efficient functioning of the parliament while acting in accordance with the rules of procedure. Critically comment on the role of the speaker in the Indian parliament.
921. The office of Governor has become a matter of severe criticism during the past sixty years. In this context, critically examine the recommendations of the Punchhi commission regarding the office of Governor.
922. Discuss the significance and challenges to be faced by Green India Mission (GIM) launched recently by GoI. Do you think GIM is a step to fight climate change by way of the plantation?
923. "India's role as an Observer in Arctic council is not justified considering India being a forerunner in climate change issues". Do you agree India should renounce its status and fight for the Arctic to be considered as Global Common?
924. "73rd and 74th amendment was enacted with a motive to holistically empower women. However, the ground realities seem far different". Critically examine.
925. A strong Prime Minister is a boon if he acts as a leader but if he has despotic intentions then the same can be disastrous. Discuss in the light of safeguards available in India against any sort of despotism of P.M.
926. For a nation like India, a coalition government is always better than a majority government if the interest of the states is to be seen. Comment.
927. India's effort of reviving ties, with the SAARC nation has wide-ranging implications. Elucidate.
928. Indian constitution is an improvement on the experiences gathered by the earlier constitution. Discuss the statement with suitable examples.
929. India has constantly been trying to improve on its commitment towards a vulnerable section; Elucidate.
930. Democratic socialism is the final stage of evolution of the society. Do you agree? Give your views.
931. Detail the achievements of quasi-judicial bodies in deepening the democratic credentials of India.

932. Democracy is by the bureaucracy, for the bureaucracy & of the bureaucracy. Examine the statement in the case of a welfare economy.
933. The concept of competitive federalism especially in matters of foreign affairs has been evolving. What could be the possible challenges associated with the greater inclusion of states in such matters of policymaking? Suggest measures to foster the spirit of competitive federalism and leverage the state's diplomacy to the fullest.
934. Discuss the economic relations between India and the West Asian nations.
935. The role of civil services is not the same as it was at the time of independence. What are the major changes in the role that you foresee for the same?
936. Trace the evolution of India's foreign policy from being an alleged adjunct of soviet Russia to an independent force to reckon with.
937. 'International Relations is a living example of Game Theory in action'; elucidate.
938. 'Particular Proclivity of the west to get involved in the affairs of Middle East is to its own undoing'; illustrate.
939. India's new policy of 'Neighbourhood First' marks a departure from its earlier policies. Comment. While India and its extra-regional partners develop efforts to consult, coordinate, and cooperate across South Asia, they will have to prepare for a variety of challenges. What are these challenges? Suggest a way forward to deal with such issues.
940. 'Co-option and not coercion is the basic tenet of Indian Diplomacy'; illustrate.
941. The RTI activists fight for their rights and/or those of others, but they are hardly protected by the police and judiciary. Besides violent reactions, the RTI community is facing new challenges. Critically analyse the nature of these emergent challenges and suggest a way forward.
942. Human resource development is the culmination of all developmental efforts. How far has India been able to realise its latent potential in the sector?
943. "The content of parliamentary privileges can be determined only by parliament, while its context shall be determined by the judiciary." Discuss.
944. Urban India is the growth engine of the nation but a majority of the residents in urban areas lack basic housing facilities. In this context elaborate on the major components and features of the "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban" Give your opinion on the

- expected effectiveness of the policy in achieving its intended goals.
945. The Supreme Court's use of its vast powers under Article 142, has done tremendous good to many deprived sections, however, it is time to institute checks and balances. Critically examine.
946. What does the China Iran Strategic Cooperation pact mean for India?
947. Indo-China relations are paradoxical in nature. Elaborate.
948. At present world is unipolar and there is a shift towards bipolarity. How will it affect Indian interests?
949. The ordinance issuing power is an anachronism dating back to the colonial Acts of 1919 and 1935 and it should be deleted from the Constitution. Give your views.
950. How does the Indian Government aim at developing its Human Resource? Elucidate with existing policies & schemes?
951. How will AISHE (All India Survey on Higher Education) help in the planning and development of the (Higher) education sector in the country?
952. The DPSPs, explicitly stated to be non-enforceable, ought to play no role whatsoever in constitutional adjudication yet virtually every socially oriented constitutional or statutory judgment of the Courts contains an obligatory reference to them. Critically examine.
953. What do you mean by Post-Truth? Do you agree that we are living in the post-truth era? Present your argument(s) in support of your opinion.
954. Participation of men is a prerequisite for the overall emancipation/ empowerment of women. Comment.
955. What are the structural bottlenecks of the Indian democratic system? What role do you foresee for the Indian bureaucracy in this regard?
956. What are the institutional backdrops of the protection of the vulnerable section of society? Suggest measures to improve their efficiency.
957. Identify the barriers that obstruct India's fuller role in Security Council? Present a case of India for permanent membership in the UN Security Council.
958. How is the mandate of WTO favouring the developed nations? Will a level ground be better for the whole world? Discuss.
959. The political executive is often forced to make sub-optimal decisions to serve the myopic objectives of their vote banks. How can this vicious cycle be broken?

960. The procedure adopted under the constitution for the amendment bill is more federal than the money bill and Financial bill. Illustrate.
961. Identify the bilateral engagements that helped India in protecting its strategic objectives.
962. Duty auditing will improve the performance of the worker. What should be the parameter to audit the role of ministers?
963. The process of governance is the network between state market and Civil Society. Illustrate.
964. "Judicial review establishes rule of law while judicial activism administers it". Discuss.
965. Narrow consideration of the due process of law has weakened the foundation of "service" in civil services. Suggest measures to make Indian Civil Services more effective.
966. "Vertical and horizontal integration approach is required for every welfare program implemented at the grassroot level". Do you agree with this statement? Substantiate.
967. Administrative reforms are necessary to start the process of Judicial reform. Illustrate your answer with a case study.
968. RTI with Citizen Charter has the potential to create responsive and accountable administrative functionaries. Elucidate.
969. What are the conflicting domains of the union and state with regards to the welfare orientation of the public? Parliament is being used to settle party scores. What role do you see for the major parties to attend to the issues?
970. Growing intolerance amongst educated youth is the harbinger of anarchy. What steps do you suggest to attend to the same?
971. Why has a stringent separation of power been adopted between the judiciary and or other organizations of the government. Give reasons.
972. Contracting business hour of the Indian Parliament is a dangerous trend. Analyse its causes and discuss its impact.
973. Discuss the major irritants in Indo-China relations and highlight the latent move to overcome these.
974. Public Procurement has always been a large area of corruption. Discuss the new Government e-Marketplace initiative launched by Central Government. How does it resolve the issues related to earlier methods of procurement?
975. What is the significance of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in Modern India?
976. Financial devolution to the lower levels has high system loss. What steps do you suggest for attending the same?

977. Discuss the legislative power of the President under Article 123 of the Constitution.
978. What is the rationale of the 360-degree rating system of bureaucrats? How will it resolve some of the deep malaise in today's 'Babudom'?
979. We have been talking about hunger since the independence in 1947, yet India figures at a measly 94 out of 107 on Global Hunger Index, 2020. Discuss the reasons for this pitiable performance and suggest some innovative steps to address this issue?
980. The institution of CAG is not a rubber stamp of the government now. Comment.
981. Can caste be the sole criterion for identifying backwardness? Give your ideas.
982. How has the role of UNHCR been changing? Prognosticate its future evolution.
983. What is the process of the creation of new states in India? Is the process sufficiently federal? Give arguments to support your view.
984. BIMSTEC brings together countries on the littoral of the Bay of Bengal. Elucidate.
985. Examine the rationale behind the creation of the 5th and 6th schedules in the Indian constitution. Also, bring out the similarity and differences between the two.
986. What is the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) and how does it function?
987. What are the constitutional provisions for the formation of new states?
988. Investments and accumulation of capital in any sector lay down the foundation of growth and prosperity of that sector. Elucidate.
989. Nuclear Deterrence has lost its relevance in the modern world, more so after the disintegration of the Soviet Union; Elucidate.
990. Trace the reasons for the provision of free education and mid-day meals not being able to check the dropout rates of rural students.
991. There is a challenge to fill the gap between rural and urban academic achievements. Elucidate.
992. Palestine - Israel tangle is the flashpoint in world politics. Give your views.
993. Palestinian territory of Gaza is widely considered to be an open-air prison. Comment.

994. Nepal wants to revise the treaty of Friendship and cooperation with India. Will it remove the 'big brother tag' against India?
995. Indo-US Nuclear Deal offers much but yields little. Comment.
996. There is an urgent need for the democratization of the UN. Give suggestions for making it effective.
997. China has amalgamated the seemingly antithetical concepts of communism and capitalism. Give your views.
998. 'Social Audit has countered the notion of 'Grass without roots' and has strengthened Grassroots Democracy, Comment.
999. The asymmetric federal architecture of Indian polity makes fiscal federalism indispensable. Identify the constitutional provisions indicating the same. Give your views on the mindset of the constitution framers to adopt some such mechanisms. Discuss the current requirements of the consolidation of fiscal federalism.
1000. Can Social Boycott serve as an effective deterrent to committers of crime? Or should it be seen as a matter of law & order and social justice and thus should be prohibited? Give arguments to support your views.
1001. 'Rent-seeking behaviour is converting Public Service into self-service'; analyse.
1002. 'Reform of Bretton Woods Institutions is overdue'. Comment.
1003. 'Lateral induction is a small step towards essential housekeeping in central government staffing.' Do you agree with this? What is the rationale behind lateral entry into civil services? Briefly discuss the pros and cons of the move.
1004. The Directive Principles of state policy says that the state shall endeavour to promote cottage industries in rural areas. Despite this, the present condition of this industry in the country is not very good. Suggest some measures to improve its prospects. Also briefly highlight the advantages of the cottage industry in a country like India.
1005. A Chinese road-building project in the Himalayas has become the centre of an escalating border dispute between India and China. How does this construction impact India? Are the Britishers to be blamed for the confusion about territories along the borders?
1006. Upholding the idea of 'Soft Power' is helpful for India on the economic front also. Comment.
1007. Should there be a different code of conduct for people's representatives and bureaucrats? Substantiate your views with an example.

1008. What measures do you suggest in the Representation of Peoples Act to check the criminalization of politics?
1009. What are the constitutional provisions regarding conflict resolution of the political institutions?
1010. Basic structure as a tool in the hands of the judiciary has been overused. Do you agree? Give logic to substantiate your points.
1011. The multilateral institutions are out of sync. Suggest some steps for their bodies to be in sync with changes.
1012. What role you see for the Judiciary to attend to the socio-economic exclusion?
1013. The executive interface of unions and states has many rough edges. Identify them and suggest immediate, medium-term and long-term measures to smoothen them.
1014. If fundamental rights are a constitutional responsibility of the state, fundamental duties are a moral obligation of its people. Discuss whether the fundamental duties need to be expatiated in scope to engender a sense of civic responsibility amongst the citizenry.
1015. The post of the Governor of the state has been a victim of politicization in recent times with many political appointments and snap resignations. Considering the constitutional importance of this post what changes would you recommend in the appointment and removal of Governors with reference to recommendations by previous commissions and committees.
1016. The right to privacy though declared to be a fundamental right by the Supreme court in Justice K.S Puttaswamy Vs UOI case, is not a strong right in itself. What are the various clauses or provisions which make this right a weak right? Give your opinion.
1017. Indian federalism is unique in that it incorporates special provisions for various states due to their peculiar social and historical milieus. Analyse.
1018. While India and the United States are both democracies, one has been referred to as a confederate republic while the other being labelled as a compound republic. Highlight the major differences between the constitutions of the oldest and largest democracies in the world.
1019. Social justice is an all-pervasive feature of the Indian Constitution. Discuss the developments that have taken place in its implementation by quoting relevant decisions of the Supreme Court in recent times.
1020. "Corruption thrives at secret places and avoids open spaces". By making the govt transparent and citizen-centric, can the problem of corruption be rooted out? Critically comment.

1021. Can a complete ban on the consumption of alcohol imposed with the aim to 'raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living in the society' be justified? Can piousness of a religious place be a sufficient ground for imposition of such ban? Discuss.
1022. What is corporate governance? How is it important in the Indian corporate sector? How will the mandatory provision of corporate social responsibility change the perception of the private sector in the eye of a common man?
1023. A paradigm shift in civil servants is required to cope up with the emerging demands in society. Analyse.
1024. Citizen's Charter cannot be an end in itself. It is rather a means to an end, a tool to ensure that the citizen is always at the heart of any service delivery mechanism. Analyse the recommendations of the 2nd ARC in making Citizen's Charter an effective tool for holding public officials accountable to the tasks demanded of them.
1025. The NGT is unequipped statutorily to deal with the arduous task of balancing environmental concerns with developmental requirements. Comment.
1026. Briefly highlight how e-governance is different from the mere computerization of government services. Explain the generic models of e-governance that can be used as a guide in designing government initiatives.
1027. Critically comment on India's strategy of highlighting atrocities in Balochistan on the global platform. Does this move contradict the Indian principles of respecting national sovereignty?
1028. Critically examine the relevance of SAARC and India's role in this regard.
1029. Alignment with the non-alignment has changed its relevance in the contemporary ever-evolving multi-pronged priorities of the nations. How do you trace the genesis and impact of the global orientation of polarity by India?
1030. India is alleged by few scholars of disastrously eroding the traditional 'sacred bond' with Bhutan and merely using the Himalayan state as an object of strategic play against China. What is your point of view on this assertion? Do you think India in recent years has deviated from its erstwhile foreign policy doctrine? Substantiate your views with suitable examples.
1031. What are the various export control regimes? What does India stand to gain from the membership of these regimes?
1032. 'Myanmar is more than just an economic opportunity for India.' Examine this statement in the context of India China dynamism in Myanmar.
1033. If India wants to become a net security provider in the Indian Ocean, it has to increase its engagement with Indian Ocean littoral

- nations. In this context, discuss recent initiatives taken by the Indian government to develop better relations with such nations.
1034. India has neither ratified the UN convention of refugees nor does it have a national policy. In this context, differentiate between a refugee and a migrant. What are the challenges caused by such a policy void?
1035. What is the principle of non-refoulment? What is the recent Supreme Court judgement surrounding the same? Does the constitution have provisions that abide by this principle?
1036. Terrorist organisations are progressively formalising their setup. This has got them closer to the existing cartels of organised crime syndicates. What prognosis do you have for the same with respect to the global peace initiatives?
1037. The Indian constitution was designed to be both rigid as well as easily amendable. Give reasons for the same. How has this characteristic been further reinforced by the judiciary?
1038. While framing the Indian constitution, Dr Ambedkar envisaged making the political democracy of India, a social democracy. How far have such goals been fulfilled? Also, suggest measures for making the social provisions of the Constitution more effective.
1039. The British System of Dyarchy, introduced in the Government of India Act (1919) was too crude to pass the test of self-governance. It hastened "Provincial Autonomy" but failed to promote parliamentary democracy of federalism. Discuss.
1040. Over the last few decades, the role of Parliamentary committees or Legislative Committees has increased. Why do you think there is a greater need for their formation? Do you think that the provision for standing committees has reduced the ability of the legislature? Give your views.
1041. The menace of paid news has increased in recent years. What in your opinion are the reasons for this rise? Suggest some initiatives to tackle this problem.
1042. The extent of the Presidential power of pardon has been an issue of long-standing debate. Do you think that Presidential judicial power undermines the principle of separation of powers? Give arguments to support your views.
1043. The Supreme Court for several decades has been relentlessly advocating for electoral reforms. Discuss some of the major initiatives taken by the apex court to cleanse the Indian electoral system. Also, suggest some measures to ensure the maintenance of integrity in the electoral process.
1044. 'The second chamber of Indian Parliament is not a house of states, rather a house of state parties.' Do you agree with this statement? Give arguments to support your views.

1045. Political parties have made a call to defer the Union Budget in the wake of assembly polls. It is argued that the budget may be used to influence voting patterns. Do you think this issue makes a strong case for simultaneous elections in India? Also, bring out political and economic advantages as well as costs involved in such a move.
1046. The Anti-defection law and voice votes in the parliament has eroded the effectiveness of the parliamentary system and questioned the very structure of representative democracy. Critically analyse this statement.
1047. Freedom of speech and expression is not unconditional, there are certain conditions attached to it. Elucidate. In the same given context, discuss whether Indian sedition law has become a threat to the freedom of speech and expression.
1048. Criminal defamation is inherently tilted in favour of the state, big business, and powerful persons and against ordinary citizens. Do you agree? Comment in the light of recent judicial pronouncements.
1049. Demand for the creation of separate states will not cease in India. Comment. What parameters should be considered for the creation of a state.
1050. India's foreign policy was built around the principles of peace and cooperation. But India fought three wars in a span of ten years between 1962 and 1972. Would you say that this was a failure of foreign policy? Substantiate your answer.
1051. Gender identity and gender expressions are intrinsic to one's sense of self, and one's experience of life, so the gender assigned at birth may not necessarily match the person's sense of the gender they belong to. The time, therefore, has come to do away with the binary idea of sex as a Male and Female; In the context of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, explain the meaning of "transgender person"? Do you think this act would protect the LGBT community from discrimination? Give your opinion in the backdrop of Supreme Court judgement.
1052. In the seven decades since independence, India has emerged as a robust democracy and a rising economy, but it also has a long list of unfinished tasks. What in your opinion are the most important tasks that need priority?
1053. Why is India's stand on SCS? Does India have any strategic interest in the region? Elucidate.
1054. What has been India's traditional approach to disputes in the SCS? Has this approach seen a divergence recently?
1055. What is China's Five Finger Policy? How far is this policy responsible for increasing Chinese transgression along Indian borders? Is Chinese claim over the territories located between the

- McMahon Line and the traditional customary boundary between China and India justified? Substantiate your arguments.
1056. 'Privacy, even if assumed to be a fundamental right, consists of a large number of subspecies. Each subspecies of privacy cannot be elevated to the status of a fundamental right.' What is your opinion on this? Substantiate your arguments with relevant SC judgements on the issue.
1057. The increasing use of fossil fuels causes serious environmental problems. Also, their overuse and potential shortages raise uncertainties about energy security. In this context, discuss India's preparedness in securing its energy needs. Elucidate your answer with steps taken towards energy diplomacy by India.
1058. Nepal and Bhutan have been similar and yet dissimilar as chalk and cheese. Discuss. Do you think the China factor has muddled the waters when it comes to the Nepal- Bhutan-India relations? Give your views.
1059. The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019 is termed as a "revolutionary step" towards the resolution of inter-state river water disputes. Highlight the major provisions of the bill. Also briefly discuss the lacunas in the existing set-up that necessitated a change.
1060. New Delhi and Tokyo are evolving as robust security architects in the Indo-Pacific region. The Bilateral relation between the two is at an all-time high. What is the significance of Russia's addition to the mix? Discuss in the context of India-Japan and Russia trilateral.
1061. 'As the country aspires to fulfil its economic and social development goals, malnutrition is one area which requires greater attention.' Critically analyse this statement in the context of the state of malnutrition in India. How does National Nutrition Strategy propose to overcome this problem? Discuss.
1062. 'The existing Prison Act, 1894 which is more than a century old, needs to be thoroughly revised and even re-stated given the changed socio-economic and political conditions of India over the years.' Critically analyse this statement in the context of the growing demand for prison reforms in India. Also, highlight the major issues plaguing the Indian prisons which necessitate a reform.
1063. For a country that has scarce and limited public resources, reservations unquestionably have important social, economic, and political implications. Do you think there is a need to revise, refine and improve reservation policy in India? Explain with Supreme Court's observations on the same.
1064. The current trend of CBFC of cutting scenes and banning of movies has raised various questions in people's minds which need

- clarification. What is the need for censorship of a film? Is censorship a necessary evil? Critically opine.
1065. India-Myanmar relations are rooted in shared historical, ethnic, cultural, and religious ties. Trace the evolution of the India-Myanmar relationship since colonial times till the present. What role India can play in the advancement of democracy in Myanmar? Discuss.
1066. The Special Marriage Act way back in 1954 provided for a special form of marriage, regardless of castes or religion, for all Indians. Still, even after 60 years of the legislation getting enacted, 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.
1067. The RTI Act 2005 marks a departure from the past by shifting the debate on governance from what should be revealed to the public to what must be kept secret from it. In the light of this statement discuss the role played by the Act in strengthening Indian democracy.
1068. Why do you think holding an office of profit should be a ground for disqualification for an MP or an MLA? Give logical arguments to substantiate your points.
1069. 'In the 21st century, a government that cannot or will not protect its citizens' privacy rights cannot credibly maintain a democratic regime of equal treatment under the rule of law'. Critically examine this statement in the context of the Aadhar Act, 2016 and the challenges it poses for the government in terms of securing data privacy for its citizens.
1070. Corruption involves the misuse of authoritative power for personal benefits. While tracing the changing nature of corruption after independence, critically analyse the measures that have been institutionalized to fight this menace.
1071. Loss of confidence between South Asia's oldest nation-state and its largest democracy is attributed not only to Chinese chequebook diplomacy but other irritants too. Critically Examine.
1072. The optimal development of India's relations with Central Asian countries has been constrained by a lack of overland access. While discussing the significance of energy diplomacy that the Central Asian regions hold for India, highlight the initiatives that help keep India- Central Asian countries' relations intact.
1073. The narrative of India's contemporary relationship with Africa is dominated by historicity, diaspora, trade partnership & shifting geopolitical tides. Discuss. Should India's outreach to Africa be seen from the Chinese prism? Comment.
1074. While there exist some common interests that could help in the growth of the India - European Union partnership, there are

- challenges too. Discuss in the light of significance that India and European Union partnership holds.
1075. "Sound development of relations between India and China is important not only for the mutual benefit of India and China but also a factor of stability in the world". Comment in the backdrop of changing China-US relations.
1076. The term Urban Naxalism has sprouted at a time when the Indian democracy is approaching its maturity stage. Examine the causes of its genesis. Also, give your suggestions to nip it in the bud.
1077. Health care constitutes the core of geriatric care. To achieve sustainable ageing, India needs to focus on the provision of quality and affordable elderly healthcare. Critically analyse.
1078. With increasing urbanization, the role of preventive healthcare has become crucial than ever before. With reference to this, discuss the role of AYUSH.
1079. "Do away with a special category for States". In the context of this statement, discuss the issue with special category status. Critically analyse the Rajan Committee's recommendations in this regard.
1080. The development of smart cities is not possible without smart villages. In this context, critically analyse the role of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission.
1081. How important is the role of the National Commission of Scheduled Tribe in elevating the condition of the tribal population? What are the dedicated welfare schemes launched by the Government of India recently for the tribal population?
1082. Can the death penalty be a deterrence to growing child rape cases in the country? Critically Comment.
1083. What is the comprehensive and progressive agreement for trans-pacific partnership (CPTPP)? How does the non-participation of the US impact India?
1084. In the past decade, the relations between India and the Gulf countries have transformed beyond a basic buyer-seller relationship. In the light of the above statement, discuss the ties between India and the Gulf counties.
1085. Indo-Bhutan relations remained enigmatic until recently when the ties started to remain under major strain. In this context discuss the growth and evolution of the relationship between the two countries to date.
1086. Discuss the challenges posed by the emerging technologies, social media and the money power in conducting the free and fair elections in India. Also, suggest some innovative solutions in tackling those challenges.
1087. Each individual ought to reserve a privilege to a fundamental salary to cover their necessities. What are the contentions in favour and those against Universal Basic Income? Is there any elective choice that can comprehend the income crisis? Examine.

1088. India-China has witnessed tensions over the disputed boundary areas. How is boundary observed among the two nations and why are the agreements deeply flawed? Recommend a few measures to address them.
1089. Labour is a concurrent subject under the Constitution of India, states can frame their laws but need the approval of the Centre for making amendments to central laws. Break down this in the light of changes brought by many state governments. What are the difficulties related to these changes?
1090. Coronavirus - 19 has uncovered the truly necessary radical upgrading of the Indian Health care Industry. What are the main points of contention which are hampering this change? Examine this in the light of expanding wellbeing use.
1091. The new definition of domicile in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir will have several implications. Comment.
1092. Show cause notice issued by the Bar Council of India (BCI) to members of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) is a dangerous incursion upon the Bar council's functioning. Critically analyse.
1093. New Delhi's approach is different from Beijing's donation diplomacy approach to help Africa fight the COVID-19. How can the Indian Diaspora be a game-changer? Comment.
1094. There is developing competition among the US and China which is moving towards another Cold War. What are the progressions and the necessities of the new World Order on which new Multilateralism can depend upon? Comment.
1095. India deserves its place on the global stage, but on G-11, it must be clear about its aims. Examine this statement in light of the new realities of the post-COVID world.
1096. Regardless of Indians reserving the privilege to live any place they need, the term "migrant" carries with itself an undertone of someone as an outsider. Examine with reference to the current migrant crisis.
1097. India can make a binary choice between the U.S. and China and still maintain strategic and decisional autonomy. Comment.
1098. The significance of the Rajya Sabha increases at a time when the ruling party has a brute majority in the Lok Sabha. Do you agree? Legitimize your stand. What are the special and exclusive powers given to the Rajya Sabha under the Constitution?
1099. The COVID-19 pandemic has provided India with an opportunity to restructure the strategies of engaging the private sector in realising public health goals. Suggest some policy initiatives to leverage private health sector resources in fighting the pandemic.
1100. The urban governance machinery certainly has lessons to learn from its rural contemporary. Considering this statement evaluate the urban governance reforms required in India.

1101. Should health care be denied to someone on the grounds of residency? Comment on this providing the constitutionality of such a decision.
1102. Policy ideas should marry employment and industrial priorities with green outcomes. Comment.
1103. "Women will suffer more due to covid-19 owing to many cultural and socio-economic factors." analyse the above statement in light of pandemic-induced gender inequality. Also, recommend some measures to address the negative consequences of this pandemic on women.
1104. "When courts begin trailing the confidence of the public, democracy is under threat." Does it apply in the case of India? Also, recognise the institutional failures that led to the plight of migrant labourers of India. Justify your argument.
1105. "Education is now being peddled as a combination of content and consumption, and this diluted meaning is being put to the service of achieving increased Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)." Comment on the above statement in light of the argument, "streamed education is diluted education."
1106. To keep social media in consonance with our constitutional values does India need a sovereign rule to govern social media. Examine this in the backdrop of the IT (Amendment) Act and the Supreme Court's views on the same.
1107. Elucidate the significance of mental health amid the rising suicide rates in India. Comment on the status of psychological care in India and the social stigma associated with it. Recommend an immediate, medium-term and long-term solution to this problem.
1108. Recent data from the Global Burden of Disease project by the WHO shows that the suicide rates for Indian men and women are 1.5 and 2 times the global suicide rate respectively. What factors contribute to the increased vulnerability of Indians?
1109. Has mental health received adequate attention from the government? What are the lapses in government policy and implementation?
1110. "Civil liberties are just as capable of being threatened by acts of private individuals as they are by the state." Considering this statement, discuss why the constitutional right to equality in India needs to be backed by comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation.
1111. "Culturally, India and Nepal share a prodigious people to people interaction. But lately, the two countries have been making headlines, not for the camaraderie they share but the border tensions." Discuss the issue from the standpoint of both the countries. Discuss various facets of India-Nepal ties. What pragmatic steps can the countries take to defuse the crisis?

1112. Assess the veracity of the accomplishments of the lockdown. Emphasise the design and implementation of the lockdown from the perspective of cooperative federalism.
1113. Discuss the geopolitical significance of the Galwan valley. Why is it a flashpoint between India and China? Suggest some short-term and long-term measures that can be taken to ease the tensions along the LAC.
1114. Is the government's target to double the farmer's income by 2022 still achievable when the country is grappling with a pandemic? Analyse the role that private sector investors and financial institutions can play in achieving this goal.
1115. "The border tensions with China have given rise to calls for an economic boycott of the neighbour." Evaluate the impact of boycott in the backdrop of the existing trade deficit.
1116. What do you understand by 'vaccine nationalism'? How would vaccine nationalism block vulnerable population's access to COVID-19 vaccines? What measures can be taken to prevent the same and ensure more equitable access to vaccines, discuss with special focus on the role India can play in this regard.
1117. "To serve its interests and push for its agenda of multilateralism and reforms, India should adopt value-based positions that are not transactional, aspire for the leadership of the non-permanent members of the Council and be the voice of the weaker nations." Analyse in light of India's recent election to the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member.
1118. Follow the development of India's boundary dispute with China. Is the dispute a tradition of its provincial past? What is the international noteworthiness of the Ladakh region and follow the economic advantages which China is aiming for through its recent initiatives in the region?
1119. What are the provisions of the recently launched "Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana"? Bring out its comparative analysis with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme. Also, examine its potential of growth habit creation for rural India.
1120. "Many countries which do not know our language, tradition, or culture, are now connecting to India through Yoga." Analyse the evolution of Yoga as India's greatest soft power. What is the international economics of Yoga? Also, comment on the significance of Yoga in the current times, particularly in the context of its impact on immunity and mental health.
1121. Identify the elementary elements of the traditional system of medicine in India covered under AYUSH. How can a dependable R&D system for traditional medicine be developed to check its misuse? Can practising the traditional system of

- medicines lead to sustainable and effective healthcare in India? Examine.
1122. Discuss the main points of contention regarding the existing criteria used for determining the eligibility of EWS quota. Do you think it is arbitrary and impractical? Examine with justification.
1123. The needs of governance are not static and are bound to change over time. In this context discuss the need for civil services reform to satisfy the changing needs of governance.
1124. How does criminalization of politics impair the quality of our democracy? What are the existing mechanisms to prevent it?
1125. Religion has been at the centre of human social existence since time immemorial. In light of this statement analyse the significance of Freedom of religion given in Constitution of India.
1126. 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?
1127. Analyse the effectiveness of implementation of the Directive Principles of State Policy and suggest ways to improve it.
1128. The law-making power through the route of ordinance cannot be used as a substitute for the legislative power of the legislature. Discuss.
1129. Highlight the significance of WTO in today's world. What reforms are needed to revive the relevance and credibility of WTO?
1130. Discuss how foreign policies experts of India have re-sketched India's roadmap from Active disassociation to close Alignment.
1131. 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.
1132. The biggest hurdle in Neighbourhood first doctrine of India is the interest shown by her neighbours in China. Explain.
1133. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are prime instruments of democratic decentralization at the grassroot level and provide an important mechanism for rural development and decentralization of powers. Elaborate.
1134. The historical experience of the ages shows that all political power is inherently expansive. In this context explain the need of independent institutions in a democratic setup. What are the challenges to independence and autonomy of constitutional bodies in India?



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1135. Differentiate between Cost-Push and Demand-Pull inflation. How supply side reforms help to control the risks arising out of high inflation?
1136. If cloning is based on somatic cell nucleus transfer then a triple parent baby is based on mitochondrial DNA transfer. Explain.
1137. Identify the threats posed by climate change to physical and social infrastructure. How will Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure help to build resilience to climate threats and disasters.
1138. How does Market rate of Interest affect investment in an economy? Discuss types of rate of interest.
1139. Assess the role of National Mission on Edible Oils in boosting the production, productivity and income of edible oil farmers. What are the challenges in its implementation?
1140. India is facing huge challenges in internal security because of its vulnerability to organized crime. What measures are needed to tackle these challenges effectively?
1141. Discuss the components of Interlinking of Rivers Project. Is this project economically and technically feasible?
1142. The 2021 UN climate change conference (COP26) is a crucial moment for efforts to address the climate crisis. What are the summit aims? Do you think it ended with a 'good outcome'?
1143. There have been instances of conflicts between the priorities of national security and safeguarding civil liberties. How can this conflict be minimized?
1144. The AFSPA, brought for the empowerment of democracy, has today become a symbol of oppression, hatred and exploitation." Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
1145. Highlight a number of roadblocks in the Indian economy in realising the potential of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). What steps have been taken to overcome these obstacles?
1146. What are the five objectives (Panchamrit) which were the part of National Statement announced by the Prime Minister for mitigating the impact of global warming and climate change? Can we consider that India played role of a global leader at Cop 26, Glasgow?

1147. SVAMITVA scheme has the potential to be a stepping-stone towards achieving Gram Swaraj in true sense and making rural India Atmanirbhar. Comment.
1148. Global warming is related to ozone layer depletion in more than one way. Explain.
1149. Discuss the work of 'fibre optics' done by Narinder Singh Kapany and show how it proved to be a revolutionary discovery.
1150. Emergence of e-waste is an emerging global environmental and public health issue and has made solid waste management a complicated task. Discuss. What steps have been taken by India to address the issue?
1151. India's pledge to set a net zero target by 2070, at the COP26 summit has again highlighted the importance of forests as an undisputed mechanism to help mitigate the challenges of climate change. Substantiate.
1152. 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.
1153. Analyse the role of Microfinance and Micro credit in transforming rural India. Suggest a multi-pronged strategy for harnessing India's demographic dividend, entrepreneurial spirit and augmenting technological penetration.
1154. Enumerate the threats emerging out of Money Laundering. What steps have been taken so far at the National and International levels of curbing Money Laundering?
1155. Energy is considered as the key for all the economic activities of a nation and sets the foundation for faster economic growth. What are the key challenges in achieving self-reliance in energy sector? What measures have been taken in this regard?
1156. Despite having many statutory laws, schemes and enough food stocks, India still faces 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.
1157. The guiding principle for Agri-reforms must be to create conditions that allow farm households to maximise their income while minimising the overall level of risk in Indian agriculture. What measures are needed to support Agriculture in a sustainable and competitive manner?
1158. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are seen as backbone of Indian Industry. Discuss the challenges associated with it.

- What are the recent steps taken by government of India to overcome these challenges?
1159. Why the Government has set up National Land Monetization Corporation? Why do we need such a specialized body for the purpose of monetization?
1160. Despite having significant improvement in Ease of Doing business index, the economic output, investment and employment remained stagnant in India in the last 5 years. Comment. What measures are required to improve the business ecosystem in India?
1161. What are man-made disasters? How do they pose an internal security threat to India?
1162. What are the salient features of Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission? How can it fill critical gaps in public health infrastructure?
1163. Explain the potential of manufacturing sector in providing a solution to the issue of unemployment in India. What measures have been taken to boost the manufacturing sector?
1164. Discuss about the working of Fuel cells. Also mention the application of Fuel cell technology in India. How fuel cell is different from microbial fuel cell?
1165. Integrating ecology and technology is the way forward towards an evergreen revolution. Discuss. What are the challenges in implementation of such technology?
1166. With the launch of last satellite of India's IRNSS program, India is now at par with other developed countries. Elaborate.
1167. What are Sovereign Green Bonds? How can they provide a boost to green economy?
1168. What is the difference between Demand pull & Cost push inflation? Discuss the effects of inflation.
1169. What factors affect the inflow of FDI in an economy? What reforms have been taken to facilitate FDI in Indian economy?
1170. In the recent Covid pandemic scenario, which one is more priority for the government, achieving FRBM target or opting for higher fiscal deficit? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1171. Present a brief analysis of genesis and evolution of Insurgency in North East India. To what extent has developmental factors contributed to this security situation?
1172. Explain GM Mustard, how can it be beneficial for Indian farmers?

1173. Discuss the varied applications of nanotechnology with special reference to textile industry.
1174. Discuss why the impact of Global warming is more on Arctic region whereas the impact of Ozone layer depletion is more on Antarctica.
1175. Delineate the various dimensions of the concept of 'Waste to Wealth'? How can it help India in catering to the needs of sustainable waste management?
1176. Why stubble burning is a concern in the northern part of India? Discuss what efforts have been taken to reduce it.
1177. How does land degradation and frequent shifts in land use patterns impact biodiversity and community?
1178. What is Air Quality Index of India? Discuss the measures taken to curb Air Pollution in India.
1179. More concerted and active participation of the people from an early stage of the project can only lead to inclusive development. How can policymakers ensure that the process of Environment Impact Assessment becomes more consultative and participatory?
1180. Discuss the fallouts of 5G communication. Should it be introduced in India?
1181. The food processing sector is an imperative part of our country and its economy. What are the key challenges facing the sector? How can technology and automation transform the sector?
1182. Make a distinction between Blue, Black and Brown Carbon.
1183. Giving farmers right to choose and access to the best technologies and extension services is fundamental to the robust functioning of agri-systems and augmenting farmers' incomes. Discuss. How can Artificial intelligence help to fulfil this objective?
1184. 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?
1185. Discuss the role played by clouds in Global Warming.
1186. Treading steps ahead of the experience of PPP and entering monetization will depend on host of factors including federalism, dispute resolution mechanism and regulatory framework. Discuss.

1187. What are the primary objectives of monetary policy? How have the recent changes in the monetary policy framework brought accountability and transparency in the monetary policy process?
1188. What is the current framework for Data Protection in India? Do you think India needs a law like European Union's (EU's) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to effectively protect data and privacy?
1189. Public Intent Data could be enabling tools for empowering citizens in general and the unheard poor people in particular. Critically comment.
1190. Use of population census 2011 by the 15th Finance Commission created issues for southern states in India. Discuss how these grievances are addressed by the Commission in its recommendations?
1191. Fiscal policy has the capacity to either assist or undermine financial stability, which is normally the responsibility of the monetary authority. Examine the situation with relation to India.
1192. 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?
1193. What are the salient features of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)? How demand for work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme indicates the strength and weaknesses of rural employment scenario?
1194. PPP model is an ideal investment model for infrastructure development in India but with caution. Analyse the statement with reference to Dr Vijay Kelkar committee recommendation.
1195. Explain the purpose of the 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' (OSOWOG) programme launched at 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)?
1196. What are the Goals of Monetary policy? Discuss the composition of Monetary policy Committee.
1197. Organisations across India have been grappling with cyber threats brought about by the growing adoption of the internet of things (IoT), cloud applications, digital supply chains and remote work. Discuss. How can we mitigate these threats?

1198. Discuss why landfills are a concern today in metropolitan cities? What effective steps can be taken to reduce their adverse impact?
1199. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] has recently released a report that stated that climate change impact is going to be much more frequent, intense and widespread than had been previously estimated. Do you think India need to reconceptualise its climate governance model to meet its climate commitments?
1200. Can conservation and impact assessment be considered as anti-development in nature? Discuss.
1201. Evaluate the pace of growth revival in India as well as the strength of macro-economic stability.
1202. Explain why bio medical waste is hazardous in nature? Discuss how this waste is disposed and also the guidelines for this purpose?
1203. Timely climate finance and technology transfer remain the biggest hurdles in the way of sustainable and effective climate action. What steps have been taken by India and the world to address these issues?
1204. Coal will continue to occupy centre-stage of India's energy scenario. In light of this statement discuss why has it been so difficult to replace coal as the primary source of energy? Also suggest measures to diversify India's coal dependent economy.
1205. Briefly highlight the contributions made by Indians to the field of science which have been globally acknowledged. What policy measures have been taken to support their efforts?
1206. What is unemployment? India is facing the problem of jobless growth during the post-liberalization era. Discuss.
1207. What are the research and developmental achievements in space technology? How will these achievements help to uplift the vulnerable sections of the society?
1208. Assess the impacts of internet shutdowns on economy and society. Do you agree that India needs to clearly define the parameters and set up a robust mechanism for internet shutdowns?
1209. Highlight the relevance of nuclear energy as a green technology. Do you think it is feasible to harness the potential of nuclear energy to achieve the goal of net-zero emissions?
1210. Green hydrogen policy marks an important step towards realising the goals outlined by India at the COP26. Comment. What are the challenges associated with development of green hydrogen energy?

1211. Ramping up India's nuclear and missile capabilities aim to preserve strategic deterrence and thus maintain strategic stability in the region. Elaborate. What are the challenges associated with development and deployment of such capabilities?
1212. How can we leverage the power of science and innovation for a more Equitable, Resilient and Sustainable future? What measures have been taken by government in this regard?
1213. Along with chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) security, Cyber Warfare and Narco-terror are among the new security threats to India. How can India tackle these threats effectively?
1214. The extent of left-wing extremism in India have reduced manifolds. Discuss the steps taken by government to achieve a consistent decline in violence and geographical spread of Left-Wing Extremism?
1215. Give a brief account of the regional pollution trends witnessed in India. Critically evaluate the functioning of emission norms in checking the menace of pollution.
1216. Briefly discuss the multi-dimensional threats India face on its international borders. Do you think security Forces and agencies are well-equipped to combat these threats?
1217. 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.
1218. A major weakness in the Indian economy is that the growth is not perceived as being sufficiently inclusive for many groups. Critically analyse.
1219. Plastic waste is not only threatening the marine ecosystem, it threatens the entire biodiversity. Elucidate. Critically discuss the provisions of Plastic Waste management rules in India.
1220. We need to move away from disaster management to disaster risk management. Elaborate.
1221. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has proven to be one of the cornerstones of ensuring that the ecological costs of infrastructure development are minimal. In light of this statement analyse the prospects of the Star rating system.
1222. Highlight the significance of science communication, popularization and extension for achieving the objectives of socio-economic development. What measures has been taken in this regard?

1223. "Bank Licensing Framework should be in a direction which helps in financial inclusion and inclusive growth". Elaborate. Do you think the government needs to give more emphasis on niche banks in contemporary times? Substantiate your view.
1224. 'Globalization is a boon for the working class. However, for the children and the aged the development hasn't been wholly useful.' Critically examine.
1225. 'Implementation of high-tech solutions without adequately trained personnel is unlikely to help the Border Security Force achieve the goal of full proof border surveillance'. Comment.
1226. 'No nation aspiring to be a great power can expect to achieve it without being substantively self-reliant in defence production.' Critically analyse. What needs to be done on this front so that indigenization of defence technology does not remain a mere lip service?
1227. 'Public Sector undertakings are the wealth of the nation and to ensure that this wealth rests in the hands of the people, public ownership of CPSEs should be promoted.' Do you agree with this view? Substantiate.
1228. 'Rights-based approach' for empowerment is a step in the right direction. In this context analyse the performance of the food security programme in India. Suggest some viable and sustainable measures to strengthen it.
1229. 'Social media is a double-edged sword.' Critically examine this statement in the context of challenges posed by several social media websites like Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp to the internal security of the country.
1230. 'The development of India's infrastructure is a huge task as well as a huge opportunity this context highlights the need for public-private partnership in the sector. Also, highlight the major challenges to urban infrastructural development in India.
1231. 'The key to saving humanity from the threats of global warming is present in the cryosphere'. Comment. Also, discuss India's efforts in this regard.
1232. "Challenges are opportunities to innovate." Critically analyse this statement in the context of the plight of the Indian economy during the ongoing pandemic and steps taken to revive it. Highlight the measures that can be taken to recentre the global manufacturing hub to India.
1233. "Energy mix is a step towards sustainability." Discuss this statement in the context of rising focus towards renewable sources of energy around the world.

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1234. "India's eminent danger of fighting a war at two fronts is better highlighted by departure from traditional weapon deals with Russia." Critically analyse in the context of the recently concluded S-400 Triumph deal with Russia.
1235. "Participatory-Notes (P-Notes) have been an easier source of money laundering". Do you think a blanket ban on P-Notes would help to curb money laundering? Explain.
1236. "The current pandemic-induced economic crisis is not a financial crisis turning into an economic shock. Instead, this is an instance of an economic shock that could turn into a financial crisis." Critically analyse. How is the current economic crisis different from the earlier crises that have shaken the global financial system? What fiscal and monetary policy interventions should be taken to tackle this crisis?
1237. "The Kigali Agreement is considered crucial to achieving the Paris Agreement target". Examine.
1238. "There is a linkage between malnutrition and GDP". What is the scenario of India in this term? Elucidate government's initiatives to address the problem of malnutrition in India.
1239. "There is a strategic context to India staying out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership that that goes beyond purely economic or trade arguments and implications". Comment.
1240. A debt balance of liberty and security would assure drones to proliferate and meet their promise. How does India's drone policy achieve this balance?
1241. A lack of legal and institutional architecture for dam safety raises fears and apprehensions about the possibility of consequent disasters and loss of life and property. What are the challenges involved in enacting Dam Safety legislation? Suggest a viable solution to the issue.
1242. A robust data system is one of the pillars of democracy and one of the essential requirements of a welfare system. Substantiate.
1243. A simpler method or safe harbour accepted by the tax department to determine the tax liability will lower the tax-related disputes. Comment in the light of the R-D environment in India.
1244. A surge in the demand for Chinese negative yield bonds was seen recently. What are negative yield bonds? Why are investors so keen on them?
1245. A vision of verdant landscapes as nothing more than a resource to be exploited leaves little chance for biodiversity

- conservation. Comment about this statement in light of the man-elephant conflict.
1246. According to a recent report only Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Algeria, Iran, and the West Bank and Gaza have a lower female labour force participation (FLFP) rate than India. What are the factors that have contributed to such low levels of FLFP in India? What are its implications? How can this be corrected?
1247. According to the recent Economic Survey, India's transmission and distribution (T&D) losses in the power sector are "substantial" and are very high compared to peer nations. What are the reasons behind this? Suggest measures to reduce T&D losses.
1248. According to the University of Washington's Global Burden of Disease study, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) was the second-highest cause of death in India after heart disease in 2017, killing 1 million (958,000) Indians that year. What is COPD? What are its causes? Suggest measures to improve the situation.
1249. Account for the growing frequency and intensity of floods in India and suggest short and long-term remedial measures indicating the chronically flood-prone areas.
1250. Administrations must invest in resilience against increasingly frequent health and climate crises rather than react afterwards. Comment. Do you think India needs state-specific disaster readiness plans for efficient disaster management?
1251. Agricultural loan waivers, apart from creating fiscal burden, seems to have a domino effect. While explaining its adverse consequences, provide some practical alternatives to deal with Agri-stress.
1252. Agriculture in India would perhaps be the worst-hit sector by Climate Change. Discuss. Suggest adaptation measures for agriculture with respect to changing climate.
1253. Agriculture is an information-intensive sector where farming techniques and financial interventions play an important role in determining outcomes. List out the potential of e-tech in aiding the farm sector and the initiatives taken so far.
1254. Agriculture produce Market Committee (APMC) Act, is seen as a platform for farmers to trade in certain notified agricultural products, but it suffers from many problems. Examine the issues related to APMC, whether the model APMC act of 2017 resolves the current problems related to APMC? Suggest any further measures if required.

1255. AI is perhaps the most transformative technology under development. Consequently, it also brings about entirely new risks. Discuss.
1256. Air pollution is an ongoing issue, but Enhancing Public-Private partnerships can reduce Air Pollution. Comment.
1257. All climate change negotiations are doomed to fail if wetlands are not given due importance. Illustrate with special reference to challenges pertaining to wetland conservation.
1258. Almost one-third of India's coastline was lost to soil erosion between 1990 and 2016 according to a report by the National Centre for Coastal Research report. What are the major causes of coastal erosion? What impact will it have in the long run? How can it be prevented in future?
1259. Along with being a growth multiplier, air transport has made the world a global village, even though the aviation industry in India continues to wait for structural changes. Elaborate. What is ailing the Indian airline sector at the moment?
1260. An important characteristic of economies witnessing rapid growth is their changing structure of employment. Discuss. Do you think employment trends point towards a worsening of India's employment structure? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1261. Analyse the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on consumer behaviour.
1262. Analyse the recent trends in international terrorism. How is the international community today trying to fight the menace of international terrorism?
1263. Analyse the significance of the Inland Vessels Bill 2021 in the development of inland waterways in India.
1264. Anthropogenic factors are the main reason behind the human-animal conflict. Substantiate. How can it be prevented?
1265. Are bad banks a viable solution to India's banking sector's issues? What are the arguments for and against bad banks?
1266. Artificial Intelligence is claimed as a driver of future growth and inclusion but at the same time, it poses many challenges making it a double-edged sword. Discuss in light of the recently released National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence.
1267. Artificial intelligence, autonomous systems and data analytics have a defining role to play in shaping the medical sector. Substantiate.
1268. Being the Sixth leading cause of death in India and a major contributor to socio-economic losses, road accidents, reflect

- upon a lack of tangible infrastructure and intangible processes. Critically analyse. What preventive measures should India take for a long-term effect?
1269. Betting legalization will generate not only a stream of revenue for the Government, but it will also be easy to monitor the same. Do you think betting in India should be legalized? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1270. Blockchain has been accredited to have the power to shape the 21st century. Evaluate the role blockchain technology can play in fighting covid-19 on various fronts. What are the administrative and legal challenges of adopting blockchain in the context of India?
1271. Can we quantify the work done by housewives and include them in the GDP? Will it make any difference to the status of women? What will be its possible impact?
1272. Coastal erosion has become an alarming threat for the population and calls for immediate attention. What are the factors that contribute to coastal erosion? Suggest measures to improve coastal infrastructure and prevent coastal erosion.
1273. Comment on the significance of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016. Also, evaluate its functioning.
1274. Comment on the state of cyber security in India. What efforts have been taken to improve cyber resilience in the country?
1275. Compare the agricultural productivity of India, China and the US. What can India learn from the best practices of these nations?
1276. Connectivity is directly linked to the prosperity of any region. In light of the statement discuss in brief the constraints of connectivity in the north-eastern states of India. What steps have been taken by the union government in the recent past to boost connectivity in the North-eastern region of India?
1277. Critically evaluate the utility of UAVs in the Indian market. Discuss the need for greater regulation of Unmanned Aerial Technology by bringing out the issues associated with them.
1278. Critically examine double taxation avoidance agreements. What is the constitutional status of DTAA and what is the difference between DTAA and TIEA?
1279. Critically examine the AFSPA (1958) in the Northeast. Evaluate the requirement with reference to the view held by Apex Court and recent development in the valley.
1280. Cross border terrorism is perceived as a strategic tool by state and non-state actors in Pakistan in what has been called a "low-intensity war". Discuss the challenges and security

- implications of such a strategy for India. What options does India have to deal with such a threat?
1281. Cryptocurrencies are now emerging as hotbeds of speculation. What are the risks associated with the use of cryptocurrencies? What is GOI's stand on the usage of cryptocurrencies?
1282. Curbing finances to terror and insurgency outfits imparts a body blow to their functioning. Enumerate various methods adopted by these outfits to finance their operations. Also, analyse the steps taken at the global and national level to curb terror financing.
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1284. Cyber threats have been warned about over the past year, but the scale and reach of the problem are hitting new heights. Elucidate. What steps are needed at the global and national levels to deal with the issue of cyber security?
1285. Cyclones along the Western and Eastern coasts amidst the pandemic alert us to the need for year-long preparedness, approaching a multi-disciplinary approach to averting disasters, reducing vulnerabilities. Substantiate.
1286. Dairy sector in India is the integration of Jai Kisan and Jai Vigyan. Discuss. What steps have been taken to ensure the robust growth of the Indian dairy industry?
1287. Defending civilian targets, and critical infrastructure, against cyber-attacks, is one of the most daunting challenges for governments all over the globe. What are the reasons behind it? How can India defend itself against cyber-attacks?
1288. Define the term 'Fertigation'. In the light of the increasing scarcity of water, how can micro-irrigation techniques help conserve water? Mention its adaptational challenges for the farming community.
1289. Despite changing from an elitist mode of transportation to one which is within the reach of all Indians under the UDAN scheme, what are the efforts of Civil aviation during COVID-19? Which elements should be tended to before restarting worldwide flights?
1290. Despite several schemes and policies, India has one of the lowest female workforce participation rates and that is costing India's economic growth badly. Do you agree? Give your

- opinion. Also, highlight the reasons for declining women participation in rural and urban sectors.
1291. Despite significant improvements in India's near-seas security architecture, the country's coastal security project remains a work in progress. Identify the reasons why several promising initiatives have not added up to a system of efficient littoral management and explain how these critical gaps in the security architecture continue to hobble India's drive for improved near seas security.
1292. Despite various initiatives taken by the government in providing impetus to the agricultural sector, it remains stressed. What are the reasons for agricultural distress and suggest long term sustainable measures to deal with the situation?
1293. Developing economies have a grappling effect of supply-side rigidities which might make the Inflation Targeting Framework toothless. Give your views while exploring alternative options.
1294. Development versus environment is a false argument. They are intertwined. As the global movement towards leaving behind this false binary gains momentum, India needs to revisit the lessons of the Chipko movement. Discuss.
1295. Digital currencies are the inevitable future, so international coordination and individual country action are required to close the legal loopholes that allow crypto-currency crime to flourish. Critically analyse.
1296. Digital India campaign has promoted digital technologies in governance, economy, commerce and communication; but with increased penetration of digital infrastructure, it is also exposed to various threats. Discuss the various kinds of security threats with examples. Critically analyse the cyber security structure in India. Suggest measures to plug loopholes, if any, in the cyber security framework of India.
1297. Digital transformation of Indian democracy would make it safer while curtailing costs drastically. Discuss.
1298. Discuss how the fourth industrial revolution can help India leapfrog traditional phases of development and accelerate its transition to a developed nation.
1299. Discuss the challenges and opportunities in India in achieving the Farm to Fork linkage.
1300. Discuss the fragility of the Western Ghats in the limelight of Gadgil and Kasturi Ranjan report.
1301. Discuss the impact the emergence of robotics and automation could have on jobs in the Information Technology sector. Also,

- suggest measures to maintain a balance between the development of technology and job creation.
1302. Discuss the role of small and payment banks in achieving financial inclusion.
1303. Discuss the salient features of National Policy on Bio-fuels, 2018. Also, highlight the potential benefits and prospective challenges faced by the biofuel sector in India.
1304. Discuss the salient features of the recently launched National E-Mobility Programme. Also mention how the lithium-ion battery technology developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre would address India's transportation woes.
1305. Discuss various types of Bioplastics. Give your ideas to suggest solutions to India's plastic pollution woes.
1306. Discuss, in brief, the contributions of land reforms in rural development. The blame for the partial success of land reforms squarely falls on the local bureaucracy. Comment.
1307. Do you agree that environmental impact Assessment and conservation measures are anti-development in nature?
1308. Do you think bio-centric values of eco-preservation should take centre stage in our development paradigm? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1309. Do you think carbon tariffs is the way forward to promote green technology? What should be India's stance?
1310. Do you think that providing subsidies for electrical vehicles is a prudent decision? Justify your answer with suitable arguments. What other alternatives are available for the government?
1311. Does India need a Public Sector Asset Rehabilitation Agency for rising Non-Performing Assets? What are its alternatives?
1312. Does India need fiscal consolidation or more expenditure to revive the economy in the present scenario?
1313. Does Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pitch of 'vocal about local' express a similar sentiment to former US President Donald Trump's 'America First policy'? What effect will this strategy have on India's global trade practices? Is India witnessing a shift from globalisation to localisation?
1314. Drone technology can be a potential threat to national security. Comment. What steps should be taken by India to develop a robust and secure drone ecosystem?
1315. Due to the onset of militancy in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the early 1990s, most of the Kashmiri Pandit families migrated from the valley to Jammu, Delhi, and other

- parts of the country. Would resettling of Kashmiri Pandits to their original homeland find an enduring solution to the Kashmir issue? Critically examine.
1316. Economic offences not only inflict pecuniary losses on individuals but also damage the national economy and have security implications. Discuss. Also, enumerate various steps that have been institutionalised to fight this menace.
1317. Economic Survey 2020-21 called for a more transparent methodology for credit ratings. What is the current methodology adopted by credit rating agencies? Are credit rating agencies reliable? What are the issues surrounding global credit rating agencies and the ratings given to India by them?
1318. Education needs to be equitable and inclusive as it forms the base of a society. Do you think that the New Education Policy adheres to this? Explain. Suggest measures to make Indian Education System globally competitive.
1319. Elucidate the future of sports amid the spike in the number of Covid-19 positive cases among the players across various sports. Are virtual stadiums through virtual reality/augmented reality the new normal? Discuss with suitable examples.
1320. Enumerate the reasons responsible for rail accidents in India. What measures has the government taken recently to ensure the safety and security of travellers?
1321. Epidemics are like war – underestimating the enemy is a costly mistake. What is a social vaccine? Bring out the importance of it. Can coercive or punitive methods be productive? Critically analyse.
1322. Evaluate the impact of the reforms of 1991 on the functioning and growth of the Indian economy.
1323. Every historic rupture gave birth to the new institution which often impacted the global trade. Substantiate. What strategies should India form to increase its global trade in the post-COVID-19 world?
1324. Examine how social media misinformation is detrimental to social democracy. Is it due to careless policy formulation and implementation by the public authorities or the lackadaisical approach by the social media companies or is it a combination of both? How can social media be used to tackle the problem created by the social media itself. Comment.

1325. Examine the detrimental socio-economic effects of plastic pollution. What steps have been taken by the government so far to curb the menace of Plastic Pollution?
1326. Excessive emphasis on intelligence and ignoring other human characteristics makes Artificial Intelligence (AI) unpredictable. Discuss. Highlight the sectors where AI can help India immensely.
1327. Explain in brief, the role played by various CAPFs in defending the borders. Do you feel the new Central Marine Police Force can help ensure coastal security?
1328. Explain NAMA, INDC and Climate Adaptive Agriculture.
1329. Explain the contribution of Sundarlal Bahuguna to ecological truth and social justice.
1330. Extreme heatwave conditions have become more common worldwide and have had an impact on life and the economy. Define what heatwave condition is; with reference to NDMA guidelines on prevention and management of heatwaves describe the mechanism for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events.
1331. FATF placed Pakistan on its Grey list. Do you feel money laundering laws have been effective in curbing the same in India? Also, enumerate the recommendations made by FATF to combat money laundering.
1332. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that India will launch its National Hydrogen Energy Mission (NHEM) in 2021-22. What is the objective of this mission? What are its salient features? What are the problems associated with achieving the set objectives?
1333. Food processing and food safety should go hand in hand. In this context, examine the necessity of ensuring a delicate balance between promoting the food processing industry and governmental regulations therein.
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1335. Food Processing is essential to supplement agriculture and modernize it. Discuss in the context of the SAMPADA scheme.
1336. Food security exists when all people at all times have physical and economic access to sufficient food. In the light of the statement, discuss the need for a "One Nation One Ration Card". What are the challenges in its implementation?

1337. From an occasional and sporadic instance of a cyber-attack previously, cyber-attacks on institutions such as banks and critical infrastructure have proliferated to an alarming extent, signalling the emergence of the cyber weapon epoch. What are the threats posed by these new-age weapons and how can India protect itself against the rising threat of cyber weapons?
1338. Genetic Engineering offers a great promise to the field of agriculture. What benefits does it offer to this sector? Despite such benefits why do you think there is so much delay in granting approval for commercial cultivation of transgenic crops such as GM Mustard by the ministry of Environment? Discuss.
1339. Geospatial Technology has the potential to make India's growth an inclusive one along with achieving the target of a US \$5 Trillion economy easy. Discuss. Do you think the applications of Geospatial technology can also ensure Sustainable Development? Substantiate your view.
1340. Global climate negotiations are not about good collective action for the environment or even energy security, they are strategic negotiations where no leniency is given, and external pressures abound. Discuss how can India leverage these negotiations to its advantage? What are the main challenges that it faces?
1341. Goods and Services Taxes (GST) is expected to streamline the complex tax structure in India. However, its implementation can have far-reaching implications for states and local governments. What are the issues involved in GST implementation in respect of vertical tax relation of centre-state-local governments?
1342. Government has a vision of doubling farmers' income by 2022. Do you feel it is practically achievable? Analyse its various challenges, also provide some measures to realize the goal.
1343. Highlight the features of The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020. Do you think provisions of this act will help to achieve the doubling of farmer's income? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1344. Highlight the key features of the Insolvency and bankruptcy code of India. Do you think that it has been successful as per the expectations? Give arguments in support of your answer.
1345. Highlight the risks associated with the massive explosion of infections in the second wave of Covid-19. Do you think that the Indian healthcare system is adequately equipped to deal with this crisis? Substantiate your views.

1346. How artificiality, porosity and disputed nature of our border is posing greater challenges in border management. What are the various remedies to this?
1347. How can Artificial intelligence improve the justice delivery system? What are the challenges associated with the use of AI for this purpose?
1348. How can international trade help achieve Sustainable Development Goals? Give examples to support your arguments. What is the role of Non-tariff barriers in this regard?
1349. How do rising yields affect the economy? What impact has the rising yield of US bonds had on India?
1350. How do vaccines function? How are they made? What are the stages in the development of a vaccine?
1351. How effective has India's Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) regime been? What are the challenges associated with it? What measures are needed to make it robust?
1352. How far do you think the non-implementation of the 5th schedule of the constitution along with the 9th schedule is mainly responsible for the spread of left-wing extremism?
1353. How far has the Montreal Protocol accomplished its set objectives? Describe the supplementary role played by the Kigali Agreement.
1354. How has the transition from the industrial to the internet age, affected how we see economics, politics, society, governance, democracy, and our fundamental rights?
1355. How will 'AgriStack' improve the overall state of Indian agriculture? What are the challenges?
1356. How will redrawing the 'Red-corridor' impact the fight against left-wing extremism? Analyse the above statement in the light of the recent decision taken by the central govt.
1357. How would the recent phenomena of protectionism and currency manipulations in world trade affect the macroeconomic stability of India?
1358. Hybrid warfare and/or zone tactics have changed the character of warfare. Do you think it is vital to bring all sources of national power to bear on this problem and not just those of defence? Substantiate your views. Suggest in what ways India needs to re-configure its security strategy.
1359. Hydrogen is said to be the fuel of the future. However, new research claims otherwise. What are the problems associated with using Hydrogen as fuel? Do the pros outweigh the cons?

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1360. In light of the recent Baghjan oilfield tragedy, critically analyse India's preparedness to tackle Industrial and Bio-chemical disasters. Why is the Baghjan tragedy a great threat to Assam's rich biodiversity? Illustrate.
1361. In recent times, India's forex reserves crossed the half-trillion dollars mark for the first time in history, but it sounds contradictory as it has come amid a pandemic-induced global economic slowdown. Confer the various factors that may have led to the increase in reserves. Does this mean India's economy is healthy? Examine.
1362. In spite of Covid 19 and negative GDP growth, forex reserves soared to \$103 billion in April-December 2020. Why?
1363. In the 21st century, it's not merely about money or ammunition, but rather the real weapon, one of limitless potential and an even greater propensity for harm — information. Information is power. Explain in the context of the Pegasus spyware threat.
1364. In the last decade, significant strides have been made to grant micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) access to credit, but more remains to be done. Elucidate.
1365. In the light of increasing US' sanctions pressure on India's defence trade with Russia, discuss the importance of indigenisation of defence technology. Also, examine how Defence Procurement Policy can help in promoting indigenisation.
1366. In the light of National Policy for Rare Diseases- 2021, discuss the evolution in India's rare disease landscape. Comment on what could be the suitable approach to deal with this issue.
1367. In the light of the recent US' interest in the militarization of space and the Domino effect, it would have on the world, discuss the importance of a Space Security Policy in India.
1368. In the wake of the recent initiatives by the Govt. of India in the form of digital India, Smart Cities and Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, discuss whether such initiatives will pose risk to the country's internal security through a cyber threat?
1369. Inclusive growth remains a challenge in India. What is the evidence that India is missing because of the absence of inclusive growth at the moment?
1370. Increased demand for garments has increased the work in the garment sector but a continuous change in the fashion world has demanded a continuous up-gradation of work quality, which is found to be difficult with workers in the informal

- sector. What are the initiatives taken by the GoI and State Govt. to tackle this issue?
1371. Increased drug trafficking in states with international borders poses a challenge to India's national security. Discuss. Suggest some innovative solutions to tackle the issue of drug abuse among Indian youth.
1372. Increasing dependence on the tertiary sector has brought new challenges and potentials list them and suggest measures to overcome the challenges.
1373. India could emerge as an innovation hub for a global green shift. In light of this statement explain how India can accelerate its green energy transition?
1374. India does not need a population control policy but a better public health and education policy, and above all, a coherent economic strategy. In the light of this statement highlight the most effective ways for combating population issues.
1375. India faces an acute water crisis. What are the factors responsible for this? What measures are needed to counter this stress?
1376. India has a huge potential for aquaculture and the fisheries sector. Discuss what steps have been taken to bring about a 'Blue Revolution' in the country.
1377. India has one of the largest livestock populations in the world, but the potential of this sector is seriously under-utilized. Discuss the challenges faced by the meat and poultry sector and suggest what measures need to be adopted to provide traction to the same.
1378. India has taken giant steps in enabling financial inclusion. Substantiate. How has digitization helped in this process?
1379. India is making great strides when it comes to taking initiatives and implementing policies for harnessing renewable energy sources. In light of the statement examine key initiatives of the government that focus on the development/expansion of conventional renewable energy in India. Also, discuss the ecological concerns with renewable power generation.
1380. India is the meeting point of the 'Golden Crescent and the 'Golden Triangle'. In this regard, explain the drug menace in south Asia. While explaining its consequences, provide some measures to combat illicit drug trafficking in the region.
1381. India is the world's third-largest economy (in terms of Purchasing Power of Parity). With this India is ready to stake its claim to be recognized as a developed country in the next few years, so the time has come to put in place the foundations

- for an outcome budgeting system and redefine the entire budgetary process. How far do you agree with the statement? Give your opinion with a suitable example.
1382. India is vulnerable to tropical cyclones and global warming has increased this vulnerability.' In the light of this statement, examine the vulnerability of the Indian coast to tropical cyclones. Suggest effective measures to reduce the impact of cyclones.
1383. India must re-examine the unsustainable and inequitable ways in which power is produced and distributed. Discuss. Give examples to substantiate your answer.
1384. India must step away from coal while maintaining economic growth. Comment. What are the main factors slowing the energy transition from coal to clean energy?
1385. India needs "next-gen" (next generation) land reforms to make the agricultural sector environmentally sustainable, economically viable and farmer-friendly. Discuss.
1386. India needs an ecosystem that is conducive to MSME expansion. In this context highlight the significance of the MSME sector and discuss the challenges facing this sector in India.
1387. India needs to redefine the supply-side priorities of its energy policy in the face of the imperatives of Atmanirbharta with the starkest evidence of the consequences of continued dependence on fossil fuels. Discuss.
1388. India remains deficient in intelligence analysis, inter-agency coordination, and, above all, a national security doctrine. Elucidate.
1389. India will need policies that not only lower pollution and carbon emissions but also alleviate energy poverty and create jobs for its growing workforce. Discuss.
1390. India, so far, has been a country that celebrates knowledge and intellect. Skill, however, is not celebrated. There is a need to de-textualize Indian Education System. Explain it in the context of the National Skill Development Program and how it will help to make India a manufacturing hub?
1391. India's aim of maximising self-reliance has multiple challenges, but the real issue is that we need to believe in ourselves. Elaborate. Identify how India's economy can gain in these crisis/opportunity laden times.
1392. India's growing renewable energy sector can serve the dual purpose of making India energy efficient as well as empowering

- women. Examine. Discuss the scope of renewable energy as a champion sector in Make in India 2.0.
1393. India's next Green Revolution should be demand-driven while meeting not just production, but also nutritional and environmental goals. Discuss.
1394. India's ongoing water crisis is multidimensional. Examine the role of agriculture in providing a solution to this problem.
1395. Indian Scientists have contributed admirably to astronomy since time immemorial. Mentioning few of the contributions of Indian Scientists trace the evolution of Space science in India since independence.
1396. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) maintaining frugality should only be an exception and not the rule, for India's space program holds immense significance for domestic and international purposes. Critically analyse.
1397. Indian sugarcane farmers are said to be trapped in a cycle of debt and suicide. What could be the possible explanation for this wave of suicides? Suggest measures to reform this sector.
1398. Industry 4.0 is a double-edged sword as one of its sides is the unfolding potential of Artificial Intelligence, while on the other it has the power to disrupt market forces in India. Examine.
1399. Initiatives to restore degraded landscapes have drawn criticism for paying little attention to the land and forest tenure of local communities, failing to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge, and not assisting communities to receive the opportunities they desire from the restoration. Critically analyse. How can Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 tackle these issues?
1400. Investments in cooling technologies, infrastructure, and behaviours will create a unique opportunity for India to achieve energy efficiency. Substantiate.
1401. Is cyberspace the "fourth front" of warfare after land, air & water? Elucidate the government's initiative to counter the threat.
1402. Is India's fixation on high GDP growth harmful? Shouldn't we focus on generating employment rather than chasing GDP growth?
1403. Is India's trade policy protectionist? Critically analyse.
1404. Is it time for India to shed its apprehensions about cryptocurrencies? What benefits could India derive from embracing it?

1405. Is poverty the only reason behind the prevalence of malnutrition in India? What other factors contribute to it?
1406. Is the Indian government's target to switch to electric vehicles by 2030 achievable? What are the reasons for a major shift? List down the challenges and opportunities before the Indian government.
1407. It is argued that the world cannot afford to curb GHG emissions for fear of wrecking the economy. Shouldn't governments act on the climate crisis with the same alacrity they have shown towards dealing with the COVID-19 crisis? Argue.
1408. It is important to understand climate change from a gendered lens. Critically examine.
1409. It is time to bring the scientists back into the fold of policy and revive the great Indian tradition of collaboration, data analysis, and evidence-based policy. Comment.
1410. Kisan rail has the potential to boost incomes and be a solution to India's cold supply chain problem. Substantiate.
1411. Lakshadweep is a significant theatre for the country's force projection and a deterrent to China's increasing influence in the Indian Ocean. In this context critically analyse how the new rules could boost coastal security?
1412. Liberalisation in the telecom sector post-1991 has brought wide-ranging changes in the economy, but not without its challenges. Discuss the potential and challenges in detail and suggest a way forward.
1413. Linkages between organized crime and terrorism are different in J&K and North-East. Analyse this in the light of the prevailing socio-economic condition of the respective states.
1414. Locust attack was averted last year. Discuss the climate link to the infestation. Suggest how and in what ways can this be controlled and prevented in the future?
1415. Making agriculture-food systems more appealing to the youth can secure the future of global food security and nutrition. Suggest how can this be done?
1416. Managing Solid Waste requires a scientific approach as opposed to the erstwhile 'Dump and Burn' method of dealing with waste. What are the various methods by which municipal waste can be converted to energy?
1417. Marine pollution poses a threat to its immediate biodiversity and environment. List out various causes and measures to address the same.

1418. Merely restructuring administration alone cannot deliver the goods in terms of eliminating poverty and accelerating the pace of rural development unless and until the state's intervention is supplemented and complemented with social initiative and social mobilization by the civil society. Explain this concept in the context of effective implementation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.
1419. Mining employs millions of people in India. It has a significant contribution to the GDP of the country. At the same time, it has gained the status of the most dangerous profession in India. What measures has the government taken to ensure the safety of miners? How far do you agree with the steps taken by the government to ensure the safety of the miners?
1420. Mob based violence has emerged as a big internal security threat in the country. Give suggestions to curb such incidents of violence?
1421. Modernism is not required in agriculture alone but in farmers too. Examine this statement in the context of agricultural production in India.
1422. Monetary policy is already very accommodative and there are limits to more accommodation. In the near term, fiscal policy has to play a more important role in achieving the objectives of growth, jobs and equity. Critically analyse.
1423. National Hydrogen Energy Mission has the potential to transform India's energy and transportation sector. Critically analyse.
1424. Northeast India and few forest belts of Chhattisgarh display a clear link between underdevelopment and the spread of extremism. Illustrate. What according to you should the government do to find a lasting solution in this field?
1425. Not only agriculture but other sectors too are adversely affected by Climate Change. In the light of this discuss the alternative technologies that would make or has made India Climate Change Resilient.
1426. Of all the inputs that impact agricultural productivity, water is the most crucial. Discuss the recommendations of the Mihir Shah Committee on the administrative restructuring of the water management institutions in the country.
1427. Of the many advantages of Science and Technology, one could be that it may also help in mitigating the negative externalities that it creates. Elucidate.
1428. Oil-pushed inflation is one of India's biggest worries. What are the reasons? How can it be tackled?

1429. One aspect of management of pandemics like Covid-19 is managing bio-medical waste. Do you think that Bio-medical waste management rules 2016 is adequate to deal with the current crisis? Justify your views with suitable arguments.
1430. Our lives and livelihoods are intricately intertwined with Earth's ecological systems. Considering this statement, analyse the need of developing alternative protein instead of consuming animal protein.
1431. Outcomes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have fallen short of expectations. Substantiate. What measures are needed to streamline the process?
1432. Over the years what are the different ways to measure poverty in India? In this regard how do you judge the recent initiative called Thalnomics? What are the major findings of the report? What are the issues associated with it?
1433. Oxfam International in its latest report states that Covid-19 has the potential to increase economic inequality in almost every country at once. What are the potential impacts of rising inequality? What measures is the government taking to address the issue? What more needs to be done?
1434. Oxfam International in its latest report states that Covid 19 has the potential to increase economic inequality in almost every country at once. What are the potential impacts of rising inequality? What measures is the government taking to address the issue?
1435. Pollution due to single-use plastic causes multitude environmental issues. Discuss. How far has India been successful in tackling this pollution?
1436. Price-led distortions of demand could damage the environment and leave farmers worse off. In light of this statement explain the limitations of the present fertilizer subsidy policy. How can these be overcome?
1437. Proper rules and regulations in the online pharmacy space can attract investments. Comment. How is the status of regulation hindering the growth of this market?
1438. Protectionism ends up creating an inefficient and high-cost domestic manufacturing sector. Examine with reference to the policy of Atmanirbhar Bharat recently announced by the Government.
1439. Public order is essential to give the best medical care to COVID-19 affected persons. What will be the difficulties for law enforcement agencies post lockdown in the light of the overall

- drop in crime rise and the increase in Domestic violence and cybercrime? Comment.
1440. Radicalization of the youth is one of the biggest internal security challenges that almost all the countries of the world are facing today. Do you think the root cause of radicalization lies in the socio-economic parameters? What should be India's strategy to counter attempts at radicalization?
1441. Railways are considered the backbone of the Indian economy. Briefly discuss the measures taken by the government in the recent past for the modernization of the railways. Also, analyse the feasibility of such measures suggesting measures to improve its functioning.
1442. Rather than focus only on the endgoal of decarbonization, India must first 'green' its fossil fuel energy basket by increasing the share of natural gas. Substantiate.
1443. Recently a committee has been set up to draft new direct tax law. In this light, explain the reasons for India having one of the lowest tax-to-GDP ratios among comparable economies. What measures need to be taken to correct this mismatch?
1444. Recently India witnessed the biggest banking fraud in the country's history. Discuss the challenges in balancing accountability and autonomy in the public sector with the help of relevant examples. Suggest a way forward.
1445. Recently, India has got the go-ahead to join the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). How is this move expected to impact India? Also briefly highlight its financial implications for India.
1446. Recently, the India Meteorological Department's forecast and updates on super cyclone Amphan have been deemed as "best practice" by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). In this context examine the cyclone vulnerability profile of India and efforts taken by IMD to mitigate the adverse impacts of cyclones on the west coast.
1447. Recognizing the carbon sequestered through coastal ecosystems at the national level can aid in achieving India's targets and mitigating climate change.
1448. Reducing the size of the informal economy is pivotal to inclusive growth. It would allow India to reach its growth potential and deliver broadly shared prosperity for the vast majority. Elaborate.
1449. Reforming GST will mean fixing Centre-state power imbalances constitutionally and through fiscal compromises. Elucidate.

1450. Reforms are necessary to improve the productivity of the economy and achieve higher growth. In this context, critically examine the progress made by 1991 reforms.
1451. Religious preachers and terrorists are using electronic media and social media for religious indoctrination. How far will this impact internal security in absence of any credible cyber law?
1452. Relying on command and control to fix environmental problems is taking us nowhere. In light of this statement analyse the reasons behind slow progress on controlling the problems of plastic waste. What steps are needed in this direction?
1453. 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.
1454. Renewable energy is seen as the energy of the future. In light of this discuss the potential benefits and challenges in shale gas extraction in India. Also, highlight how the policy of HELP is different from the earlier policy of NELP?
1455. Response to public health emergencies requires changes in regular behavioural patterns. Elaborate. Do you think these changes are only possible with coordination and understanding of the culture and communities affected? Substantiate your view.
1456. Responsible open access is the key to innovation and knowledge-sharing in the post-pandemic world. Discuss. What steps have been taken by India to improve access to scientific knowledge?
1457. Restructuring India's armed forces into integrated theatre commands is the most significant defence reform. Comment.
1458. Rural reach for the benefit of the new economic policy has been a point of concern. Highlight the recent initiative for the mainstreaming of the rural economy of the country.
1459. Several parts of India have been infested with insurgency for a very long time. Analyse the major reasons for the survival of insurgency in these regions.
1460. Should the government impose a wealth tax or tax on inheritance to fund a stimulus package to help the poor? What are the alternatives to monetisation?
1461. Since Independence, India has made enormous progress, but do you think the time has come to assess the progress from

- Gross Domestic Product to Human development Product? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1462. Since the free power scheme for farmers has led to widespread wastage of water and electricity, it should be done away with. Do you agree? Comment.
1463. Social media has revolutionised communication and news transmission, but its misuse by anti-social elements has rendered it vulnerable as a threat to national security. Discuss. Suggest measures to prevent the misuse of social media platforms as a tool for creating security challenges.
1464. St. Petersburg Tiger Summit has set the target of doubling the tiger population by 2022. What role does the Tiger census play in tiger conservation efforts? Discuss the initiatives taken by the Government as a part of the conservation process.
1465. Suggest measures to monetize the vast natural bounty of India towards the promotion of tourism. How do the existing challenges pose a major hurdle in this direction?
1466. Tech giants are supposed to bring the world closer by democratising debate, but the opacity of their functioning and arbitrary decision-making reveals their biases. Discuss. Suggest measures for effective regulation of digital space.
1467. Technology companies may want a bigger footprint in finance. What will be the potential impact of big technology firms entering the financial sector?
1468. The adoption and promotion of renewable energy in India from an economic and sustainability perspective is the need of the hour. Comment.
1469. The Arctic region has recently assumed considerable strategic significance. Discuss the possible implications of this increased interest in the Arctic Region.
1470. The competition between China and India in the economic and military spheres, no matter how asymmetric, makes it inevitable that the two will remain rivals in the Asian strategic space. In light of this statement explain the criticality of enhancing India's Maritime power. How can it be done?
1471. The conflict between people and animals is one of the main threats to the continued survival of many species and is also a significant threat to local human populations. What are the elements liable for human-wildlife conflict in India? Examine steps of the Central government to declare some of the wildlife as "Vermin" as per the demand of State governments. Recommend three substitute strides to manage the contention.

1472. The contours of India's counter-terrorism policy have evolved and matured through experience and very much in keeping with the country's unique socio-political conditions. In this context, while highlighting the key challenges for India in countering terrorism, discuss India's recent initiatives in tackling those challenges.
1473. The contribution of the informal sector to the national economy is crucial and India can't wish away the informal sector. Discuss.
1474. The conventional idea about tourism needs to change soon if India wants to attract more tourists. In this regard discuss the potential for Niche tourism in the country. Also, throw some light on India's preparedness to promote itself as a 365 days' destination.
1475. The Covid 19 pandemic exposed the fault lines in the existing healthcare infrastructure of the country. What are the gaps in the current health infrastructure of the country? Suggest measures to address them.
1476. The decline in exports from crucial job-generating export sectors reflects the deeper structural problems. Analyse. What measures are needed to fix these issues? Substantiate your answer with a case study.
1477. The design of GST represents fiscal federalism and cooperative federalism. Comment. Do you think the "one state one vote" model does justice to the diversity of the Indian state? Justify your answer.
1478. The development of backward and forward linkage in the food sector industry is crucial for doubling farmer's income by 2022. Comment in the lights of Operation Greens.
1479. The diversity of India is not only restricted to its socio-economic and cultural parameters but is also reflected in the diverse nature of pollution-related problems faced by different parts of the country. Discuss.
1480. The e-commerce industry is increasingly seen as a potential source for driving the Indian economy. Discuss the measures taken by the government in providing adequate impetus to the sector.
1481. The economic slowdown has lauded the demand for economic reforms in India. In the light of the statement suggest measures required for India's path to economic recovery post-COVID-19. Trace with justification the structural reforms needed to boost the Indian economy.

1482. The economic trade-offs involved in addressing the climate change crisis calls for careful deliberation and policy responses. Critically analyse.
1483. The emergence of contract farming via revolutionary farm-firm linkages can create unparalleled value addition. In the light of the above statement, critically examine the Model law on contract farming as unveiled by the centre.
1484. The empirical evidence about the relationship between economic growth and poverty reduction suggests that no development model is uniquely pro-poor, and that relationship can only be considered empirically, at the case-by-case level. Discuss.
1485. The faster and economical transport sector is a crucial driver of economic growth. Discuss the issues and challenges plaguing the transport sector in India. How will an integrated transport policy help in improving the performance of the logistic sector in India?
1486. The founding philosophy of the internet was for it to serve as a democratizer and equalizer, to empower the long tail and eliminate monopolies and intermediaries. Comment. What are the challenges involved in realizing the objectives of an open, democratic, and decentralized web?
1487. The frequency of man-made earthquakes has significantly increased in recent years. While discussing the anthropogenic causes of earthquakes elucidate how earthquakes impact human life?
1488. The global economy and capitalism are at a crossroads. Discuss.
1489. The government has recently launched the National Monetisation Pipeline. What are its key features? What are the potential challenges or issues associated with it?
1490. The growing proneness of cyclone in the Arabian Sea, indicate new disaster management and planning challenges for the country's western shores. Analyse. Suggest measures to counter it.
1491. The guiding principle for Agri-reforms must be to create conditions that allow farm households to maximise their income while minimising the overall level of risk in Indian agriculture. Comment.
1492. The hallmark of the 21st-century is a knowledge society based on intellectual capital. What steps should India take in the immediate and long-term to become a formidable knowledge economy and society?

1493. 'The interlinking of rivers may bring otherwise unimaginable water security. Still, that judgement cannot be made in secrecy and haste.' Comment. Discuss in brief, the overall impact of inter-linking projects completed to date.
1494. The jobless growth together with rural indebtedness and urban chaos has made the aspirational youth restless. Discuss the socio-economic repercussions of the restlessness of the youth.
1495. The latest Economic Survey has endorsed Countercyclical fiscal policy. What does a Countercyclical policy entail? Why has countercyclical fiscal policy been preferred over procyclical policy?
1496. The logistics sector being awarded Infrastructure sector status reinforces its importance in economic growth. What benefits does this status have? List the challenges faced by this sector. Also, discuss various government initiatives taken to address the issues in the Logistics sector.
1497. The need of the hour is to address the structural challenges in taxation to boost the culture of Start-Ups in India. Discuss.
1498. The New Disinvestment Policy is significant as it goes beyond a piecemeal approach to privatization. Discuss. Highlight the various risks and potential benefits associated with its execution.
1499. The Nobel Prize-winning economist Abhijit Banerjee warns that many Indian children may never return to school, especially those that took jobs to help families due to the pandemic induced school closure. In light of this statement can you predict the long-term impact of the pandemic on education? How can the impact be minimised, and educational outcomes improved?
1500. The pandemic-induced learning crisis and the Fourth Industrial Revolution have made it necessary to reimagine education and align it with the unprecedented technological transformation. Substantiate.
1501. The Paramilitary forces have long alleged stepmotherly treatment by the Indian government. What are the core issues involved and what steps have been taken to address the same?
1502. The Pegasus scandal is a matter of grave concern for Indian democracy. Comment.
1503. The potential of the bio-economy in India is yet to be unleashed. In this context discuss the role of the Production Linked incentives scheme to make the Indian Biotechnology sector more vibrant.

1504. The present crisis of globalisation is nothing more than an old battle between protectionism and free trade. Explain the tussle between the tribalists on the one hand and the globalists on the other using relevant examples.
1505. The recent change in geopolitics has resulted in an oil price war. With reference to this find out the causes of the oil price war and analyse its impact on India. Discuss the short and long-term alternatives for India to avoid oil price volatility at the global level.
1506. The recent NIPAH virus outbreak highlights the potential risk of epidemic spread as a biological disaster. What do you mean by biological disaster? In this context discuss the guidelines for biological disaster management to combat the spread of such disaster.
1507. The regional imbalances existing in India do not have a uniform pattern. Identify the pattern.
1508. The rising incidents of cross border infiltration have raised the issue of smart border management. How can India respond to border management challenges and adopt a proactive and resilient approach towards smart border management?
1509. The role that terrorism has played in funding other criminal activities continues to perpetuate violence and creates instability within India and its neighbourhood. Comment.
1510. The scale of India's public food distribution systems is immense and has gone through constant navigation and improvement. Substantiate. What measures are needed to address the challenges and enhance the robustness of India's public food distribution systems?
1511. The situation in India due to the pandemic has reinforced the need to critically examine the relationship between resilience and sustainable development in the country's megacities. In this context highlight the significance of India's transition towards clean, affordable and renewable energy.
1512. The status of women in India has been subject to many great changes in the past few millennia. Analyse some of the recent trends and highlight the contribution made by Women's organizations in bringing about this change.
1513. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) is India's main anti-terrorism legislation. Examine its scope and the issues associated with its implementation and design.
1514. The vehicle scrappage policy can address the twin concerns of dwindling economy and degrading environment at the same

- time. Discuss. Highlight the major concerns related to the recently announced Vehicle Scrappage Policy.
1515. The world today is embroiled in a Global race for Artificial intelligence. Discuss how India can play an essential role in mitigating the risks and maximizing the benefits on account of the rapid growth of AI-enabled technologies.
1516. There is a continuous need to develop India's ports and trade-related infrastructure to accelerate growth in the manufacturing industry. How will the port modernization project assist the 'Make in India' initiative? Highlight the attempts made by GOI to promote port connectivity enhancement.
1517. There is a need to assess the potential of nature-based solutions and green technologies in facilitating a green recovery and resilient economy. Discuss.
1518. Though the New Vehicle Scrapping policy promotes the use of more environment-friendly vehicles and reduces the oil import bill it has a few challenges associated with it. Analyse.
1519. To contain the effects of global warming the pathways are as important as the destination. In this context highlight the measures taken by the government to mitigate the impact of global warming.
1520. To ensure agricultural growth it is important to assess competitiveness, efficiency and transparency in Agro-markets which are a major bottleneck in the reform process. Discuss in the context of the agricultural marketing and farm-friendly reforms index.
1521. To provide adequate and timely facilities to farmers, there is a need to augment the banking system in the rural areas and make them more responsive to farmer's needs. Discuss with examples.
1522. Today the single biggest cause of agrarian distress in India is indebtedness. How effective do you think loan waivers work towards addressing the core issue of agrarian distress? Comment. Give suggestions to improve agricultural productivity in the country.
1523. Trade-in agricultural produce is essential for price discovery which ensures good returns to farmers. What do you understand by a 'Negotiable Warehouse Receipt'? What are the prospects and challenges of offering NWRs in Demat form on the commodity market?

1524. Two crucial pillars of Education- teachers and infrastructure are limping. What initiatives have been taken and should be taken to strengthen these pillars?
1525. UAVs could prove useful and flourish in unimaginable ways. Elucidate. What are the challenges in their regulation?
1526. Universal Basic Income is an extension of the idea of the Welfare state. Discuss. Highlight the reasoning behind India's stand on the idea of Universal Basic Income.
1527. Unlike countries such as the UK and Singapore, which passed Covid-specific legislations, India has employed the Disaster Management Act as the foundation for its pandemic-related mitigation measures. Substantiate. What are the powers available under this Act?
1528. Vehicular Pollution is one of the major factors responsible for air pollution in India. Discuss. Do you think that a Vehicle scrapping policy can help to manage vehicular pollution to a significant level? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1529. We are still grappling with the enormity of the Covid challenge, but it's now abundantly clear it cannot be addressed by the government and its machinery alone. Explain the role the private sector can play in managing the crisis and the significance of Public-private partnership.
1530. We must rewire our economic system and reward sustainable long-term performance that goes beyond financial returns. Substantiate.
1531. What are 'super corals'? How do they hold the key to fight climate change?
1532. What are Bioplastics? What are the advantages of Bioplastics? Discuss the impact of bioplastics on the environment.
1533. What are Eco-sensitive Zones? Discuss the type of activities permitted within it.
1534. What are E-Wastes? In the context of rising e-waste generation, highlight the concerns associated and their impact on the environment. How would E-waste Management Rules help in the management of e-waste in India?
1535. What are Geomagnetic Storms? While discussing its effects give a brief description of its prediction methods.
1536. What are Micro-plastics? How does it impact people and the ecosystem? What steps have been taken by the Indian government so far to tackle the menace of Plastic Pollution?
1537. What are ocean heatwaves? Discuss its impact on the marine ecosystem.

1538. What are Social Stock Exchanges? How will it benefit the social sector? What are the concerns surrounding the proposed Social Stock Exchange of India?
1539. What are some of the major initiatives taken by the Government of India to combat climate change? Do different Indian states or regions need a separate plan depending on the climate challenges they face and their vulnerability to it? Examine in the context of the Mumbai Climate Action Plan.
1540. What are the broad objectives of Environmental impact assessment (EIA)? In your opinion, give some suggestions to further strengthen the EIA process in India.
1541. What are the challenges associated with dealing with the rising threat of cyber-attacks? Do you think India need a comprehensive national strategy in this context?
1542. What are the challenges associated with rolling out a digital currency by RBI? What is the way forward in this context?
1543. What are the challenges faced by the higher education system in India? Critically analyse the steps taken to make higher education of India internationally compatible.
1544. What are the considerations that affect the large-scale adoption of Loon and White Spaces which hold the potential to revolutionize internet connectivity?
1545. What are the different shapes of economic recovery?
1546. What are the different shapes of economic recovery? What is the shape of India's post-pandemic recovery?
1547. What are the economic ramifications of the gender divide? How will the ethical sensitization of the masses address the challenges.
1548. What are the ethical and moral issues involved in clinical trials? What is your stand regarding it?
1549. What are the geostrategic bearings of the space research of India? How effectively can this be used for service export.
1550. What are the issues being faced by the farming sector of India? Examine some of the recent steps taken by the government on the agri-marketing front.
1551. What are the issues surrounding the controversial procedure of 'Germline editing'? What steps are being taken, globally, to regulate the procedure?
1552. What are the major handicaps that the Indian Economy is facing today in the existence of about two and half decades of new economic policies?

1553. What are the possible solutions to cyber threats like surveillance and spyware?
1554. What are the problems associated with the privatisation of railways? How can these issues be overcome?
1555. What are the provisions of the Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021? What are the ramifications of the said bill? Instead of outrightly banning it shouldn't there be a policy in place to regulate it instead?
1556. What are the reasons behind the introduction of the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme? Why has its ambit been expanded recently?
1557. What are the social and environmental factors behind the incidence of Covid 19 cases? Why are some countries handling the situation better than others?
1558. What did the reforms of 1991 mean for the economy as a whole and various sections of society?
1559. What do the categories trusted and non-trusted mean with reference to telecom products? What is the recent government notification regarding the same? How will it impact the telecom sector?
1560. What do you mean by outcome-based budgeting? How can outcome-based budgeting support usher transparency and accountability in public spending?
1561. What do you understand by "Theaterisation of the Indian armed forces"? How will it boost India's capacity to respond to the new challenges it faces in Indian Ocean Region?
1562. What do you understand by a Famine? Do you think 'Man-induced famines' are becoming more common than 'nature induced ones? Substantiate.
1563. What do you understand by a risk-based internal audit? Why has the RBI introduced it for NBFCs and UCBs?
1564. What do you understand by ethical banking? What could be the repercussions of unethical practices in the banking sector on society as a whole? Explain with relevant examples in the context of India.
1565. What do you understand by information disorder? How can human rights friendly governance be ensured amidst the threats posed by information disorder?
1566. What do you understand by net neutrality? Critically analyse its economic and strategic significance in the Indian context.

1567. What do you understand by Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)? What are the benefits and challenges associated with it?
1568. What do you understand by planned development? In the Indian context, critically evaluate the efficacy of economic planning as a method for development and growth since independence.
1569. What do you understand by Shadow entrepreneurs? Trace the reasons behind its rise in India and its impact on economic development.
1570. What do you understand by the carbon emission trading system? What will be the implications of the EU's new GHG emissions law for Indian industry?
1571. What do you understand by the feminization of agriculture? What measures can the government take to address the problems associated with it?
1572. What do you understand by the term 'nurturing economy' and 'Gazelle Companies'? What does building a nurturing economy involve? Do you agree that the answer to the problems created by the present economic model and policies lie in building a nurturing economy? Examine the backdrop of the social and economic impact of the ongoing pandemic.
1573. What do you understand by the term 'prosumers' being used with reference to India's electricity sector? What are the main features of the Electricity (Rights of Consumer) rules, 2020?
1574. What do you understand by the term Li-Fi? What are its advantages over Wi-Fi? Further, elaborate on the potential uses of Li-Fi in enhancing digital connectivity in India.
1575. What do you understand by the terms backwards and forward linkages in the context of the food processing industry? Discuss the importance of both and enumerate measures to strengthen the same.
1576. What factors have impacted the implementation of tenancy reforms in most states in India? Highlight the benefits that could accrue from the effective implementation of the said measures.
1577. What growth opportunities are available for the Indian Food Processing Industry in the current economic situation? Critically analyse the steps taken by the government for the growth of this sector.
1578. What is a bad bank? Do you think the need has arisen for India to set up a bad bank? What are the challenges involved?
1579. What is a K shaped recovery? What are its implications?

1580. What is a Model Bilateral investment treaty? Enumerate the concerns it has raised for investments in India.
1581. What is a social stock exchange? How is it different from Social Venture Funds (SVFs) under Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)? Talk about its potential in India.
1582. What is bio-piracy? What measures have been taken in India and at the international level to realize the inherent rights of indigenous communities over such traditional knowledge?
1583. What is Cloud Seeding Technology? Explaining the mechanism, evaluate the prospects and potential of this technology to overcome the issue of irregular monsoon in India. Technological organizations in India, in addition to their organizational goals, also need to fulfil the responsibility of promoting and developing scientific temper among the citizenry. Comment. Also, highlight the initiatives taken by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in this regard.
1584. What is Collective Farming? How can collective farming solve some of the problems in the Indian Agricultural sector?
1585. What is desertification? How does climate change affect the process of desertification in India?
1586. What is dexamethasone? With WHO welcoming the preliminary results about the drug, how can it prove to be a potential game-changer in the global fight against covid-19, especially for the developing world? Comment. Also, examine its efficacy in relation to the existing drugs which are at various stages of development.
1587. What is Hybrid Annuity Model? How is it different from the existing PPP model? Also, enumerate the pros and cons of the Hybrid Annuity Model.
1588. What is Machine Learning? Discuss its application, challenges, and limitations across various sectors in India.
1589. What is off-budget financing? How is it raised? What are the concerns associated with it?
1590. What is Operation Twist? What was RBI's objective in undertaking it? Can the Operation be termed a success?
1591. What is Sagarmala Project? Examine the challenges and benefits involved in the creation of Coastal Economic Zones (CEZ). Can the Model Concession Agreement for PPP in major ports lead to development of the country?
1592. What is supercomputing technology? How will National Supercomputing Mission help in the development of indigenous supercomputing?

1593. What is Svamitva Scheme? How can it help to revitalize the rural economy and rural development?
1594. What is the ambitious Gaganyaan programme of ISRO? How is this project expected to benefit India?
1595. What is the basic difference between RNA and DNA viruses and Retroviruses? What are the various stages in the development of a vaccine? In this context also discuss what do you understand by human challenge trials and the ethical issues involved with vaccine development?
1596. What is the difference between 'technical recession' and recession? Has India emerged out of technical recession?
1597. What is the difference between the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) and conventional launch vehicles? What is the significance of the former and challenges in its adoption?
1598. What is the Global Value Chain (GVC)? What are its benefits and associated concerns?
1599. What is the idea behind introducing GST? Do you think it has fulfilled its objectives? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1600. What is the importance of Lonar lake situated in the Buldhana district of Maharashtra? Lately, its water was found to be turning pink. Critically analyse the probable reasons for such phenomena with the help of examples of similar instances from around the world.
1601. What is the Internet of things? Discuss the potential of IoT in various sectors in India.
1602. What is the meaning of Monetising Gold? How this scheme will help in the growth process of the Indian economy. Discuss.
1603. What is the Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products' (RoDTEP) scheme? Do you think RoDTEP can boost exports and increase the competitiveness of Indian goods globally? Justify your answer with suitable arguments.
1604. What is the structure and design of GST? Mention its basic features and the issues it has faced since its inception.
1605. What is vaccine nationalism? What are the concerns surrounding it?
1606. What is Vanadium? What are its applications? Where have Vanadium reserves been found recently?
1607. What measures are needed to alleviate the stress in India's energy distribution infrastructure?
1608. What measures are needed to enhance employment and counter jobless growth?

1609. What steps are needed in the direction of modernization and indigenization of the defence sector to make India self-sufficient in terms of managing conflicts it is likely to face in future?
1610. When countries in the world are phasing out nuclear energy, India is pushing for it. In the context of this statement, give an account of the importance of nuclear energy for India and its current energy mix.
1611. While the world has been increasingly focused on global warming and its impact on oceans and forests, the wetlands remain “dangerously undervalued”. What are the possible repercussions of the loss of wetlands? Suggest measures to reduce the risk of their extinction.
1612. Why are fuel prices rising across India? How is it impacting the economy? Should India lower taxes on petrol and diesel?
1613. Why is India losing the apparel and leather sectors to countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh? What can be done to check this trend?
1614. Why is the defence of cyberspace more difficult than the defence of outer space? What efforts have been made by India to ensure cyber security in the country?
1615. Why is the frequency of extreme weather events growing and putting India’s coasts at risk?
1616. With increasing frequency and intensity of heatwaves, droughts, downpours and floods have also intensified in the last decade. Discuss the measures that should be taken to prevent them.
1617. With major firms backing cryptocurrencies, it has gained wide legitimacy. Why has the Indian government not accepted cryptocurrencies? Are the concerns surrounding it justified?
1618. With the advent of globalisation, the Naxalite movement can no longer be viewed as simply an internal security threat as it also affects external security. Do you agree? Substantiate your views. Suggest measures taken by the Indian government to curb the menace in recent times.
1619. With the rise of NPAs in the Indian banking sector, bank recapitalisation is suggested as a quick and effective solution. Critically analyse.



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PAPER – IV

1620. "Kantian philosophy forms a firm background of much contemporary thinking about morality and politics, even if we are unaware of it." Do you agree with this statement? Substantiate your answer.
1621. (a) Building trust and confidence requires an environment where there is a premium on transparency, boldness, fairness and justice. Elaborate.
(b) Good governance must be founded on moral virtues ensuring stability and harmony. Discuss.
1622. How can we make a peaceful and harmonious society with so many different types of people and group?
1623. (a) How can we use persuasion and social influence to meet the ends of administration and governance?
(b) In the real world, both values and institutions matter. Explain the importance of values and institutions in promoting ethical conduct of public servants.
1624. (a) Weeding out aberrant thought patterns and enforcing social conformity would probably make societies happier and safer. Do you think it is the right thing to do? What are the dangers associated with conformity in society?
(b) "Those who would give up essential Liberty to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." In this context explain the debate between online privacy and national security.
1625. (a) What are codes of conduct? To what extent have they been successful in ensuring ethical conduct?
(b) Explain the various attributes of emotional intelligence and their utility for a civil servant.
1626. (a) Distinguish between Bureaucratic attitude and the democratic attitude. Also, discuss their merits and demerits.
(b) Nolan committee suggested seven vital qualities of civil servants. Define any four of them. How do civil servants use them in day-to-day functioning?
1627. (a) Emotional Intelligence is very often the fulcrum on which the character of a person is built. Do you agree with the statement?
(b) A substantial increase in the range, significance and impact of corporate social and environmental initiatives in recent years suggests the growing relevance of a more ethically-

- informed approach. Discuss with reference to Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) standards.
1628. (a) Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is right to do. Discuss. Why ethics play an important role in our decision making? Explain through examples.
- (b) What's the Difference between Ethics and Morality? Discuss some of the distinct features of our culture which had an influential role in defining the moral and ethical framework of our society.
1629. (a) Define attitude. How does attitude influence our behaviour?
- (b) 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.
1630. (a) Differentiate between the following terms with examples.
- (i) Subjectivism & emotivism
 - (ii) Moral absolutism & Moral relativism
 - (iii) Virtue ethics & Situation ethics
- (b) What is the difference between social influence and persuasion? How do they influence individuals differently? How can these concepts contribute to good governance?
1631. (a) What can be done to inculcate ethical values among civil servants for the elimination of corruption? Justify their inclusion in the matrix.
- (b) What are the harmful implications of a politicized bureaucracy? Also highlight the significance and relevance of the value of 'neutrality' for a public servant.
1632. (a) Despite having such a large number of public servants, the common man still has to struggle with the government every single moment. Do you consider it as one of the biggest hurdles in the way of ensuring the ease of life? How can we enhance the quality of public service delivery?
- (b) The aim should be to train civil servants in such a way that maximum results can be achieved with minimum inputs at the least cost within the shortest time frame. What kind of aptitude and value system is required to achieve this objective?
1633. (a) Transparency starts as a mindset change. How can we inculcate transparency as an attitude in a civil servant?
- (b) We must focus on finding positive solutions to global challenges to ensure that diversity, inclusion and justice are cornerstone values. Elaborate.

1634. (a) Ethics and good governance support each other for stability of society. Explain the statement with examples.
(b) The Constitution not only ensures material betterment and maintain a democratic set-up, but it also recognises that the personality of every individual is sacred. Discuss.
1635. (a) The social and political institutions are reflections of society and its values. Elaborate. How do society facilitate inculcation of ethical values?
(b) What is the objective of the Right to Information Act? Evaluate the ethics underlying the provisions of this Act.
1636. (a) Define ethics, with reference to ethics in Indian tradition.
(b) What is the role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values?
1637. (a) Democracy cannot establish its deep roots in the society until and unless the citizens don't compliment their fundamental rights with their fundamental duties. Discuss.
(b) How does time and space effect ethics in private and public relationships? Illustrate
1638. (a) Describe the relationship between thought, behaviour and attitude. Do you think morality is an attitude?
(b) Whistle blowers play a crucial role for maintaining the integrity of the institutions. What are the qualities and values that whistle blowing reflect?
1639. (a) What behaviors and attitudes can leaders model in order to encourage ethical behavior in their organization?
(b) Explain the importance of virtues of fairness and neutrality in public life? What are the instruments for maintaining fairness in governance?
1640. (a) Why does the public narrative in India reeks of mistrust in the private sector? What qualities are necessary in a good corporate citizen of India?
(b) International politics, like all politics, is a struggle for power. Do you agree with the statement?
1641. (a) Leadership is one of the Seven Principles and is critical to supporting ethical behaviour in an organisation. What is the role of leadership in embedding the Seven Principles of public life in public servants?
(b) What are 'integrity pacts'? How do they promote transparency and confidence in administration?
1642. (a) Define Emotional Intelligence? How does it help in administration and governance?

- (b) It is very important to understand that emotional intelligence is not the opposite of intelligence, it is not the triumph of heart over head—it is the unique intersection of both. Elaborate.
1643. (a) Since information is a fact, the truth is evident in it. The truth shows whether what has happened had sincerity, honesty or genuineness. In this context analyse the significance of Information Sharing and Transparency in ethical Governance.
- (b) Being a great place to work is the difference between being a good organization and a great organization. Justify with suitable illustration.
1644. What are some ethical arguments both in favour of and against taxation?
- (a) Any discussion on an ethical framework for governance in a democracy must necessarily begin with ethical values in politics. What are the ethical issues in Indian politics? How can be address them?
- (b) What are the ethical issues associated with privacy, data protection and cyber terrorism? How can we tackle these as society and individuals?
1645. Is technology value neutral? Discuss.
1646. (a) How can we use the gandhian idea of trusteeship to facilitate efficient utilization of public funds?
- (b) Explain the utility of civil society initiatives to improve governance as an effective means to fight rampant corruption in public sphere.
1647. "IQ contributes about 20 percent to the factors that determine life success, which leaves 80 percent to other sources". What are these other sources? How have they assumed special significance in the modern life?
1648. (a) Aggression appears to be a fundamental characteristic of human race. In light of this statement discuss the ethical issues associated with wars?
- (b) "Leadership is Situational". In the light of this statement discuss the various qualities and values of an efficient leader.
1649. What do you mean by self-awareness? How can it be developed?
1650. What does the following quotes mean to you?
- (a) "As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world - that is the myth of the atomic age - as in being able to remake ourselves" - Mahatma Gandhi

- (b) "The punishment suffered by the wise who refuse to take part in government, is to suffer under the government of bad men"
- Plato
- (c) "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"
- Immanuel Kant
1651. What is whistle-blowing? What is its importance in the making of an ethical organisation?
1652. (a) In the happiness of his subjects lies the happiness of the king. Elucidate. How is this relevant in present times?
(b) What is the significance of ethics in public administration? Briefly discuss the values of administrative ethics.
1653. What is the meaning of the term "Categorical imperative"? Explain in brief the Kant's understanding of morality and its relevance in present times.
1654. (a) Accountability implies both 'answerability' and 'enforceability'. Elucidate with the help of suitable examples. What are the institutional mechanisms that promotes accountability?
(b) There is a higher court than courts of justice and that is the court of conscience, it supersedes all other courts. Discuss the statement by giving suitable examples.
1655. Given below are quotations from Moral thinkers/Philosophers. For each of these, bring out what it means to you in the present context:
(a) "Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does."- Jean-Paul Sartre
(b) "Force always attracts men of low morality."- Albert Einstein
(c) "Every time we witness an injustice and do not act, we train our character to be passive in its presence and thereby eventually lose all ability to defend ourselves and those we love."- Julian Assange
1656. We are witnessing a paradox, while billions of people have been effectively grounded by COVID-19, tens of millions of others have been displaced within their own countries. What are the drivers of dramatic increase in internal displacement? How can global community effectively address the issues?
1657. (a) Ethics is doing more than the law requires and less than the law allows. Explain.
(b) What do you understand by the term 'Conflict of Interest'? How does it affect professional and public life of a civil servant?

1658. (a) Evaluate the success of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in making administration more responsive, ethical and bringing good governance to the forefront. Examine the impacts of new changes in the Act.
(b) Discuss the need and principles of “probity in governance”? Examine, how probity in governance is linked to “equality before law”.
1659. (a) What are the main components of corporate governance? Critically examine the role of Independent Directors in improving corporate governance in India.
(b) “Corporate governance should be done more through principles than by rules”. Comment. What is more important for effective corporate governance, regulatory mechanisms or ethical individuals? Justify your answer.
1660. What do each of the following quotations mean to you?
(a) “Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.” - Albert Einstein
(b) “We are responsible for our own ignorance or, with time and openhearted enlightenment, our own wisdom.”- Isabel Wilkerson
(c) “Science is a beautiful gift to humanity; we should not distort it.” - Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam
1661. Empathy is considered as a core competence of civil service. What empathy means for you and why do you think it is so important for a civil servant?
1662. What does each of the following quotes mean to you?
(a) “When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.” - Buddha
(b) “A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.” - Confucius
(c) “Power is a duty, freedom is responsibility” - Marie Van Ebner
1663. (a) What teachings of Gandhi are most relevant today and why? Discuss.
(b) Confucius’s prescription for good governance is ideally suited for a country like India. Discuss.
(c) “Rivers do not drink their waters themselves, nor do trees eat their fruit, nor do the clouds eat the grains raised by them. The wealth of the noble is used solely for the benefit of others.” Discuss the statement.

1664. Given are two quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these, bring out what it means to you in the present context:
- (a) "It takes courage to create a meaningful life of integrity. It also requires good company and practice."
 - (b) "Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength."
 - (c) "Science brings society to the next level; ethics keep us there."
1665. When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Do you think it has gained more relevance in today's times of disillusionment? Give real-life examples.
1666. You are the CEO of a Zila Panchayat. There is an ongoing scheme of installing solar lights in your district. Every village is being provided with 10 solar lights to be installed at 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 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?"
1667. Lack of scientific temper has disastrous consequences. Comment.
1668. Good science doesn't merely challenge superstition and obscurantism but also challenges a narrow, one-dimensional definition of itself. Comment.
1669. Do you think narrow attitudes and behavioural biases play a big role in crises? If yes, how can attitude be shaped for better outcomes?
1670. Trust in institutions, once earned, must then be maintained. That takes constant vigilance and work. Discuss.
1671. Covid is a clarion call to think beyond narrow economic rationality and identify the interests of others as part of our own. What are the ethical issues associated with the management of a crisis like a pandemic? How can these be avoided?

1672. The government must change the development paradigm and promote a compassionate, reliable, and sustainable development plan. Discuss.
1673. A recent survey shows that it is the elderly voters that are more concerned about the country's politics than the younger generation. Mention the factors responsible for the disinterest of the youth in the nation's politics. Provide measures to rejuvenate a positive political behaviour in them.
1674. Can financial incentives persuade citizens to have a liberal attitude towards social issues? Explain with examples.
1675. "Corporate Governance should be done more through principles than rules." Do you agree? Substantiate your answer with a suitable example.
1676. "Remove the outer clay, access the gold within." In this context discuss the role of parents, teachers, and society in moulding one's personality.
1677. How can education combat prejudice, caste, and religious discrimination? Also, analyse the role of educational institutions in this context.
1678. The privileged must invest in the marginalized as part of their responsibility to society. Comment.
1679. Can this spirit of altruism, fortitude and self-sacrifice pave the way for a new eco-friendly lifestyle? Why is such lifestyle essential for a sustainable and prosperous future?
1680. Tolerance is an essential religious as well as civic value. Discuss.
1681. India's journey as the epitome of humanist culture grew from the ideas of this land's visionary stalwarts. Comment.
1682. Independent directors, company boards ensure checks and balances, and they are critical to corporate governance. Discuss. Highlight the corporate governance challenges.
1683. It could take intervention at the school level to reform society in favour of gender parity. Discuss.
1684. Do you think that trust in mainstream media has gone down? If yes, what are the remedies to restore it?
1685. Delineate the moral dimension of international relations. Explain the role of moral leadership in today's time.
1686. Corporates must set out on a different path, placing commitment to sustainability and community alongside the pursuit of profit. Discuss.

1687. Kindness is a currency that travels far and well, unlike malice, which is all too easy to hand out, but invariably hard to take. Comment.
1688. The key to efficient and effective policing is increasing credibility and prioritizing communities in functioning. Discuss.
1689. At a time when the world is challenged by an invisible adversary and nature is teaching us a tough lesson, we must reflect on our actions. We must develop the attitude that we are nothing but nature's servants. Discuss.
1690. Crisis reveals the human capacity for love and empathy. Substantiate with suitable examples.
1691. Civil services officers serve their elected political masters, but they should not be expected to serve the politics of their masters. Discuss.
1692. We need a rulebook that's aligned with our laws. But rules must never be able to stifle voices, especially not in a democracy. Discuss.
1693. Trust and economic well-being are closely intertwined. Even subjective well-being is closely correlated with trust in the government, judiciary, and police. Discuss.
1694. In the absence of prestige and authority, officers lose their initiative and drive. Discuss.
1695. Differentiate between the following terms:
(a) Ethics and Morality.
(b) Integrity and Honesty.
(c) Ethics in a private and public relationship.
(d) Deontological (Duty) Ethics and Consequentialist (utilitarian) Ethics.
1696. (a) Decline in human values is seen as a reason for many modern-day problems. Discuss. What role should educational institutions play in inculcating values?
(b) How do you judge whether the human action is ethical or not? What are the determinants of ethics?
1697. (a) Which great personality has inspired you the most? What have you learnt from his/her life? Write one incident where you have applied the learning in your personal life.
(b) Is bureaucracy the art of keeping a fine balance between compassion and procedure? Explain with an example.
1698. (a) A civil servant should commit to the social cause, have empathy for the weaker sections and dedication to public services. Elaborate.

- (b) In a diverse country like India law as an agent of social change has often faltered. Do you think legislation if complemented with persuasion can usher social change?
1699. (a) What is emotional intelligence? Why is it an indispensable virtue for a civil servant?
- (b) What is meant by crisis of conscience? Narrate one incident in your life when you were faced with such a crisis and how you resolved the same?
1700. Given below are two quotations of great moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these quotations, bring out what it means to you in the present context:
- (a) "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong?" Mahatma Gandhi
- (b) "Dignity does not consist in possessing honours, but in the consciousness that we deserve them." Aristotle
1701. Government is aiming to eventually fit all of city's light posts with a network of smart sensors which will use facial recognition technology in combination with the deployment of high-definition camera. Smart lampposts is a technology, adopted as a means to reduce energy use, as well as to enhance public safety. A number of cities in the U.S., too, have deployed versions that include microphones and related AI technology.
- The following month, during mass protests in the city, various news outlets reported that some demonstrators, worried about governmental surveillance, were cutting down the newly installed smart lampposts. The local company involved in the project decided to end its contract with the government. It reported that some of its employees, as well as family members of some of its executives, had received threats. You are the project manager in charge of overseeing this project.
- (a) What are some ethical issues that should be addressed as part of the deployment of smart lampposts in the city?
- (b) What steps might business and government teams need to take in order to access the information/perspectives needed to manage the ethical landscape of such projects?
- (c) How might the deployment of such technologies be evaluated through the ethical lenses of rights, justice, utilitarianism, common good, and virtue ethics?
1702. As computers become more and more ubiquitous and control increasingly significant and complex systems, people are exposed to increasing harms 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 ability of the emerging technologies to impact human life.

- (a) What are the issues of accountability associated with emerging technologies?
- (b) What moral responsibility do creators of a 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 risks?

1703. Rita and Daisy are in the customer service department. They need to work together in order for the department to be successful and to perform their own jobs optimally. The manager assigned Rita the responsibility of teaching Daisy a new process. Things start out smoothly while CiCi explains the new process. Daisy listens and takes notes but is soon overwhelmed by the amount of information she is getting. Daisy asks questions about how the details relate to one another in order to make connections, but Rita isn't interested in making those connections.

Rita explains again, this time a little slower and a little louder. Detecting undertones of impatience, Daisy becomes even more confused. She is concerned that Rita thinks she is stupid, and Daisy is reluctant to ask more questions. Rita can't understand why Daisy isn't getting it. She has broken down the concepts to their most elementary levels so Daisy should be able to grasp them.

Daisy is overwhelmed and doubts her ability to understand the concepts being presented—now for a third time. Daisy calls her supervisor from her car and tells her she has left work and won't be back today and maybe not tomorrow. Rita has no idea what has happened. She was just doing her job. She was just teaching the details of the process when Daisy jumped up and ran out of the room.

- (a) What are the ethical implications of the above situation on the organization?
 - (b) How can emotional intelligence help Rita and Daisy to better handle the situation?
1704. You are secretary of education department of the state. One of your neighbouring states has made a particular religious book of majority community as a part of school syllabus and moral science subject. After announcement of this policy, similar demand has been raised by the same community which is in minority in your state to introduce similar education policy.

Many religious leaders and political leaders are supporting this demand.

A huge protest march towards the state legislative assembly has been announced by the leaders on the day of budget announcement and many supporters from various parts of state has started to gather in the capital.

Identify the ethical issues involved in the case and what steps will you take to address the demand raised by the community? Justify your stand.

1705. You are a district magistrate. In your district, two groups got involved in fight over a land dispute which led to the many individuals getting seriously injured. On investigation police came to know that members of both the groups are relatives of infamous gangsters involved in illegal occupation of government land, dacoity, killing of police officers etc. Some police officers raided the houses of all the members of both the groups which were in vicinity of disputed land and arrested all of them on the pretext of preventive measures. No investigation has been undertaken and no orders for raid has been issued. The act of police has been appreciated by general public and the demand for similar action in future has been raised, one of the local leaders of ruling party has also openly supported the act of police.
- (a) What are the ethical challenges that you will face in dealing with the situation?
- (b) What steps you will take to overcome the challenges?
1706. One day you were going through the newspaper and found following news:
1. A University student, Ramesh jumped to his death a few days after his roommate used a webcam to observe and tweet about Ramesh's personal life.
2. Idalia, a middle school teacher, was a victim of cyber harassment. After discovering that one of her students published abusive tweets, Idalia confronted the girl during a lesson on social media etiquette. Inquiring why the girl would post such hurtful messages that could harm the teacher's reputation, the student meekly replied that she was upset at the time. The teacher responded that she was very upset by the student's actions. Demanding a public apology in front of the class, Idalia stated that she would not allow "young brats" to abuse her. Idalia, uploaded a video of this confrontation online, attracting much public attention.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above situations?

- (b) In trying to teach the student a lesson about taking responsibility for her actions, did the teacher go too far and become a bully? Why or why not? Does she deserve to be fired for her actions?
- (c) How is cyberbullying similar or different from face-to-face bullying? Is one more harmful than the other? Explain.
- (d) How should compassion play a role in judging other's actions?
1707. You are the head of the Cyber crime cell of your state. The state is notorious for its high crime rate and low conviction rate. Police force in your area remains unequipped and inadequate. Corruption has also been one of the issues hindering justice. In order to correct this situation your advisors suggest you take use of Facial recognition technology. They also point towards the fact that the technology can be used for surveillance and thus, will reduce the burden on the police force.
- (a) What are the potential ethical dangers of using facial recognition technology?
- (b) What are the alternatives available to you, to address this particular situation?
1708. Election Day is in two weeks. You are contesting the elections and lagging by a huge margin to your opponent. A generous campaign donor, discouraged by your polling numbers, approaches you with information about your opponent's difficult relationship with his family. The donor insists that the information was received from a trusted source and strongly encourages you to leak the news to the press. Your opponent is running a campaign based on the issue of family-based value system. You have no time to vet the information. Offending the donor could potentially put the campaign in jeopardy.
- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas in this case?
- (b) What will you do in such a situation?
- (c) Do you think politics and morality are distinct and should be kept so?
1709. A manufacturing company provides jobs for many people in a small town where employment is not easy to find. The company has stayed in the town even though it could find cheaper workers elsewhere, because workers are loyal to the company due to the jobs it provides. Over the years, the company has developed a reputation in the town for taking care of its employees and being a responsible corporate citizen.

The manufacturing process used by the company produces a by-product that for years has flown into the town river. The by-product has been considered harmless but some people who live near the river have reported illnesses. The by-product does not currently violate any anti-pollution laws.

- (a) What are the issues of integrity, ethics and law posed in the case study?
- (b) What options does the company have, and what should it do and why?

1710. A nonprofit art museum is looking at mid-year donations, and grows concerned that they are tracking far behind their annual goal. For the past few years, including the current year, they've seen donations dwindle due to other museums and arts-focused nonprofits opening in the area. This means that the museum will likely need to shrink their staff, and that will leave no one to focus on growing the museum's social media presence.

You are a senior member of the staff, and you listen to your team's concerns about how to build new relationships with donors in an increasingly saturated space. After the meeting, you go back to your office to strategize. Just then, you notice a message from a donor who is offering to provide full support for two full-time staff members, as well as a part-time employee for social media. This couldn't be more fortuitous, you think, and you begin to look into who the donor is.

A quick Internet search reveals that the donor's family has been recently accused of using child labor overseas, and not paying adult workers a living wage. The donor did not mention their family in the email offering a gift, and did not provide context about where the gift would come from. The donor only said that they have regularly visited the museum, and that they wish to support the museum's mission to bring modern art to the community.

The investigation into accusations against the donor's family related to labor conditions is ongoing, you read. No one in the donor's family has admitted or denied the accusations as of today.

- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
- (b) What are the options available to you?
- (c) How will you justify the decision to stakeholders?

1711. A legendary star player has been made the president of all India hockey board. Some of the observations from his stint at the office are:

1. He pressurized other selectors to select particular players by going against the constitution of the hockey board and sat in their meetings.
2. Allegedly promised players stuff that he has no right to.
3. Acted as if he was accountable to none and not a paid office bearer.
4. Also acted as director of a football club, whose chairman (owner of football franchise) successfully bid for the new hockey team.
- (a) What are the ethical principles violated in the above case?
- (b) How should one act and conduct himself/ herself as head of such a body?
1712. A senior IAS officer has been in news for touching the feet of CM of the state. He is later known to join the same political party by taking voluntary retirement just one year before the retirement date.
- (a) Do you think there is any ethical angle to the conduct of IAS officer in the above case?
- (b) The same officer threatened the paddy seed sellers not to sell seeds to the farmers to bring in effect a policy of state. What is the ethical dimension of this decision?
1713. You understand the importance of being a team player. You share ideas and responsibilities with your team members regularly. You recently came to know that one of your co-workers has taken credit for an initiative which is your brain child. Your supervisor erroneously thinks your co-worker came up with the change and your co-worker does not correct the misinterpretation, but allows the supervisor to not only commend him, but offer a bonus.
- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas involved in the case?
- (b) How will you address the situation?
1714. You are the police officer in charge of a high-profile case where the accused has allegedly committed the offence of drug trafficking. The accused has relations in high places, including your superiors. You are facing tremendous pressure from your superiors to take a lenient view towards the accused and to close the case without further investigation. You have been allured by offering hefty bribes and opportunities for early promotion and also threatened with loss of job and reputation. You also face threats of life to you and your family.
- (a) How will you handle the case?

- (b) What qualities and values will help you to see through the situation?

1715. State government authorized a MNC to expand coal mining off India's North-east border region. Many proponents of coal mining argue that tapping into the vast amount of coal reserves in the region will help shore up national security interests, bolster economy and workforce, and offer India a reliable, safe supply of oil.

On the other hand, a competing point of view charges that this project poses immense risk to the environment while reinforcing a reliance on dirty, environmentally unfriendly sources of energy. They are also not happy about gifting the contract to an MNC. The situation has taken a violent turn as the agitations have increasingly become more violent.

- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas in the above case?
- (b) Do you find one view more compelling than the other? Why? In what ways do your own beliefs or opinions affect your perspective on this issue?
- (c) Is it possible to make an objective decision in the case of such projects? As an advisor to government, what will be your suggestion that is both reasonable and ethically defensible?
1716. The immunization programme during covid-19 pandemic has raised some questions:
1. Some states have issued orders which mandated the taking of COVID vaccines to avail public utilities and access public spaces.
 2. Non-disclosure of the clinical trial data of the vaccines administered in India by the government.
- (a) Analyse the ethical issues involved in the above decisions?
- (b) As a part of government machinery how will you justify the above decisions?

1717. You are appointed as the district collector of a remote district inhabited by a tribal population and marked by extreme backwardness. Collection of Minor Forest produce is the primary occupation of the local population. They are barely able to maintain subsistence level of livelihood. There is insignificant industrial or mining activity. Welfare programmes has not made much of the difference to the lives of tribal population. In this restrictive scenario, plight of minor children is that their parents are persuaded by restaurant owners to send them to work in their hotel, in a nearby state. The inadequate living and working conditions in these hotels have caused serious health issues for the minor children. NGOS in

the districts and the hotel owners have not effectively taken up the twin issues of child labour and development of the area.

- (a) Identify the ethical issues involved.
 - (b) Which specific steps will you initiate to ameliorate the conditions of children of your district and to improve the overall developmental scenario in the district?
1718. You are working as Superintendent of Police (SP) in a district of your State. Your wife, who is a housewife, is angry that you spend more time with the public and in office, rather than spending time with her and their child. She is sometimes supportive of you but sometimes asks you that why you married her when all you wanted to serve the public all the time. Even though you want to spend time with your family, work pressure is not allowing you to do so. Recently, she told you to get divorced rather than living such a lonely life. Your one of your friends suggested you to get divorced and marry a girl who is also into civil services.
- (a) Discuss the ethical dilemmas that you may face in this case.
 - (b) What is the course of action available to you? And which is the best course of action according to you?
 - (c) If a situation arises where you have to give more importance to public service than your family, what you will do? Justify your answer.
1719. The government has announced the construction of a huge airport in Mumbai. The opening of the airport at any location will increase the value of the land and bring development in near areas. You are a senior official in the Civil Aviation Ministry and overseeing the development of the airport. You have the information of the plans and location at which government is planning the airport. Your son is in real estate business and is requesting you to share the information with him.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
 - (b) How will you protect the institutional integrity in this case?
1720. There is a need for increased surveillance and information gathering at the border due to heightened activity. This is because of increased cases of violence and movement of money and people at the border. Central intelligence agency has requested the defence organization for state of art drones for surveillance. Higher officials of the defence organization have asked the lab to deliver the latest designs and prototypes at the earliest. The prototypes are very advanced and will help the central intelligence agencies in gathering information and

delivering equipment. But prototypes have not been fully tested and can cause problems during the operation. You are working in the lab and have been asked to send the latest designs and prototypes.

- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas involved in the above case?
- (b) Critically evaluate each of the options available to you. What course of action will you take?
- (c) What can be the consequences of inadequate testing?

1721. Government has launched many applications and internet websites to improve the governance with the use of technology and digitization. The change of the policy was done to boost image of the government. It was very well advertised and received well by the media. After some months the plan of digital governance failed due improper upward and backward linkages of the policy. Government has spent huge sums of money on the policy and its advertisement. Failure of the policy has caused problems for citizens. The media and newspapers are raising questions on the outcome of the policy. RTI activists have filed application regarding the expenditure and results of the policy. You are a Public Information Officer responsible for the information related to the policy. You have been pressurized by the higher officials and minister to not release the information on the pretext of labelling it as sensitive information.

- (a) Identify the different options available to attend to this situation.
- (b) Which of the above, do you think, would be the most appropriate option to adopt and why?
- (c) How does RTI help to ensure efficient and responsive governance?

1722. You are an official in the land revenue department, responsible for the registration of the property and imposition of stamp duty. The stamp duty is determined in accordance with the valuation of the registered property. There is an old age couple living alone. They are from your village and had worked for your family. It is very difficult for them to go through tedious and tiring process of registration of property. You ordered your staff to attend to the couple and help them to complete the formalities. They have some missing documents required to complete the process. They have requested you to help them with registration of property and other needed documents. These documents are from some other government departments. You also discover that some of the staff are

asking for bribes. Some of the staff members are close to your superiors and are threatening you with false acquisition of conflict of interest.

- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
- (b) How will you help the couple?
- (c) What values are necessary in such situation to enable a civil servant to serve the public in the best manner?

1723. Two men from Dalit community were arrested in a restaurant. The men were waiting to meet a business associate, but they didn't purchase anything while they were waiting. The manager asked them to leave, and they refused, explaining that they were there to meet someone. The manager called the police because the men refused to leave, and the police arrested them. Another patron at the restaurant recorded the arrest on her cell phone, and it quickly went viral. The general public and those who witnessed the arrest labelled it as discriminatory and racist. The arrests led to protests and sit ins at the restaurant in the days following the event. You are the CEO of the chain of restaurants.

- (a) What are the ethical issues in front of you? How will you practice ethical leadership in this situation?
- (b) What we learn about your character through your actions and impact in the above case?

1724. Your friend is a senior analyst in government. At 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, she, looked with dread at the pile of unfinished work still sitting on her desk. She had been looking forward to a quiet weekend with her husband and one-year-old daughter, a badly needed rest after two weekends of hosting her parents, who had been with them for an extended visit. There was no way she would finish the tasks assigned to her by 5 p.m.

Furthermore, she had just taken an urgent call from a senior, indicating that he needed a report on the delivery of some specific services first thing Monday morning. Apparently, several major decisions regarding these services were to be made during the following week.

In the above situation she is confronted with serious dilemmas. How will you answer her following questions?

- (a) How far do my obligations go? Do I owe it to the country to postpone my vacation?
- (b) When should my responsibilities to the public outweigh my family's needs and where should I draw a line?



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1725. XYZ corporation was the darling of the banking industry. Recently, it announced that it was paying millions in fines for the creation of 2 million unauthorized customer accounts. It soon came to light that the pressure on employees to hit sales quotas was immense: hourly tracking, pressure from supervisors to engage in unethical behavior, and a compensation system based heavily on bonuses.

XYZ corporation also confirmed that it had fired thousands of employees over the past few years related to shady sales practices. CEO claims that the scandal was the result of a few bad apples who did not honor the company's values and that there were no incentives to commit unethical behavior. The board stood behind the CEO and did not dismiss him.

Further reporting found more troubling information. Many employees had quit under the immense pressure to engage in unethical sales practices, and some were even fired for reporting misconduct through the company's ethics department. Senior leadership was aware of these aggressive sales practices from the very beginning.

- (a) What are the ethical issues in the case?
- (b) What could XYZ corporation have done differently to avert this situation?
- (c) What is the importance of work culture for an organization?

1726. You are a social worker. You are taking care of a 25-year-old man for depression and anxiety. In the fourth session, the client reveals that he is gay. You belong to a faith tradition that believes that homosexuality is a sin, and whose leaders have been prominent in opposing same-sex marriage.

- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas in the above case?
- (b) What will you do in the above scenario? Explain your reasoning.

1727. Amber is a resin material that is formed from fossilized conifer tree sap during years of constant pressure and heat. Amber also plays an invaluable role in research. The ability to hold a piece of history untouched by time has resulted in a number of scientific discoveries and advances.

One of the oldest amber deposits in the world, dating back 100 million years, is located in the Northern region of Myanmar. The mining of these amber specimens in Myanmar is the center of many legitimate and black market sales to university researchers and private collectors alike. It is very important source of livelihood for the miners in the region. Failure of universities to participate enables many private collectors to

remove collections from the public or to charge researchers an exorbitant fee for access.

There is no official state religion but the Myanmar government favors the majority Buddhism population. This favoritism has created ethnic and religious conflicts resulting in government-enforced discrimination. For many years this mining area has been protected by the Kachin Independence Army. However, in 2017 the Myanmar government declared that the civilians and Kachin militants who remain in the region will be considered hostile opposition to the government military forces. The government then forced more than 5000 inhabitants from their homes and villages, as well as from the amber mines. This hostile takeover of the profitable Kachin amber mines ensures that amber purchases from researchers and private collectors will help fund the government side of the Myanmar ethnic civil war.

- (a) If you were a university scientist, how would you decide whether it is ethical for you to buy amber from Myanmar?
 - (b) What moral principles would you take into account while making a decision?
1728. You and your friend are passing by when you witness a dreadful accident. The victim is in critical condition. You suggested to take the man to hospital in your vehicle. However, your friend is adamant that you should not take any action. He gives following reasons for his decision:
1. Fear of police investigation
 2. Doctor might not admit without fees
 3. Years of trouble as you might be asked to be a judicial witness
- (a) How will you convince your friend?
 - (b) Who is a good Samaritan? Why is it so difficult to be one?
1729. You are an independent director of a private bank. Recently you learned that the CEO of the company is involved in some unethical practices like superseding the decisions of board of directors, embezzlement of funds, distributing unsolicited loans and intra-party transactions for personal gains. The balance sheet of the banks is already under stress due to Covid. Some of the board members were aware of the decisions taken by the CEO. You only have few days left in your tenure.
- (a) What are your duties as an independent director?
 - (b) How will you ensure better corporate governance?
1730. You are a senior manager in a multinational company. While going home late night from office, you came across a young boy

running back to his home after his working hours, during conversation with the boy you came to know that he works as a gig worker in your company and earns just enough to support his brother and himself. When you offered him to drop him to his home he humbly denies as this run is part of training to fulfil his dream of joining the Indian Army. The young man runs from his workplace to home every night in order to maintain his routine as he has no time for practice in the morning.

- (a) What are the ethical values that can be observed in the young boy?
- (b) What steps can you take to help the boy? (250 words)
1731. You are head of security for a stand-up comedy event, with the primary responsibility of overseeing the security. The artist performing in the event is a well-known controversial figure who has also been arrested previously for offensive jokes. The court has given him permission to freely work. Two days before the event a small crowd has gathered at the venue demanding the organizer to call off the event, threatening to commit violence if their demands were not met. Organizer asks for your opinion.
1732. What are the ethical issues in front of you? How will you address them?
- (b) Do you think art and artists should be kept beyond the scope and scrutiny of conventional moral standards?
1733. You are the additional sub-divisional magistrate of Rampura. You are being “pressured” by a public representative to stop the probe into the allegations of corruption against a land mafia, who had acquired land in the name of running a school which did not exist there. You have proof for all this, so they instigated a group of lawyers who got into a tiff with you one day. You tried to pull down the rifle of a home guard so that no one gets hurt. The lawyers, however, alleged that you were snatching the rifle. You have not held the rifle even for a second. A show-cause notice has been issued to you by ADM (Finance and Revenue) over the issue. Charges of indiscipline and misbehaviour has been alleged. You have been also asked to resign to save any humiliation and loss of reputation. You are also aware of the “nexus of corrupt officials” in the district and that ADM (Finance and Revenue) was involved in corruption.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the case?

- (b) Discuss the options available to you. Is resigning a worthy option?
1734. You are the CEO of an XYZ bank. You got to know about a complaint against the bank before SEBI and CBI. On inquiring about the case, you found that a big loan default of millions has taken place. The defaulter is one of your relatives, but the loan sanction is not in your knowledge. On further investigation, you found that the loan was sanctioned to the defaulter by the management after they knew the relationship with you.
- (a) What are the issues related to “corporate governance” in this case?
- (b) Discuss the ethical dilemmas you may face in this case.
- (c) What is the course of action that you have? Also, mention your best course of action while giving justification for the same.
1735. A primary school identifies the need for an education support officer to assist in a classroom two days a week. The principal’s daughter is studying early childhood development and is looking for part-timework. The principal works with the assistant principal to determine a position description for the education support officer, including the time fraction and duties. He does not mention that his daughter could be a potential applicant. When the role is advertised and his daughter applies, the principal reports his conflict of interest (COI) to the leadership team and removes himself from the selection panel. When the panel recommends his daughter as the preferred candidate, the principal asks the Regional Director to confirm the panel’s recommendation. The principal’s daughter accepts the offer of the role.
- (a) What are the potential ethical issues involved in the case?
- (b) What actions should have been taken by the principal?
1736. You are Praveen, a university student studying social welfare. You accepted an internship position in the fundraising department at Migrant care Centre. Migrant Care Centre is a non-profit organization in India that provides shelter for internally displaced migrants. In addition to shelter, Migrant Care centre provides food, clothing, and education. Most migrants stay at the shelter for several months before securing permanent housing.
- One day, Mary, the director of development, asked you to accompany her to a fundraising dinner at a luxurious hotel. Mary was approached by Srinivasan, one of the state’s biggest philanthropists. Srinivasan was known to donate to almost

any cause as long as he found it to be what he considered “morally sound” and to the benefit of “hard-working Indians.”

You noticed during conversation with Srinivasan, that most of Mary’s answers to his questions about the shelter’s clients were vague. When Robert said that he was happy to lend a hand to any poor Indian citizen, Jenny knew he clearly did not understand that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar, were also shelter’s clientele. Mary said nothing to correct Srinivasan’s misperception.

- (a) Who are the stakeholders, and what is at stake for each party?
 - (b) What are the moral dilemmas for you?
 - (c) What would you do and why? Present a course of action.
1737. After an India-Pakistan cricket match, a scuffle broke out between two factions of students at a private college. The clash took place after reportedly some students started celebrating Pakistan’s victory and pro-Pakistan slogans after the match. This particular incident infuriated some of the students thus leading to the scuffle between the two groups. Administration of the college has decided to rusticate the students and register a FIR against them.
- (a) What are the ethical issues involved in the above case?
 - (b) As a member of administration how will you justify the decision?
 - (c) Do you think the decision is against individual freedom?
1738. You are posted as Superintendent of police in a district. Recently in your area, an engineer was lynched to death by an uncontrolled mob. During preliminary investigation, you came to know that a group of people attacked the engineer on the suspicion that he was a child-lifter after watching a viral video on social media. The police arrested the attackers (local villagers) based on a video clip of the incident. The police have also arrested the administrator of a WhatsApp group and one of its members for allegedly circulating rumours on social media that led to the lynching. The local MLA of the area is creating pressure on you to release the villagers citing the reason that engineer was killed in a road accident. He has threatened you with undesired consequences and punishment posting.
- (a) How would you handle the situation to bring justice to the aggrieved family members of the deceased engineer?
 - (b) As national social media policy is on the anvil of the government agenda, how would you ensure that such incidents are not repeated in future?

1739. You are posted as the Superintendent of police in a district. There is a severe crisis going on in the agricultural sector in your area due to bad rains and natural calamities. There has been an increase in farmers' deaths due to suicide. For bringing reforms in the agriculture sector and to improve the condition of farmers, villagers of your district planned a highway blockade.

Having information about agitation, you deployed heavy security at the spot. During the protest, some anti-social elements created the situation of panic, and the mob became uncontrolled, and they tried to attack police forces. Police forces fired in the air to push back the mob and control the situation. Unfortunately, two innocent farmers got killed by a bullet fired by police. This made the situation more intense. People have blocked the highway and are sitting with dead bodies. What would be your course of action to normalize the situation and pacify the crowd? Do you think that the law-and-order situation in any district can be improved with better governance? Justify your answer.

1740. You are posted as the SDM of an area. You are tasked with implementing a housing scheme for the BPL and underprivileged families. Eligible families/persons are entitled to interest-free loans subject to the condition that the built house is used for self/family purposes. During the review meeting/grievance redressal of the implementation of the scheme with Gram Sabha, an old widow approached you. She complained that she has been denied a loan for building the house. Upon enquiring, members of Gram Sabha said that the old lady had already been provided with a home loan and she sold her house to someone else. It was also brought to your notice that due to some unexpected exigency, she had to sell off the house for survival. Now she is living with acute poverty and without any dwelling. Members of the Gram Sabha are also of the view that she should not be given a home loan again.

- (a) In such a situation, what would be your course of action?
(b) What are the dilemmas involved?

1741. You study in a government college that does not have a sound proactive staff. On the day of the final exam, you find that your best friend has prepared micro-Xerox of the study material, to be used in the exam. You approach him and try to persuade him not to do so. However, he raises the following points:

If he doesn't use them, he will most probably fail the exams. But if he does, he may even get a seat in a reputed engineering college.

It is because of the state government's apathy towards the government colleges, that students are compelled to resort to such shortcuts. Nobody else knows about this and nobody needs to know. History only remembers the victor, not what means he used to win. Critically analyse the above viewpoints. Based on this analysis, what will be your advice to your friend? What would you do in this situation?

1742. You are an upright IPS officer, posted as the SP of a district. A dreaded criminal in your district has caused a lot of miseries in the lives of people; he is wanted in cases related to murder, rape, kidnapping and several other heinous crimes. You have come to know about his whereabouts; your seniors are instructing you to kill him in an encounter instead of arresting him, as people are scared to give testimony before the court, and this will let him free. Eliminating him will bring back peace and harmony in the district. What course of action will you take? Justify your action.
1743. You have recently joined as a Junior Engineer (JE) in Public Works Department, your senior officer Mr A also belongs to your caste. Mr A is a very able and efficient officer, he is very responsible towards his work and treats his subordinates in the office with due respect and listens to their views carefully. You have learnt a lot from him in how to maintain relations in public life. Once you were invited to his house and you noticed that in his personal life he follows casteism and does not treat his domestic help respectfully as they come from the so-called lower caste. He keeps separate cups and plates for them and not treats them properly.
- (a) What is the dilemma faced by you in such a situation?
- (b) What are the options available to you to deal with the situation?
- (c) Which option will you choose and why?
1744. With increasing awareness and administrative reforms, do you think probity has increased in public services? Suggest further measures to promote probity in governance.
1745. "Conflict of interest in the performance of public services is one of the causes of administrative ills." Discuss. Also, suggest measures to deal with such situations.
1746. What is the importance of laws, rules, and regulations for a civil servant? Is it an adequate basis for an ethical administration?
1747. (a) Values are important in giving yardsticks and prescribing how goals must be accomplished. In the light of this statement,

- explain how values play an imperative role in the healthy public administration of the country.
- (b) Explain the concept of moral relativism. Is it a suitable doctrine for adoption by civil servants?
1748. (a) "Ethics in International relations is the need of the hour; it is the only way for the real progress of humanity". Critically discuss giving relevant examples.
- (b) What do you understand by the term Accountability? How does it differ from Responsibility? Describe the need for accountability in achieving Ethical Governance, also provide some measures to achieve the same.
1749. (a) What do you understand by the term 'Work Culture'? By explaining its various components, focus on important aspects that help create a progressive work culture in an institution.
- (b) As marketing is a crucial part of a business prosperity/profitability, celebrities are often hired to endorse the products. Are there any ethical issues associated with the celebrity endorsement of products? Discuss with suitable examples. Also, suggest a way forward.
1750. (a) 'An individual has right to various constitutional privileges but does not have the right to become a policeman.' Discuss this statement in the context of rising incidents of moral policing in the country.
- (b) Highlight the significance of transparency for good governance. Critically evaluate the impact of the RTI Act in improving the quality of life of the poor and the marginalized in the country.
1751. (a) Corruption has become a deep-seated malaise eating into the vitals of the nation. What is your opinion on the root causes of corruption? How successful has the use of information and technology been in reducing corruption in everyday life?
- (b) 'A person's mental strength works as much as any medicine, if not more.' In the light of this statement highlight the importance of having a positive attitude in life.
1752. You are posted as an SDM of a Naxal affected area. You come to know that some local Naxal leaders are demanding money from all businessmen, contractors, government servants in the name of protection money by giving threat of life and property. The aggrieved people in the region approach you to find a solution to the issue. Upon receipt of this information, local Naxal leaders threaten you that if you take any action regarding this, you and your family would be abducted and

killed. You discussed this matter with your friends and family. Some suggest you go back to your old posting by paying a bribe to the concerned authorities; some suggest you resign; others suggest that the practice of giving “protection money” is common in the region and if you too pay this money regularly you could live a peaceful life.

- (a) What are the options available to you to deal with the issue?
 - (b) Analyse their merits and demerits.
 - (c) Which course of action would you take in the end and why?
1753. You are the CEO of a renowned private limited company. Recently, a case of sexual harassment has surfaced against one of the directors of your company. The director holds an important place in your company, and he has brought various important projects which made the company earn huge profits and fame. The director is indispensable to the company. On the other hand, the director has fired the employee who made allegations against him. The local media has highlighted the issue which is hurting the reputation of the company.
- (a) As a CEO, what would be your immediate course of action?
 - (b) Despite having a specific law for the prevention of sexual harassment at the workplace, why do you think such incidents continue to take place?
 - (c) How would you ensure that such incidents do not get repeated in your company in the future?
1754. In a district, in which you are posted as a DM, a doctor due to his erroneous judgment has declared a girl child as dead. But fortunately, the brother of the girl finds her still alive, just before the cremation rituals are set to begin. As the news spreads, parents, relatives, and locals gather at the super-speciality hospital. The culprit doctor has in the meanwhile fled. The police have arrested the head doctor of the hospital and assured the crowd that the culprit would be arrested soon. The crowd, however, has gone berserk and begins to damage the hospital infrastructure. It wants immediate arrest of the culprit and is not ready to budge until he is arrested.
- (a) Is it correct to arrest the head doctor when he has not committed the crime? Support your answer with appropriate reasons.
 - (b) What options do you have in dealing with the crowd? Enumerate the merits and demerits of each and suggest the best possible option.
 - (c) In the capacity of DM, what would be your long-term plans to prevent such instances from reoccurring in your district?

1755. You are a Public Information Officer (PIO) in a municipal corporation. An RTI request has been filed seeking information about the financial details of developmental activities related to road construction and housing schemes for the poor. While you were trying to gather the related information, you find out large scale financial misappropriation. The ruling party members come to know about the RTI request, and they are putting pressure on you not to disclose the information as it is an election year, and the information might cause huge political embarrassment to the ruling party and negatively affect its election prospects. You're now in a dilemma. So far, you have the reputation of being an upright officer.
- (a) What are the options available before you?
 - (b) Discuss the pros and cons of each option.
 - (c) Which option you would choose? Justify your stand.
1756. You are posted as the SP of a district. You have received a complaint that a builder has been threatening the residents of a locality to sell their land to him at lower than the market prices. The builder happens to be the son of Mr A with whom you have very good relations. Mr A has sent an expensive gift to your wife on your marriage anniversary. He has not yet sought any favours from you nor has he spoken anything about this case to you. In such a situation, not accepting the gift would mean disrespecting his affection for you.
- (a) What are the ethical dilemmas faced by you?
 - (b) What according to you should be the best course of action?
 - (c) In your opinion, does accepting private gifts affect the probity of public servants?
1757. What do you understand by Virtue Ethics? Giving appropriate examples, highlight the importance of virtue ethics for a public servant.
1758. Discuss the role of attitude in gender inequality and violence against women in India. Substantiate your views with relevant examples.
1759. Yogic philosophy enables a person to rise above his/her limited individuality and sustain in the realm of public activity. Discuss how the incorporation of yogic philosophy may help public servants to become better administrators.
1760. (a) Discuss the interface between governance and democracy. Suggest measures to promote ethical governance.
- (b) Discuss the concept "Integral Humanism" given by Deendayal Upadhyay. How does it seek to promote ethics and values in society?

1761. (a) "Citizen's charter seeks to bring a paradigm shift in the relationship between citizens and administration". Discuss the philosophical basis of the citizen's charter. Do you consider that citizen's charters have been effective in realising the desired objectives?
- (b) International relations are not only guided by morality but also realism. What do you understand by realism in international relations? What according to you should be given prominence in international relations- morality or realism?
1762. (a) The post-World War II era has witnessed repeated interventions by the USA into various countries, on the pretext of misrule, dictatorship, terrorism etc. Examine the ethical concerns involved in interventionism, with the help of examples from the recent past.
- (b) What do you understand by the term Environmental Ethics? Explain with relevant examples. Does environmental ethics constitute the core aspect of ethical behaviour in human beings? How?
1763. (a) "Rohingyas are the most persecuted religious minorities of the world"- Kofi Annan. Examine the various ethical concerns involved in denying asylum to refugees. Suggest a way forward.
- (b) Differentiate between the terms honesty, integrity and probity. Discuss the importance of each of these attributes for a civil servant.
1764. Given below are two quotations of great moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these quotations, bring out what it means to you in the present context:
- (a) "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it". - Aristotle
- (b) "You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say". - Martin Luther
1765. You are posted as a commissioner in the revenue department; you find out that a huge land scam has taken place in which close relatives of the minister are involved. The scam which you have unearthed has caused lots of financial loss to the state's exchequer. While you are investigating the matter for further proof the minister comes to know about this. He threatens you with dire consequences if you do not close the case and bury the matter silently. He threatens you with false criminal cases in case you do not budge. A case is pending against you regarding misuse of treasury funds, in which you haven't done anything wrong. This case can be reopened and used against you. However, if you stop the investigation, he

has assured you that you will be given a plum posting in the capital.

Answer the following questions based on the case study:

- (a) Identify the options available to you.
- (b) Examine the merits and demerits of each option.
- (c) Which option would you choose and why?

1766. You are posted as the Collector of a hill district, during the recent rainy season due to heavy rainfall, there has been large scale landslides and flooding in your district, leading to loss of many lives and damage to property. Many people are still stranded, and many are living in shelter camps. The rescue and relief operations are on a war footing, the workforce in the state administration is working day in and out.

There are two subordinates Mr A and Mr B in the disaster management department, Mr A is known for his efficiency, deft handling of rescue operations but during previous disasters, there was an allegation that he had been involved in financial misappropriation and siphoning off money meant for disaster relief. On the other hand, Mr B is known for his integrity, but the problem is, he is not an efficient person and is known to have messed up one of the previous rescue operations causing the loss of few lives.

In this situation whom would you choose to look after the rescue operation on the field? Substantiate your choice with proper arguments.

Who do you think is preferable in the long run- A person with integrity and low skills or a person with high skills and low integrity?

1767. You are working as a manager in the quality control department of a biscuit manufacturing industry; you are known for your efficient work and honesty; you are responsible for the overall maintenance of the quality of biscuits manufactured, and meeting the required standards set by FSSAI. One fine day a subordinate comes to you with a concern that the biscuits manufactured the previous day had a raw material that fails to meet the required safety standards, the quality report somehow missed your attention due to some emergency the previous day. Now the problem is the number of biscuits manufactured was huge and to not sell it would cause loss to the industry and harm your reputation in the industry, that you did not perform your duty responsibly. The adulterant in raw material even though somewhat harmful to the health of consumers does not pose a very serious health

concern. The subordinate suggests letting the stock move out and keep the matter between the two of you, to save from financial loss and loss of your reputation.

In such a situation:

- (a) What are the options available to you?
 - (b) Analyse the merits and demerits of each option.
 - (c) Which option will you choose? Give reasons.
1768. You are the director of a government department dealing with harmful pesticides and chemicals. One of your subordinates is investigating the possible impacts of a particular chemical on agriculture. In the meantime, she informs you that she is having an affair with someone who is a representative of a government committee on the behalf of a group of manufacturers who are promoting that chemical. She intends to pursue the relationship with him but assures you that her relationship would not affect her professional responsibilities. What would you do in such a situation?
- (a) Ask her to discontinue the relationship?
 - (b) Transfer her to another assignment?
 - (c) Trust her and not take any action until concrete facts emerge?
 - (d) Remove her from the job?
1769. You are the CEO of an automobile company. Your organisation has developed a new design for a newly promoted car. In this, the fuel plant is placed on the rear. In the meantime, the government comes out with a safety regulation under which it is expected that the design should be able to withstand an accident up to the speed of 20 miles per hour but the test that the organisation conducts is not decisive, and the design may not pass the safety test. But the tool and machinery to produce the new design are in place. The redesigning involves considerable financial investment which would be very high for the organisation.
- (a) In such a situation what are the options available to you?
 - (b) Analyse the merits and demerits of each option.
 - (c) Out of the available options which option would you choose and why?
1770. Recently you have joined the finance department of a government organization. One of your colleagues who has become your good friend reveals to you that her daughter is extremely ill, and she is in immediate need of an operation to survive. For the procedure, she requires Rs. 3 lakhs as she has no insurance coverage. She asks her colleagues for support but

to no avail. Even you could not help as you were newly employed. Sometime later you ask her about her daughter, and she tells you she is just fine now. She then confides in you that she took the money from a dormant account that was dedicated to a project which is stalled for some technical issue. She assures you that she has already started paying it back and will continue to do so until it is all returned.

- (a) Do you justify the action of your colleague?
 (b) What will be your course of action?
1771. State with suitable examples the difference between Attitude and Aptitude.
1772. The 2nd ARC talked about the establishment of a Public Services Code. What is its importance in ensuring the values required for Civil Services?
1773. How practical do you think are Ethical values in the present world embroiled in cut-throat competition?
1774. (a) Kautilya's wisdom on the establishment of moral order for prevention of government and market failures is more relevant in today's knowledge-based economies than in his times. Elucidate.
 (b) Is giving punishment to a culprit ethical? Explain in the context of Bentham's view- 'All punishment is mischief; all punishment is evil'.
1775. (a) What do you understand by Human Values? What in your opinion are the reasons behind rising incidents of crime despite so many efforts at inculcating those values? Whose failure it is, Ethics or Law?
 (b) 'Cultivation of mind should be the aim of human existence' - B. R. Ambedkar. Explain the meaning of this statement in the context of contemporary global challenges.
1776. (a) Customary laws are said to be the driving force of our society, but they sometimes seem to conflict with human values. As a civil servant if you come across such a scenario, what would you do in this situation?
 (b) "Behaving in a manner that contradicts one's existing belief system creates a feeling of discomfort". Examine this statement with suitable examples in the context of a public servant discharging his/her duties.
1777. (a) "Emotional intelligence is the key to organizational success." Explain this statement with an example. Out of IQ or EQ which one do you prefer? Why?

- (b) Discuss some foundational values for civil services. What mechanism should be adopted to develop a greater understanding between ministers and civil servants?
1778. (a) With reference to various Supreme Court's judgments on human rights and liberty, examine John Stuart Mill's concept of liberty.
(b) Define Morality. Can morality be regarded as an equivalent of a code of conduct?
1779. You are working as a tax inspector in the Income Tax department. Recently you come to know that one of the taxpayers is evading taxes. The taxpayer is known to have powerful influence and connections with politicians. Moreover, he is known for his illegal activities too. Further, when you raised the alarm bells, no action was taken. It is well known that your superior officers are also in the knowledge of this issue but are ignoring it out of fear or favour. When you tried to inform your superiors, you were told to keep your mouth shut.
- (a) What are the issues involved?
(b) What in your opinion can be the options available and what will be the best course of action?
(c) Give suggestions to curb such cases from occurring in future.
1780. You are a Police officer posted in a sensitive zone. You get a call from PCR about a public law and order disturbance. When you rushed to the spot you see that the public is thirsty for the blood of a rapist who had raped a minor girl in the locality. Moreover, some sections within the public are charged and trying to give it a communal colour. They have started damaging public property, threatening local people of other religions as victims and culprits are from different religions. The locality is known for many riots in the past for petty issues.
- (a) What are the issues involved? Discuss in detail.
(b) What will be your immediate step for conflict resolution?
(c) What are the other options available to you?
(d) What are the preventive steps which can be taken in advance to prevent such a situation from occurring?
1781. You are the chairman of a reputed firm. It has come to your knowledge that one of your top employees, Mr A has been named under the #metoo campaign. It has changed the atmosphere of your team. Mr A is denying all the allegations labelled against him. You recently got an international contract because of the efforts of Mr A and this project requires his expertise and knowledge. Your firm is under severe financial

stress to revive back and in case you lose this contract or fail to perform you will have to lay out a sizeable chunk of your team. On the other hand, Mr A is saying that the rest of the employees are jealous of him and many times in the past he has taken very strict actions against many including women employees who are now targeting him to tarnish his image and if possible, earn money out of this blackmailing.

- (a) As a boss what are your responsibilities? Analyse the issue.
- (b) What all options do you have for resolving this issue?
- (c) What is the Ethical Dilemma you are facing here?
- (d) Give some suggestions to prevent such incidents from happening at the workplace.

1782. You are one of the top officials in a premier investigation agency. Recently you have come to know that there is some evidence that shows that there has been a violation of procedure, due process of law and corruption based on connivance in the procurement of goods in CPWD. You tried to investigate but you were not given permission from your superiors and after few days you are removed from the case. It has come to your knowledge through a Whistle-blower that your higher-ups are involved in corruption too.

- (a) What are the options available to you in this situation?
- (b) What is the best suitable course of action?

1783. You are working as the DM of a district where illegal mining of sand is rampant. Recently there was an accident between a truck illegally carrying sand and a government passenger bus. Many passengers died on the spot because of the accident. Ever since you assumed power, you are trying to curb this illegal mining of sand. Because of negligence and involvement of police officers at the local level, illegal mining is going on in many parts of the district despite your efforts to curb it. These trucks which travel on narrow village roads have not only damaged roads, but they have also caused traffic problems for passenger vehicles frequently causing accidents. The media and some people from a political party are protesting after the bus accident. They are saying that you are working hands in glove with the sand Mafia. There is also an accusation that you have some personal rivalry with the Superintendent of Police. Moreover, the local media is even portraying you as someone intentionally allowing illegal sand mining in the district.

- (a) What are the major issues involved?
- (b) How will you deal with the accusations? What would be your course of action?

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1784. As a Block Development Officer, you were invited to preside over a Gram Sabha meeting in one of the Gram Panchayats falling under your jurisdiction. The Gram Sabha was called to decide on two crucial things: to identify and confiscate fake job cards used under the MGNREGA scheme and to choose the beneficiaries to allot houses under Indira Awas Yojana. Almost a month ago you had ordered all the Gram Panchayat secretaries to conduct programs to create awareness and advertise about the coming Gram Sabha meeting so that people would participate in large numbers. Unfortunately, on the day of the Gram Sabha meeting to which you were invited, very few villagers turned up. At least one-tenth of the members of the Gram Sabha must attend the Gram Sabha meeting. But on that day less than one-tenth of the members were present. At the same time, all the Panchayat members were present. They all insisted that the Gram Sabha should continue as people would slowly come and attend as the meeting progressed. Somehow you were convinced, and the meeting started. Those few who attended were chosen by vote to get homes allotted after verification that they met the criteria under the Indira Awas Scheme. Job card verification was not possible as there were no people at the meeting. The next day you received a complaint from a villager accusing the Panchayat members of coercing Panchayat Secretary to conduct a Gram Sabha meeting on a date when villagers had gone out to a neighbouring village to attend a festival. According to the complainant this was done to obstruct the identification of fake job cards, which some elected Panchayat members had themselves created to siphon off money. The complainant also alleged that you and the Panchayat secretary had taken bribes from the Panchayat members to conduct a fake Gram Sabha meeting. There was also an allegation that the beneficiaries who got allotment of IAY houses were all relatives of the Panchayat members.

- (a) Identify the major issues involved in this case.
 - (b) As a responsible officer what were your duties before conducting of Gram Sabha meeting?
 - (c) What course of action you should follow after receiving the complaint?
1785. What do you understand by Good Governance? What are the vital elements of Good Governance?
1786. Probity in governance is the antithesis of corruption in public life. Elucidate.

1787. Analyse the relationship between terrorism, ethics, and development. What in your opinion is the prime cause of international terrorism- Failure of ethics or developmental deficit?
1788. (a) How does prejudice impact societal relations? What are the reasons for the formation of prejudice?
(b) What strategies do you consider necessary for ensuring accountability in public administration? In the context of rising corruption cases do you think there is a need for reconsidering ethical accountability in administration?
1789. (a) Differentiate between Coercive and Collusive corruption. What measures are available to fight each of them?
(b) Discuss Kautilya's views on corruption. What remedies were suggested in Arthashastra for the prevention of corruption?
1790. (a) What do you understand by the following terms in the context of public governance?
(i) Social Contract
(ii) Non- partisanship
(iii) Cognitive dissonance
(iv) Integrity
(b) Gandhiji's teachings are more important today than in his times. Comment.
1791. (a) What do you understand by public service? According to you what values should a public administrator possess to ensure public trust?
(b) How can undesirable attitudes be changed, and desirable socio-ethical values be cultivated in the youth of today?
1792. (a) What does patriotism imply in everyday life? Substantiate your views by giving suitable examples.
(b) 'Human beings should always be treated as ends in themselves and never as merely means'. Explain the meaning and significance of this statement in the field of Genetic Engineering.
1793. Your friend is working as a district magistrate of a district. His work as a DM is highly appreciated everywhere including the people of the district as well as many neighbouring districts. Also, he is the first one from his community to become an IAS officer which is a matter of great pride for his parents and many others, especially for his community. The youth take a lot of inspiration from him, and he is like a youth icon in the state. Due to his work and widespread popularity he is getting

offers from many political parties and they are offering him a party ticket to contest in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. In such a scenario, answer the following-

- (a) If your friend comes to you and describes the situation and asks whether he should join politics by resigning from service, what will be your advice to him?
- (b) What might be the repercussions of joining and not joining the politics by your friend?

1794. Rajesh is a sincere and punctual driver working in your department as a driver for the office vehicle. Rajesh's main work was in the morning and evening and generally, he used to be free during the office working hours when it is expected that the office vehicle is parked in the office premises and Rajesh should be ready at any point in time.

One day you were on leave from the office for your medical check-ups. While you were leaving the hospital, you noticed the office vehicle parked near the hospital during office hours. After a primary enquiry about the vehicle on the next day, you came to know that Rajesh's old, aged mother is on a deathbed and Rajesh keeps visiting her taking the office vehicle with him. What course of action will you follow to deal with this situation, given that you are the head of the department?

1795. You are a student of a reputed medical college. The board of directors of the college consists of many powerful people including many businessmen, politicians among others. For some time, there have been few incidences of suicides of undergraduate students in your college. There is some news in the media claiming that these suicides are because of the ragging on the campus of the college. But college authorities have denied the allegation of ragging incidences on the campus time and again. You, being a student of the college, are aware of the fact that ragging is quite rampant on the college campus and even faculty is silent on the issue. All students, faculty etc are afraid that disclosing the reality to media or police might cause harm to their career.

- (a) What are the options available to you in such a scenario?
- (b) Which option among the above, will you opt for? Justify.
- (c) If you are facing ragging, how will you deal with it?

1796. In recent times there are many incidents wherein some celebrities are promoting certain food items or some cosmetics or some sin goods like liquor, cigars, gutkha etc. Do you think that celebrities should consider their social responsibility while accepting promotional advertisements?

1797. Also, for some items, especially in the case of food items, it has been noticed after the chemical tests that the food items contain some undesirable content, harmful to health. In such circumstances do you think that the celebrities promoting the item should also be held responsible? Justify your answer.
1798. You are the CEO of a company that undertakes contracts from the government for the construction of roads and bridges in the country. The quality and the cost of your offer are more competitive than those of the competitors. Yet the concerned officer is demanding a hefty bribe for approving the tender. Getting the contract is important for both the company as well as your career prospects. Faced with such a situation, what would you do? What are the ethical dilemmas involved and how would you resolve them?
1799. You are the chairman of a state public service commission. The commission is scheduled to conduct the civil services mains examination the next month. The commission is plagued with rampant corruption and nepotism. It comes to your notice that the question papers of the exams going to be conducted next month have been secretly leaked to few candidates. Those candidates are all relatives of the members of the commission. On enquiry, you also find out that some of the candidates who didn't clear prelims even for them the admit card for mains have been generated.
- (a) What would be your first course of action in this situation?
- (b) How would you go with the issue further?
- (c) What measures would you adopt to ensure that such situations do not occur in future?
1800. 'Upholding ethics in the armed forces is an absolute requirement if we are to retain the sacred trust of the society and the nobility of the profession of arms. Critically examine. What ethical issues are encountered by the military leadership?
1801. Honesty is the best policy, so goes the adage. What benefits can this policy bring about in business? What is the relationship between Honesty and Leadership? Elucidate with an example.
1802. Do you think there is a relationship between religion and morality? If so, how are they related? Discuss.
1803. "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
- (a) Discuss in the context of the direction society today is moving in.

- (b) Narrate an event from your life where you felt that you have achieved great glory.
1804. Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it.
- (a) While analysing the above-given quote, discuss the methods that you would use for the management of conflict in your capacity as an administrator?
- (b) What is Peace according to you?
1805. (a) What are the important values that must be possessed by civil servants?
- (b) What lessons from Bhagavad Gita should a Civil Servant learn?
1806. (a) 'Judging the morality of human action should not be based upon purpose alone'. Analyse.
- (b) What is Sevottam model? Discuss its role in ensuring citizen-centric governance.
1807. (a) Many people today see media as more unethical than ever before because of their biased coverage of news, one-sided presentations, and attack on characters. In this context analyse the role of ethics in media.
- (b) 'Secrecy in governmental affairs is an essential prerequisite of self-governance.' Do you agree? Establish the relationship between secrecy, transparency, and national security.
1808. A very renowned corporate entity in India was in news for bad reasons. The corporate house that the entity was running had managed some letters of undertakings 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 Undertakings. He remains often very busy with the work and signs any file that is cleared by his juniors with a presentation of few minutes. The letter of undertakings to the corporate entity was given on some relaxed terms and conditions so that the bank can 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 briefed Mr X only on 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 from occurring in the future.
1809. There is a historical city in the Northern Plains of India which is often believed to be Older than history itself. A temple of religious importance is situated in the heart of the city. The city is known for its serpentine lanes, monuments, and temples. Local people of the city have preserved the heritage of these lanes and structures even in the face of invasions. They have crafted a way of life that is very much dependent on the lanes, temples and the river that flows through it. The city attracts tremendous tourist footfall from within the country and abroad. The administration often finds it difficult to manage the crowd. The executive head of the country and the state are in favour of demolishing the lanes and old structures to give tourism a boost. They also want to join a major temple with the river by demolishing the structures. Not only the local people but the culture too would be affected by this decision. You are posted as the District Magistrate who is given the responsibility to present a report of the project. Your report could influence the decision of the executive heads which may change depending upon the findings of the report.
- (a) What major factors will you take into consideration while preparing the report?
- (b) What are the ethical values involved?
- (c) What resource dilemma do you see in the case? What is your opinion about the ethical ownership of tangible and intangible resources?
1810. Mr X is a project coordinator in a reputed organization. He carries an image of a dedicated and hardworking professional. He is very strict about the deadlines and the quality of work done by others in his team. While he makes lofty statements about his vision to take the organization to greater heights, he puts in little or no effort to execute them. He only passes orders and delegates every work assigned to him to his subordinates. You have recently joined the same organization. You oversee another project. You notice that all the team members working in his team are at displeasure due to his arrogant and bossy attitude. You do not like this kind of organizational setup.
- (a) What are the options available to you?
- (b) Analyse the merits and demerits of each option.
- (c) What would you do in that situation and why?

1811. You are an IAS officer posted in the Police division of the Ministry of Home Affairs. A notice for the suspension of an IPS officer serving as the Commandant of a Police Training School comes to you. The charges levelled against him are a violation of Service Conduct Rules due to an alleged extramarital relationship. The suspension notice further mentioned that the official violated the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968. However, the Service Conduct Rules does not explicitly mention extramarital relationship as an offence.

It also comes to your notice that the accused was earlier associated with the Anti-corruption bureau of the state he is posted in and had opened several files of corruption cases against sitting MLAs. You sense that there is a dubious motive involved in the termination orders.

- (a) What would you do in this case?
- (b) What are the ethical issues involved?
- (c) Do you believe that extramarital affairs should be made a ground for termination of service? Why or why not?

1812. You along with a few of your friends have formed a political party. You entered politics with the agenda of cleansing the political system of its many ugly developments like the use of money and muscle power. You promised to the public that your party would function transparently and allocate party tickets based on merit only. However, after few months of formation, the promises made were forgotten. At the time of elections, tickets were allocated based on caste, religion and to those having serious criminal charges against them. It comes to your notice that the party chief also seeks money from the candidates in lieu of allotment of party tickets. You are a man of integrity. You are saddened by these developments in your party. You approach the party chief and speak to him regarding it. The party chief does not show much interest in the concerns raised by you. He defends his move saying that without money elections cannot be won and for the allocation of party tickets winnability should be the only criteria. He goes on to say that people with some criminal background have higher chances of winning. He tries to convince you that only if our party wins, we can bring about a change in governance. But to bring about this change fielding those candidates in the first place with a higher probability of winning is the prerequisite.

- (a) Do you agree with your party chief's views?
- (b) What are the issues involved?

- (c) What would be your response?
1813. "To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest"- Mahatma Gandhi. Discuss in the light of the conduct of political parties in India.
1814. To expect from the government and to criticise the administration has become the trend of the day but how many of us are ready to take the responsibility that it is 'we' and not 'them'. Comment.
1815. The philosophy of "Integral Humanism" propounded by Deendayal Upadhyay puts 'dharma' as the basic objective of humankind and society. Elaborate.
1816. 'Code of Ethics' as discussed in modern times is just a ceremonial feature that can never be a reality. Comment
1817. Why is there a need for a Code of Ethics for civil services in India? Draw a model Code of Ethics for Civil services.
1818. Who according to you are the stakeholders in the moral education of children? Highlight the role of government in this regard.
1819. In recent times Responsibility to Protect (R2P) provision has been used by some nations to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries. Examine the ethical issues involved in this and its relevance in the present world order transforming from a uni-polar to a multi-polar order.
1820. Differentiate between sympathy, empathy, and compassion with the help of examples. Which is most important and why?
1821. Discussions about Ethical Governance shall only be limited to intellectual debates till the time we all are not prepared for the institutionalisation of values that can provide for the necessary platform. Give your opinion and make suggestions regarding the same.
1822. A man beat up a boy who stole a loaf of bread to feed himself. Whose action is more unethical and why?
1823. Ethical values are universal. Critically comment.
1824. Code of Conduct for public officials needs to be reworded to suit the dimensions of governance like transparency and accountability. Comment in the light of suitable examples.
1825. What is the role of ethics in good governance?
1826. Not providing information under the RTI Act is not only illegal but also unethical. Critically comment.
1827. Looking from the prism of morality, even Judicial decisions can be termed unethical. Elucidate.

1828. Discuss the values given by Nolan and their importance in civil services.
1829. What do we learn from philosophers – Socrates and Aristotle? Discuss the application of their teachings in real life.
1830. Present an account of moral thinkers that have influenced modern administration.
1831. How have the forces of consumerism affected the Indian mindset? Elucidate your answer with a case study of media.
1832. What are ethical conflicts in public service? Identify a case study that requires situational attendance to ethics.
1833. "So long as millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who while educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to man", examine the context of the statement.
1834. What are the barriers to social justice? Elucidate your answer with a case study.
1835. Reservation implies inherent inequality; elaborate.
1836. Identify the dimensions of ethics that touch upon the civil servants in India. How does ethical commitment shield against political interference?
1837. Illustrate category-specific bioethical issues in reproductive cloning, genesis, and stem cells research.
1838. Moral ethical code is hard to define, yet it is very significant to delineate. How can this dichotomy be attended? Give your answer based on a case study of All India Services.
1839. Discuss the converging goals of corporate & public governance.
1840. Common good for the larger masses cannot undermine the significance of underprivileged minorities. To what extent you can allow the bigger goal preponderance. Discuss your answer in the backdrop of a recent case study.
1841. Conscience is the only perennial compass of ethical guidance. What role do you see for the family, state & society to instil it amongst the children?
1842. Indian democracy has a serious deficit of leaders. Distinguish the main features of first-generation political leaders & contemporary representatives.
1843. How can social influence and persuasion be used to reduce the incidence of dowry in India?
1844. Is prostitution unethical? Comment in the light of societal response towards prostitution.
1845. Should prostitution be legalized? Analyse the policy response to prostitution from an ethical perspective.

1846. What are the ethical issues involved in the proliferation of nuclear weapons?
1847. In the light of international ethics, discuss why India should be given a permanent seat in the UNSC.
1848. Devolution of power to the masses may erode accountability. How to overcome this dichotomy?
1849. Moral decadence at the top is more dangerous. Do you agree? Give logic for your stand.
1850. Ethics is the most pervasive social trait. What are its dimensions in everyday life?
1851. The tribal population living in the border areas of the country has many complex ethical & strategic issues. What would be your plan of operation for attending to the complexity?
1852. Able administrators have left an indelible mark, wherever they have gone. Narrate a case of such an administrator who has marked towards rural transformation.
1853. Discuss the role of great thinkers in shaping the ethical conduct of a nation and society.
1854. What is the role of emotional intelligence in the grass-root implementation of developmental programmes?
1855. It is not just about the delivery of service but the quality which reflects the intent of the Government servants towards public service. Analyse.
1856. How does the concept of public service vary in a developed and developing country? Is public service an element of public sector policy?
1857. What do you understand by probity in Governance? Give cases.
1858. Sexual harassment stems from the lessons learnt during childhood. In this context, discuss the role of school and family members in tackling the same.
1859. "Machinery of Governance is rusted in India". Can probity, ethics, and integrity grease the system or corruption is the only means. Comment.
1860. As a DM of a district what measures will you take to fillip human development?
1861. To deal with a particular grievance, the concerned official must be able to relate to the issue but not flow with the emotion. Elucidate.
1862. Terrorism is anti-humanity. Discuss the ethical issues involved in countries making a distinction between good terrorists and bad terrorists.

1863. How relevant is Gandhian ideology in the present age? How can it be used in administration? Illustrate with examples.
1864. Not only big pocket corruption, even we carry out unethical practices in our daily lives. Elucidate.
1865. How does personal conduct affect public conduct? Elucidate your answer with a case study.
1866. Indian democracy is a victim of moral erosion. How far is it rooted in dynastic democracy?
1867. What are the ethical concerns of defence research? Identify the global views on the issues.
1868. 'In contemporary times administrators need more EQ than IQ'. Substantiate.
1869. What are the reasons for the Indian bureaucracy's failure to respond to the rising aspirations of the national government in the context of its age-old habits - routine administration, delay in taking decisions and a reluctance to engage in experiments?
1870. "The bureaucracy, which performs the government's actual work, is responsible for providing policy and decision-making feedback to representatives and citizens". Explain.
1871. 'Corruption is a moral problem'; analyse the statement with a case study and comment on the efficacy of legal solutions to counter the problem.
1872. Quality of Public service delivery could be improved by simplifying office procedures and improving on office management'; analyse the statement in light of the Lakhina Experiment.
1873. 'Governance is a method to solve collective problems, Government is just a tool'; elaborate with illustrations.
1874. In Vitro fertilization brings hope and life to those families who have run out of the natural conception option. However, it has many ethical and moral issues associated with it. What are the various ethical issues involved?
1875. 'Corruption is a problem of faulty morality, legal solutions for it are bound to fail'; critically analyse.
1876. Is honesty riskier than corruption in some cases? What measures exist to protect honest officers in the current system of governance?
1877. Explain the term "professional competence". Which one do you prefer, a person with low knowledge and high integrity or a person with high knowledge and low integrity? Give reasons.
1878. "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, but knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful." What

- do you understand by this statement? Explain your stand with examples in the modern context.
1879. Socialisation at a young age plays a great role in building our worldview. It may sometimes lead to developing prejudices with respect to people belonging to other communities, race, creed, and ethnicity. Discuss the causes and consequences of prejudice. Analyse how education can help break prejudices.
1880. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Do you agree with it? Discuss with the relevant examples.
1881. What are the factors that influence the formation of one's attitude? Does attitude determine the behaviour of people?
1882. Discuss important moral attitudes and their impact on civil servants so that they can become more efficient.
1883. Distinguish between honesty and integrity. What do you think is more important? Discuss any case where there is a conflict between the two.
1884. Globalization has changed the ethical systems of countries around the world. On the one hand, it has opened the borders but strangely, it has made people more conservative too. How do you explain this paradox?
1885. Differentiate between the following:
- (a) Ethical Relativism and Ethical Absolutism.
 - (b) Attitude and Aptitude.
 - (c) Accountability and Responsibility.
 - (d) Intelligence Quotient (IQ) and Emotional Quotient (EQ)
1886. Discuss the impact of family and peer groups in inculcating values in an individual.
1887. What traits reflect strong Emotional Intelligence in an individual? Do you think that more than anything else, civil servants are expected to have the emotional intelligence to be successful in their profession? Substantiate with relevant examples.
1888. What do you mean by political attitude? Analyse the significance of political attitude in a democracy.
1889. Some celebrities advertise products like- alcoholic beverages, tobacco etc. while others refuse to do so citing moral responsibility towards society. Critically analyse the responsibility of celebrities to present themselves as role models before society.

1890. Differentiate between 'code of conduct' and 'code of ethics'. Why do we need a 'code of ethics' when we have a 'code of conduct'? Comment.
1891. "Codes of conduct for civil servants which largely consist of prohibitions on undesirable actions represent a low road to ethics." Give your views. In this context, also discuss the principal ethical norms which should guide public life.
1892. The success of the Citizen Charter depends on attitudinal reforms in the functioning of public services, emotional intelligence and work culture being few of them. Do you agree? Substantiate your arguments.
1893. Some scholars say that people can defy laws under certain circumstances. Do you agree with this view?
1894. Should civil servants defy rules, regulations, and laws under special circumstances? In which circumstances can it be allowed? Use examples to support your arguments.
1895. What is the difference between rules, regulations, and laws?
1896. What do you understand by an ethical dilemma? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.
1897. Discretionary powers without proper accountability are the root cause of corruption in public life. Explain.
1898. Public administration is no longer concerned with just implementation and monitoring of government policies, post-liberalisation their role has substantially changed. Discuss.
1899. Analyse the ethical dilemmas faced by public administrators in the modern era of governance.
1900. Explain how probity in public life is an important footstep in building the character of a nation and its citizens. What according to you constitutes standards of probity in public life?
1901. 'The purpose of a government is to make it easy for people to do good and difficult to do evil.' Discuss the above statement in the context of good governance with relevant examples.
1902. Do you think that the breakdown of the joint family system in materialistic societies is the reason behind the decline in values among individuals? If yes, give reasons.
1903. "I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies, for the hardest victory is over self." What the given quote means to you in the present context.
1904. "I slept and dreamt that life was a joy. I woke and saw that life was service. I acted and beheld; service was a joy." What the given quote means to you in the present context.

1905. For the given quote, bring out what it means to you in the present context: "Do unto others as you would have been them unto you".
1906. For the given quote, bring out what it means to you in the present context: "What we want is head and heart combined.... I would a hundred times rather have a little heart and no brain than be all brains and no heart."
1907. What is the importance of Conscience for a civil servant? Highlight its importance especially when it comes in conflict with the law.
1908. What constitutes good corporate governance? In the light of recent issues in many corporate houses, elucidate initiatives taken by the government to improve corporate governance in India.
1909. Public administration by its very nature is designed to serve the 'public', bureaucrats are expected to be guided by laws and rules; in such a situation analyse the role of empathy, compassion, and conscience as a source of ethical guidance.
1910. "To be moral is to live in accordance with the moral traditions of one's country." Do you agree with this? Discuss with the relevant examples.
1911. Critically analyse the ethical issues in 'armed humanitarian intervention' in international relations. Can nations, acting through the UN Security Council, fulfil the "responsibility to protect" innocent civilians?
1912. Misuse of power by public servants has resulted, in general, in the public losing confidence in the functioning of the bureaucracy. Discuss measures to check misuse of power by bureaucracy and ensuring their accountability to people for their performance.

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