

What You Should Know - WYSK

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▼ **WYSK - Topic 1 — Art & Culture: Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.**

1. Why did ancient civilizations flourish at the banks of rivers?
2. Why Bronze age came before the Iron age?
3. Despite iron, weapons were of inferior quality. Still Iron age replaced the Bronze age. Why?
4. Why IVC was considered Urban whereas Vedic civilization was considered a rural settlement?
5. What were various Art and craft developed during IVC?
6. How do we know about IVC?
7. What are various theories associated with the decline of IVC?
8. How IVC was different from Vedic civilization?
9. How Early Vedic civilization was different from Later Vedic Civilization?
10. Why area around Magadh (Modern day Bihar) became the cradle of the Great Empires?
11. What is shruti literature and how it is different from Smriti Literature?
12. What is the Sangam age and how does the literature of that era help us in understanding the society of south India?
13. What do you understand by Nastic and Astik school of Indian philosophy?
14. What factors led to the rise of Buddhism and Jainism during the 6th century BC in India.
15. What factors led to the decline of Buddhism and Jainism in India?
16. What is the contribution of Mauryas to Indian art and culture?
17. What is the contribution of Kushanas to Indian art and culture?
18. What is the contribution of Guptas to Indian art and culture?
19. What is the contribution of Cholas to Indian art and culture?
20. What is the contribution of Pallavas to Indian art and culture?
21. What is the contribution of the Vijayanagar Empire to Indian art and culture?
22. What is the contribution of Chalukyas and Rastrakutas in Indian art and Culture?
23. What are Mahanaya, Hinayana and Vajrayanas sect of Buddhism.
24. how Digambar and Swetambar sects of Jainism are similar and still distinct in essence.
25. How Gandhara, Mathura and Amravati school of Buddhism were different from each other?
26. How Ellora, Elephanta and Ajanta caves were different from each other?
27. Why Buddhism became more famous than Jainism in Ancient India?
28. What factors were responsible for spread of Buddhism in different parts of the world during Ancient India?
29. How core ideas of Buddhism are different from Jainism?
30. What was impact of Buddhism and Jainism on ancient and present Indian Society?
31. What was contribution of Alwar and Naynar saints in resurrection of Hinduism during 6th Century AD.
32. What was impact of Sufism on socio-cultural aspect of Indian Society?
33. What was impact of Bhakti movement on socio-cultural aspect of Indian Society?
34. What was contribution of Shankardeva in spread of Vaishnavism in North-East India?
35. What was contribution of Shankaracharya in revival of Hinduism in India?
36. What is Mural and miniature painting?
37. What is role of Prehistoric rock paintings in reconstruction of ancient Human civilization?

38. How Mughal and Rajput school of miniature painting are different from each other.
39. What is contribution of Pala dynasty in Indian Art and Culture?
40. What is contribution of Bombay and Bengal school of Indian Painting.
41. What were new features added to Indian painting and Architectural styles by British?
42. what are different kinds of Musical instruments?
43. How Carnatic music is different from Hindustani music?
44. What are various subtypes of Hindustani music?
45. What is intangible cultural heritage and mention various ICH of India.
46. What are different Puppet forms prevalent in India?
47. What are various classical dance forms of India?
48. Compare and contrast Nagara, Dravida and Vesara style of temple architecture.
49. What are salient features of Vijaynagar temple architecture.
50. What are stupas and what is its religious significance?
51. What were unique elements added by Mughal architecture in India?
52. What are salient features of Chola Natraja?
53. What is the role of documents left by foreign travelers in reconstruction of India's past?
54. What was the contribution of Delhi Sultanate in India's Art and Architecture?
55. What was the contribution of Charles Correa and Lauri Baker in Indian Architectural style?
56. What was the significance of Bombay school of art in Indian Painting?
57. What do you understand by Pahari school of painting?
58. What was the contribution of Bengal school of painting in Indian Nationalism?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 2 — Modern History: Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, and issues. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.**

1. What factors contributed to the British success in the Carnatic Wars?
2. Elaborate how Bengal played a decisive role in the rise of British power in India.
3. To what extent do you agree that Battle of Plassey led India into a modern age?
4. Discuss the causes that led to the 'economic drain' in Bengal following the Battle of Plassey.
5. Do you agree that Battle of Buxar was more important for British than the Battle of Plassey? Justify
6. Why was Mysore considered a threat by the British to their possessions and mercantile interests in the south?
7. How did internal quarrels, lack of strategy and poor diplomacy by Marathas gave British the control of almost all the country?
8. what were causes that led to the annexation of Punjab by the British.
9. what was the British policy towards Indian States between 1818-1858.
10. what was the British policy of 'Subordinate union' of Indian States with British India from 1858 to 1905.
11. How far did Subsidiary Alliance system contribute in making the British Company the supreme sovereign authority in India?
12. What was the system of Dual Government introduced in Bengal by Robert Clive?
13. How did The Regulating Act (1773), the Pitt's India Act (1784) and eventually the Charter Act of 1833 led to a decreased in the political and economical power of East India Company?
14. Briefly explain : The Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari Settlement and Mahalwari Settlement.
15. Do you think Bengal's Permanent land settlement led to Absentee landlordism? Justify
16. What do you mean by commercialization of Indian Agriculture? What were its consequences?

17. how British industrial policy in the nineteenth century ruined the Indian handicrafts.
18. what do you understand by the term 'de-industrialization' in India during the nineteenth century.
19. what was the Drain Theory of Dadabhai Nauroji. Assess its impact in the growth of economic nationalism.
20. How did the British railway construction policy in India benefited British economy in the nineteenth century?
21. what were the the factors responsible for the recurrence of famines in the nineteenth century. What remedial measures were adopted by the British Indian Government?
22. how the educational policy of the English East India Company served the imperial interests of Great Britain.
23. What was the Anglicist-Orientalist controversy about? How was it resolved?
24. What role Vernacular press played to bring awareness about social issues in nineteenth century India?
25. how Growth of vernacular literature in the 19th and the 20th centuries paved the way for social reform and cultural revival in India. Analyze
26. what was the impact of Christian Missionary from 1813 onwards.
27. The Charter Act of 1813 was an important benchmark in the push towards westernisation of India. Comment
28. what were the major roles played by Ram Mohan Roy in bringing the Indian renaissance.
29. what was the Young Bengal Movement.
30. To what extent British were responsible for the emergence of socio-religious reform movements in India?
31. What was the impact of religious reform movements of the 19th century in Indian society?
32. what was the the role played by Raja Rammohan Roy and his Brahma Samaj in bringing about religious reforms.
33. how Prarthana Samaj worked as an institution for religious as well as social reform?
34. what was the ideology of the Arya Samaj and how it contributed to social and religious reforms.
35. How was Theosophical Society instrumental in promoting ancient Indian religions.
36. what was the contribution of the Aligarh Movement towards cultural and educational reforms amongst the Muslims.
37. the origins and character of major peasant and tribal uprisings in the late 18th and 19th centuries.
38. How was the nature of peasant and tribal revolts different from the one led by new emerging urban middle class?
39. Provide a brief description about: a) Deccan Uprising of 1875 b) Moplah revolt c) Indigo Revolt of 1859-60
40. what was the nature of the Revolt of 1857. How did it affect the British policy in India after 1858?
41. what was the nature of peasant movements during the nationalist phase.
42. what the nature of peasant movements under the Kisan Sabhas during 1920-1940.
43. what were the economic and social factors which led to the rise of Indian nationalism in the second half of the nineteenth century
44. what was the Ilbert Bill controversy.
45. how the local self-government in Indian in the nineteenth century evolved.
46. To what extent was the emergence of the Congress in 1885 the culmination of a process of political awakening that had its beginning in the 1870s?
47. what was the the 'Safety Valve Theory' related with the formation of Congress.
48. what were the the major role played by Moderates. What were the drawbacks of their policies?
49. what was the the nature of Anti-Partition Agitation of 1905.
50. How atmashakti (self-reliance) was a moving force behind the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal?
51. what were the major trends of the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal.
52. how the Extemist impacted Indian National Movement.
53. The Surat split was a victory of the British policy of Divide and Rule. Comment
54. What were the major objectives of the Home Rule League movement?
55. How was the Gandhian nationalism different from earlier forms of nationalism shown in India?

56. To what extent the conditions created by the World War 1 responsible for Gandhi's rise as a mass leader?
57. Provide a brief description about : a) Champaran Satyagrah b) Ahmedabad Mill Strike c) Kheda Satyagraha
58. Provide a brief description about : a) Rowlatt Satyagraha b) Jallianwala Bagh incident c) Khilafat movement
59. what was the nature of Non-Cooperation Movement as propounded by Mahatama Gandhi.
60. how Mahatma Gandhi was a mixture of Western and Indian Philosophy?
61. what was the the role played by the Swarajistis within the Indian National Congress.
62. How was the Nehru Report an important milestone in India's struggle towards freedom?
63. what was the nature of Civil Disobedience Movement.
64. How was Civil Disobedience Movement different from Non-Cooperation Movement.
65. what was the importance of Lahore and Karachi session in India's National Movement.
66. what were the Round Table Conferences and its significance.
67. what was the impact of formation of Congress ministries in 1937
68. why Cripps Mission India is called a post-dated cheque?
69. was Quit India Movement a 'Spontaneous Revolution'?
70. how the role of women in Quit India Movement impacted Indian freedom struggle.
71. what were different parallel governments and their works during Quit India Movement.
72. what were: a) Wavell Plan b) Cabinet Mission Plan c) Plan Balkan d) Mountbatten Plan
73. why Congress accepted the partition of India in 1947
74. Why did the British finally quit India on 15th August 1947?
75. what were the causes of the rise and progress of revolutionary movements in India from 1905 to 1931.
76. what was Gadhan movement and its significance?
77. what were the factors which contributed to rise and growth of leftism in the Congress movement. What impact did it have on contemporary Indian politics?
78. what was status of freedom struggle in Princely states?
79. Briefly explain: a) Royal Indian Navy (RIN) Revolt b) INA Trials
80. Compare and contrast the ideologies of Mahatama Gandhi and a) Rabindranath Tagore b) BR Ambedkar c) Subhash Chandra Bose d) Jawaharlal Nehru
81. What administrative changes were seen in India after the passage of Government of India act of 1858?
82. What were the significant changes introduced by Indian Council Act of 1861 and 1892?
83. Explain the attitude of the Indian National Congress towards the constitutional changes of 1909.
84. "Montague-Chelmsford reform introduced 'dyarchy', but blurred the lines of responsibility." Examine.
85. Why was an all India Federation as proposed under The Government of India Act, 1935 was objected by all parties?
86. what were major recommendations of Simon commission.
87. what was mountbatten Plan?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 3 — Post-Independence: Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.**

1. Why Jawaharlal Nehru is considered as architect of India's policy of non-alignment.
2. What was the role of Sardar Patel in the assimilation of independent principalities with India?
3. What was 'Instrument of Accession' and 'Standstill Agreement' signed by the Princely States with the Indian Union.
4. How did the assimilation of principalities of Junagarh, Hyderabad and Kashmir took place?
5. how linguistic reorganisation of States took place post- independence.

6. What were the challenges of deciding National Language after independence.
7. What was Hindu code bill and how it impacted Indian society and polity?
8. How approach of Patel was different from Nehru WRT reorganization of states.
9. What was the Panchsheel policy of Jawaharlal Nehru?
10. how struggle for independence determined the future path which India took for industrial and social revolution.
11. What was the policy followed by Nehru with respect to the integration of the Tribals with mainstream society of India.
12. What were various Dalit Movements in India after independence.
13. What were the land reforms in India between 1947 and early 1960's.
14. What was Nehru's concept of 'temple of Modern India'?
15. Operation flood is considered as a landmark in the story of cooperative movements in India. How did Operation Flood originate? What was its effect on the Indian society?
16. Provide a brief description about the "Bhoodaan Movement".
17. what are various environmental movements in independent India and its significance.
18. what are various farmers movements in independent India and its significance.
19. what are various women movements in independent India and its significance.
20. The land reform efforts in post-independence India aimed at restructuring agrarian relations within a democratic setup. Elucidate
21. What are the challenges W.R.T formation of smaller states.
22. What were the recommendation of Dhar and JVP committee regarding formation of new states.
23. What was Anandpur Sahib resolution?
24. What were major bone of contention which culminated into Indo-China war in 1962?
25. Write a critical note on the evolution and significance of the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan".
26. What were the contributing factors for 1991 economic crisis?
27. what were limitation of land reforms post-Independence?
28. What were the significance student movements post-independence.
29. What were various Dalit movements post-independence
30. what were immediate challenges before India soon after Independence
31. why did India choose Mixed economy post-independence
32. what were the causes of Emergency?
33. What was Shimla agreement and what were its various provisions?
34. What was Tashkent agreement and what were its provisions?
35. what were the reason for creation of Bangladesh as a sovereign nation and what was the role of India in this regard.
36. what were the causes which led to imposition of emergency in India and what was its long term impact on Indian democracy.
37. what was operation Cactus and its impact on India's foreign policy.
38. why India launched Operation Pawan and what were its implications on India's bilateral relation with Srilanka
39. how Goa was integrated to India.
40. how Sikkim was integrated to India
41. what is New Farmer Movements and how it is different from its previous version.
42. What is Naxalism and what is its genesis?
43. explain the rise of Naga insurgency and role played by successive Government in handling this issue.
44. explain the rise of Mizo insurgency and role played by successive Government in handling this issue.

45. what was Operation Smiling Buddha and why India executed it against all odds.
46. what is son of soil doctrine and assess its positive and negative implication on Indian polity.
47. What was the contribution of Lal Bahadur shastri towards India's socio-Economic and political development.
48. What was operation flood and what role it played in Indian economy?
49. What do you understand by 'Sampoorna Kranti' of J.P Narayan?
50. How J.P Movement impacted Indian Polity?
51. What is the significance of the slogan 'Jai javan Jai kisan'?
52. What was operation blue star?
53. What was the positive and negative impact of Bank Nationalization?
54. How integration of N-E was different from other states of India?
55. What were three major challenges before India immediately after Independence?
56. What were the impact of LPG reforms on Indian social and economic dynamics?
57. What was Dravida movement?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 4 — World History: History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as the industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.**

1. How intellectual revolution in west created foundation for Industrial revolution.
2. What is difference between imperialism and colonialism?
3. How communism is different from socialism?
4. How socialism is different from Capitalism.?
5. How Mercantilism contributed in growth of colonialism?
6. What is neo colonialism and neo-imperialism?
7. Why Asian and African Countries were easy target for Colonialism?
8. Is colonialism dead in present context?
9. how colonial past still marring the Global Politics and creating instability across world?
10. How American colony of British was different from their colonies elsewhere in the world?
11. What were Politico-Economic reasons for American revolution?
12. What was Boston tea party incidence and what were its ramification on American Revolution?
13. What was the role of intellectuals over American revolution?
14. What Political values originated from AR.
15. What were Political, Economic and Social impact of AR?
16. How AR inspired Indian Freedom Struggle?
17. What do you understand by 'Bill of Rights'?
18. What were the reasons behind the American Civil War? What was the aftermath of the American Civil War?
19. What do you understand by Feudalism? How was the end of feudalism responsible for ushering the world into the modern age?
20. In what ways did the Renaissance impact the World? What were the limitations of the same?
21. How did Renaissance and Enlightenment act as an agent of change in Europe?
22. What were the reasons for the colonization of America?
23. What were the factors that led to growth of American nationalism during the 1760's?
24. Why the sentiments against the British were stronger than against the French in the American colonies during pre-war decade from 1765 to 1775?

25. How far do you agree that American Revolution was essentially an economic conflict between American capitalism and British mercantalism?
26. What were the causes and consequences of the Boston Tea Party.
27. What were the causes of the American Revolution? What was the aftermath of the American Revolution?
28. What was the nature and significance of the slogan 'No Taxation without Representation' and 'Virtual Representation' during the American Revolution?
29. What was the impact of the American Revolution on Europe and its colonies?
30. What do you understand by 'Bill of Rights'?
31. What revolutionary ideas were contained in the American Constitution?
32. What were the reasons behind the American Civil War? What was the aftermath of the American Civil War? Also, discuss the role played by Abraham Lincoln in the abolition of slavery.
33. How far do you believe American Revolution, from which little was expected, produced much; but the French Revolution, from which much was expected, produced little?
34. What were the various causes of the French Revolution? Discuss the impact that this revolution had on Europe.
35. What was the role of intellectuals in outbreak of the French Revolution?
36. What was the role of American Revolution in the outbreak of the French Revolution?
37. How far do you think the ideals of Enlightenment were reflected in the French Revolution?
38. What do you understand by the 'reign of terror' during the French Revolution? In what ways did it defeat the ideals of 1789 revolution?
39. What was the role of Robespierre in the French Revolution?
40. What was the 'Rule of Directory' during the French Revolution? What were its shortcomings?
41. How does legacy of the French Revolution continue to impact the present world?
42. What new political movements emerged in Europe after the French Revolution?
43. Why is Napoleon called as an 'Enlightened Despot'?
44. Why is Napoleon said to be 'Child of Revolution'?
45. How did Napoleon use ideals of French Revolution to restore monarchy in France?
46. What was the contribution made by Napoleon to Europe and the world?
47. What do you understand by 'Continental Sytem' of Napoleon? What were its effects?
48. how Ascendency of Napoleon as a result of French Revolution was a watershed movement in history of Europe. Discuss.
49. what was the nature and significance of Napoleonic Wars.
50. What were the major reasons for fall of Napoleon?
51. what is the significance of defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo.
52. What is the Significance of Congress of Vienna(1813)? What were its limitations?
53. What do you understand by 'Balance of Power' in context of Congress of Vienna (1813)?
54. Compare and contrast the American Revolution and French Revolution.
55. How were the foundations of the modern world laid by the American and French Revolutions?
56. What was the impact of Frech Revolution on France and the world? How did it inspire revolutions In Latin America?
57. What do you understand by Nationalism? What the positive and negative effects of the same?
58. what were responsible for the rising of the 'Nation-State System' in Europe?
59. how unification of Italy and Germany can be attributed to Napoleonic rule. Discuss.
60. what was the role of Otto Von Bismarck in Germany's unification.
61. How was the formation of nation-state in Britain unlike the rest of Europe?

62. What was the Young Italy movement started by Guiseppe Mazzini? How did the movement contribute to the process of unification of Italy?
63. what was the role of Cavour and Garibaldi in Italian Unification.
64. How did the Russo-Japanese War(1904-05) result in rise of Japan as a great power? How did it impact the Asian and European politics?
65. What was the Berlin Conference? What were the outcomes of the conference?
66. What was the Metternich system? Discuss its role in ensuring peace in Europe in the 1800s.
67. What were causes of the Balkan Wars? What were the major consequences of the Balkan Wars?
68. what were opium wars.
69. how Paris commune impacted the emergence of Internationalism in European countries?
70. What do you understand by the Meiji restoration? What impact did it have on Japan and the world?
71. What do you understand by 'Industrial Revolution'? What were the important Economic, Social and Political changes brought on by the Industrial Revolution?
72. How Agriculture revolution sowed the seed for the Industrial Revolution?
73. How did the Industrial Revolution change the means of production and production relations?
74. Why did the Industrial Revolution first occur in Britain? How did the process of Industrialisation in Japan and Russia Nations differ from that in England?
75. How did Industrial revolution sow the seeds of imperialism and colonialism?
76. How did Industrial Revolution give rise to Capitalism and Socialism?
77. What was the effect of Industrial Revolution on India?
78. How were the conditions and processes of Industrial Revolution of Japan different from those in Western Countries?
79. What was the Chartist movement? What were the consequences and significance of Chartism in gaining political rights and influence for the working class?
80. What is socialism? What factors were responsible for the rise of Socialism in 19th Century?
81. What is State Socialism? What are its limitations?
82. what were the limitations of utopian socialism. How was socialism redefined by Marx?
83. How did the early socialists differ from later socialist?
84. Write a short note on ideologies of Marxism, Leninism and Maoism? What are the limitations of Marxism, Leninism and Maoism?
85. What is Capitalism? What are the essential features of Capitalism? What are the major defects in the system?
86. Write a short note on the following:
87. Classless Society
88. Communist Manifesto
89. How was the Second international different from the First international?
90. What do you understand by Socialism? On What grounds Socialism has been criticised?
91. Discuss the role of Karl Marx in strengthening Labor movements worldwide. What are the major criticisms of his philosophy?
92. What are the major differences between Socialist and Capitalist economic system?
93. What were the reasons for the collapse of communism in the Eastern Europe in the beginning of 21st Century?
94. What were the long term and immediate causes for the First World War?
95. What was the policy of 'Splendid Isolation'?
96. How far do you agree that Germany was responsible for the First World War?
97. What were the reasons for the USA to join the First World War?

98. Why was Ottoman Empire called 'The Sick Man of Europe'? How was disintegration of Ottoman Empire responsible for First World War? What were the consequences of the War for the Ottoman Empire?
99. What do you understand by 'Trench Warfare' and 'War of attrition'?
100. Write a short note on the Peace settlement of Paris,1919.
101. What were the main provisions of the Treaty of Versailles? How far do you think the provisions of Treaty were responsible for Second World War?
102. How did the peace treaties after First World War change the map of Europe?
103. How was the colonial question dealt with in the Peace treaties?
104. what were Social, Economic and Political impact of the First World War.
105. What were the main causes of the Russian Revolution? Why did the Russia withdraw from the First World War after the October Revolution? What were the consequences of the Withdrawal for the war in general and Russia in particular?
106. how February and October Revolutions were different?
107. What were the reasons for the fall of Romanov dynasty in 1917? Also, discuss the shortcomings of the Provisional government.
108. What were the differences between the Bolsheviks and Mensheviks?
109. what was Bolshevik policy of war communism. How were the Bolshevik policies responsible for the Great Famine of 1921? How did the Bolshevik respond to this catastrophe?
110. How was the New Economic Policy(1921) passed by Lenin a departure from Marxian ideal? Explain the consequences of adopting the New Economic Policy.
111. what were social, economic and political significance of the Russian Revolution.
112. How far do you think the impact of the French Revolution was confined to Europe, but that of the Russian Revolution was global.
113. What were the main features of President Wilson's Fourteen Points? How far were they implemented?
114. What were the main causes behind the 'Great Depression(1929)'? What were its consequences for the USA and the world? Also, Evaluate the efficacy of the "New Deal" in meeting the challenges of the Great Depression of 1929.
115. What was the Warlord era in China? What were the causes and consequences of the same?
116. What was the impact of First World War on the rise of nationalism in the Arab world?
117. what was the role of President Nasser in promoting Arab Nationalism. How far do you think the defeat in six day war lead to undermining the idea of Arab nationalism?
118. What were the causes for the rise of Fascism in Italy? What were the main principles of Fascism? What were the consequences of the rise of Mussolini to power in Italy.
119. What were the main reasons for rise of Nazism in Germany? What were the aims of the Nazi policies? How did Hitler try to achieve those aims?
120. What was the 'Non-aggression pact' signed between Russia and Germany? In the course of the war why did Germany turn against Russia?
121. What were the circumstances that led to the formation of the League of Nations? What were the main reasons behind the failure of the League of Nations?
122. What was the Munich Pact (1938)? Why did the western powers follow a policy of appeasement during the 1930's? What were the effect of the same?
123. The Spanish Civil War was a dress rehearsal for the Second World War. Discuss.
124. What were the major causes for the Second World War? In what ways did the causes for the Second World War differ from the causes for the First World War?
125. What was the role of USA in the Second World War? Why did USA enter the Second World War?
126. What were the important social, political and economic consequences of the end of Second World War?
127. What were the different reasons for the defeat of Germany in the Second World War?
128. Write a short note on the following:

129. Holocaust
130. Nuremberg Trials
131. What were the reasons and consequences of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
132. What is the Marshall Plan? Discuss its role in reconstruction of Europe after the Second World War. How did it contribute to the development of the Cold War?
133. What was the nature and significance of the Warsaw Pact?
134. What circumstances led to the Chinese revolution of 1949 and analyse its significance.
135. What is the difference between Colonialism and Imperialism?
136. How far do you agree that Industrial revolution sowed the seeds of imperialism and colonialism?
137. How far do you think Industrial Revolution in Europe, coupled with rising nationalism, was the primary cause of Imperialism and Colonialism?
138. What do you understand by the term Neo-colonialism? Discuss how some of the newly independent regions of the world still grapple under the influence of it.
139. What were the factors for the collapse of imperialism in the post-Second World War period? What was its significance?
140. What factors, in your opinion, led to the decolonization in Africa and Asia?
141. What were the factors that led to decolonisation post World War II? Compare and contrast the European withdrawal from Africa and Asia.
142. How did the scramble for Africa lead to decolonization?
143. Discuss the reasons for Boer wars and how it affected British prestige.
144. What were the reasons that led to the Boxer Rebellion. What in your opinion was its impact on China?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 5 — Indian Society: Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Role of women and women's organisation, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanisation, their problems and their remedies. Effects of globalisation on Indian society. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.**

1. Write about the salient features of Indian society?
2. Explain about various threats to unity and diversity?
3. What are the various issues of gender equality in India?
4. Throw some light over the issue of equal rights of women in India?
5. What are the various sources of diversity in India?
6. What are the various factors affecting social change in India?
7. Trace the evolution of status of women in India?
8. What are the various constitutional and legal rights of women in India?
9. What are the various government initiatives related to women empowerment?
10. What are the various types of manifest and latent violence against women?
11. Compare the role of women organisations in pre and post independent India?
12. How have international women organisations given impetus to women empowerment in India?
13. What are the various issues faced by women organisations in India?
14. Write in detail about female foeticide, its causes and its impacts?
15. Describe various problems faced by Indian women in 21st century?
16. What are the various impacts of globalisation on women empowerment in India?
17. Examine the reasons for low labour force participation rate (LFPR) of women in India?
18. Write in detail about the reproductive health related issues of women?
19. What are the various factors for change in population?

20. Write short note on IMR,MMR,Neonatal Mortality Rate.
21. Enumerate the causes of skewed sex ration in india?
22. What are the various types of migration? 23.What are the consequences of international migration?
23. What is demographic dividend? How india's demographic dividend is turning into a demographic disaster?
24. Write in short about the ways to tackle dwindling sex ratio in india?
25. What are the varios social factors affecting IMR in india?
26. What are the implications of gender disparity in india?
27. Write in short about the population policy of india?
28. Trace the evolution of demographic transition in india?
29. Write about the phases of population control in india?
30. Why india has limited success on demographic front?
31. What is poverty? Compare its measurement strategy in pre and post independence india?
32. Differentiate between absolute and relative poverty?
33. Write about the various committees on poverty estimation?
34. Analyse poverty as the multidimensional concept?
35. Write a short note on feminisation of poverty?
36. What are the various initiatives to alleviate poverty?
37. Write short note on MGNREGA?
38. What is urbanisation and how it has led to the problem of urban slums?
39. Write about urbanisation as the socio cultural process?
40. What are the various reasons for urban poplulation growth?
41. Write in detail about the smart cities project. How it aims to balance inclusivity and equity?
42. What are the various problems of urbanisation in india?
43. What are the various government policies realated to urbanisation in india?
44. What are the effects of globalisation on indian society?
45. What is communalism and its types?
46. What are the various stages of communalism?
47. Trace the evolution of communalism in india?
48. Write about the interlinkages of globalisation and communalism in india?
49. Write about the various initiatives to tackle communalism in india?
50. What is regionalism?
51. Why the issue of regionalism occurs in india?
52. Trace the evolution of regionalism in india?
53. Why the problem of regionalism still persists in modern india?
54. Write about the various solutions to tackle the issue of regionalism in india.
55. Write short note on secularism.
56. Write a short note about the relationship between the individual, state and religion?
57. Compare indian secularism with western secularism.
58. What are the various types of secularism?
59. Write about the characteristics of indian secularism?
60. Trace the evolution of secularism in india?
61. What are the various challanges to secularism in india?
62. Write about the various steps to promote secularism in india?

63. Write a short note on uniform civil code.
64. Critically examine the need for uniform civil code in india.also mention few cases relating the same.
65. What is social empowerment?
66. What are the various elements of empowerment?
67. Examine the impact of regional political parties in indian politics.
68. Examine the role of caste in indian politics.
69. Write a short note on patriarchy. how does it impact the position of middle class working women in india.

▼ **WYSK - Topic 6 — Physical Geography: Salient features of the world's physical geography.**

1. Write a short note on the origin of the earth.
2. Compare the early and modern theory of origin of earth.
3. Write a short note on formation of stars and planets.
4. Trace the evolution of earth.
5. Write about the layered structure of earth.
6. What are latitudes and longitudes.
7. Write the effects of rotation and revolution of earth.
8. Write about the different types of eclipses.
9. Write a short note on the geological time scale.
10. Write in detail about the interiors of the earth.
11. What are the various sources of information about the interior of the earth.
12. Differentiate crust,mantle & core.
13. What are the major elements of the earth crust.
14. What are the different types of rocks?
15. What are the different types of geomorphic forces?
16. Write a short note on geomorphic process.
17. Compare Orogenic & Epierogenic process.
18. Compare endogenic and exogenic forces.
19. What is weathering,how its diferent from mass movement.
20. Write in detail about the continental drift theory?
21. What are the evidences in support of continental drift theory.
22. Write a short note on sea spreading.
23. Write a short note on conventional current theory.
24. Write a short note on plate tectonic theory.
25. Write in detail about different types of plate boundaries.
26. Write a short note on indian plate
27. Write in detail about various geomorphic agents.
28. What are the various erosional landforms formed because of action of wind.
29. Compare running water and ground water as an agent of geomorphic processes
30. Write about the depositional landforms formed because of the glaciers.
31. Write a short note on plateaus. why are they economically important.
32. Compare chemical and biological agents of weathering.
33. Write about the various layers of atmosphere
34. Write a short note on heat balance of earth

35. Compare conduction, convection and advection.
36. What are the factors that control temperature distribution on earth.
37. What is atmospheric pressure. Compare horizontal and vertical distribution of pressure.
38. What is pressure gradient force?
39. Compare frictional and coriolis force.
40. Write a short note on pressure belts.
41. Compare seasonal and local winds.
42. Compare land and sea breezes.
43. Write in detail about air mass.
44. What is frontogenesis. What are the different types of fronts formed.
45. Compare absolute and relative humidity.
46. What are the different types of clouds
47. What are the different types of rainfall?
48. Compare warm temperate eastern margin climate with cool temperate western margin climate.
49. Compare mediterranean and steppes type climate.
50. Write a short note on hydrological cycle.
51. Write in detail about the major and minor ocean relief features.
52. Account for vertical and horizontal distribution of temperature in oceans.
53. What is salinity. What are the factors affecting salinity.
54. Account for vertical and horizontal distribution of salinity in oceans.
55. What is wave. Write about its characteristics.
56. What are the different types of tides. Write about its importance.
57. What is ocean current. What are its different types and effects.
58. What are the various techniques of water conservation.
59. Write about the different classification of soil.
60. What are the various factors responsible for soil formation.
61. Write about the economic, ecological, cultural significance of forests.
62. Analyse the different types of forests in india
63. Differentiate social and agro forestry.

▼ **WYSK - Topic 7 — Human and Economic Geography: Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).**

1. What are the various factors affecting population distribution.
2. What are the causes of rapid increase in population.
3. What are the determinants of population growth.
4. Compare demographic transition theory with malthusian theory of population growth.
5. Compare the population policies of india and china.
6. Critically analyse the relationship between housing types with climate and building materials.
7. Write a short note on pattern of india's urbanisation.
8. What are the issues of urbanisation in india.
9. Write a short note on rural-urban migration.
10. Write a short note on smart cities and AMRUT initiative.

11. What is the importance of rehabilitation policy.
12. What are the various push and pull factors of migration in india.
13. Compare internal vs external migration.
14. What are the reasons for skewed sex ratio in india.
15. What is land degradation.what are its causes and impacts.
16. Write a short note on sustainable land management.
17. Write in detail about the cropping pattern in india.
18. What are the impact of climate change on agriculture in india.
19. Write a short note on conditions for growth of wheat, rice, maize,tea and coffee.
20. Compare the production pattern of cotton and jute in india.
21. Write in detail about the sugar industry of india.
22. Write about the distribution pattern of iron ore and bauxite industry in india.
23. Coal is anti-thetical to environment but still required for economic development. Analyse the statement in relation with indias SDG.
24. Compare renewable and non renewable sources of energy.
25. Account for world distribution of uranium.
26. Write a short note on hydrogen as a fuel for the future.
27. Write about the distribution pattern of iron and steel industry in india.
28. Write in detail about the distribution and production of cotton textile in india.
29. Write a short note on automobile industry in india.
30. Write in detail about the principal industrial region of the world.
31. Write a short note on zealandia(the 8th continent)
32. Write a short note on miyawaki method.
33. What are dead zones.

▼ **WYSK - Topic 8 — Geophysical Phenomena: Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, tsunamis, Volcanic activity, cyclones etc., geographical features and their location. Changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.**

1. What are earthquakes and its effects.
2. Write about the different types of seismic waves.
3. What is shadow zone.
4. What is volcano and explain its different types.
5. Write a short note on mid oceanic ridge.
6. What are the various intrusive landforms related to volcano.
7. What is gradation,degradation,aggradation.
8. What is diastrophism.
9. Compare tropical and extra-tropical cyclones.
10. What is tsunami and describe its causes.
11. Compare cyclones in Bay of Bengal and Arabian sea.
12. What is draught and explain its causes.
13. What are the various impacts of ice cap melting.
14. What are the causes and factors of deforestation.
15. Write a short note on urban floods.

16. Compare flooding with urban flooding.
17. Write a short note on sea surge.
18. Write in detail about the climate vulnerability map of India.
19. Write a short note on uranium contamination in ground water.
20. Describe WAVES (Wealth accounting and the valuation of ecosystem services)
21. Write a short note on National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project.
22. East African rift system is slowly breaking away with Madagascar, splitting into pieces. Comment
23. Compare shield and composite type volcanoes.
24. Write in detail about the denudation processes
25. Write a short note on Bamboonomics and Arakunomics.

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▼ **WYSK - Topic 1 — Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.**

1. What is the importance of Government of India Act, 1935 in the evolution of Indian Constitution?
2. Why is the Constitution of India called a living document?
3. What are the various sources in the making of the Indian Constitution?
4. What is the significance of Preamble in the constitution?
5. What is the importance of the term “socialism” as mentioned in the preamble?
6. How is Indian secularism different from western interpretation?
7. What is the nature of the State as envisaged in the Preamble?
8. What can France learn from India’s approach to secularism?
9. How does the constitution ensure the ideas of “liberty, equality and fraternity” enshrined in the Preamble?
10. What is the difference between parliamentary form and presidential form of democracy?
11. Why did India choose parliamentary form over presidential form?
12. What is the importance of fundamental rights in Indian democracy?
13. What is the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy?
14. What is the difference between Fundamental rights and DPSPs?
15. What is due process of law? How is it different from procedure established by law?
16. What do you understand by Freedom of speech and expression as provided by the Indian constitution?
17. How does the constitution prohibit discrimination?
18. What is the importance of Article 21 as a fundamental right?
19. What has been the evolution of rights as interpreted under Article 21 by the judiciary?
20. What is the need and importance of emergency provision in the Indian constitution?
21. What is the significance of the 42nd constitutional amendment?
22. What is the significance of the 44th constitutional amendment?
23. What is the ‘basic structure doctrine’?
24. What is the evolution of interpretation of the basic structure doctrine as interpreted by the judiciary?
25. What are the benefits and criticisms associated with the basic structure doctrine?
26. What is the significance of the Kesavananda Bharati case?
27. What is the doctrine of ‘constitutional morality’?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 2 — Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.**

1. What is federalism?
2. What are the basic tenets of Indian federalism?
3. Why Indian federation has “centralizing tendency”?
4. What are the issues and challenges facing Indian federal structure?
5. What has been the impact of the pandemic on Indian federalism?
6. What is the difference between cooperative and competitive federalism?
7. What are the constitutional provisions that undermine the federal structure of Indian constitution?
8. What are the factors that determine centre-state relations in India?
9. What are the recommendations of Sarkaria commission related to centre-state relations?
10. What is the ‘doctrine of harmonious construction’?
11. What is the three-fold distribution of legislation in the Indian Constitution.
12. What do you understand by fiscal federalism?
13. What are the issues with fiscal federalism in India?
14. What are the various institutions and bodies to ensure fiscal federalism in India?
15. How has GST affected the fiscal federalism?
16. What are the issues pertaining to the GST compensation cess?
17. What is the role of inter-state council in harmonising relations between the States of the country.
18. What is the role played by Inter-state Water Dispute Tribunals in resolving water sharing issues between the states?
19. What are the issues pertaining to President’s rule?
20. What is the importance of PRIs?
21. What is the evolution and organization of Panchayati Raj institutions in India?
22. What are the reasons for the ineffectiveness of Panchayati Raj Institutions in India?
23. How has inadequate devolution of functions, functionaries and finances been the biggest challenge for PRIs?
24. What are the issues related to Urban Local Bodies in India?
25. What is the role played by PRI in women empowerment?
26. What are the features and significance of PESA Act,1996?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 3 — Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.**

1. What is the doctrine of ‘separation of power’?
2. How is ‘separation of power’ different from ‘checks and balances’?
3. Why does India not have a strict ‘separation of power’?
4. What is the difference between Indian model of SoP compared to American model?
5. How does the constitution ensure ‘separation of power’?
6. What are the significance of the concurrent list?
7. What are the issues related to the concurrent list?
8. What do you understand by Judicial Activism?
9. What is the difference between judicial activism and judicial overreach?
10. How has judicial activism led to breach of doctrine of separation of power?
11. What are the various dispute redressal mechanisms available within the framework of the constitution?
12. What do you understand by Alternate Dispute Redressal mechanism?

13. What are Tribunals?
14. What are the various issues associated with working of tribunals?
15. What do you understand by 'tribunalization of justice'?
16. What are the issues associated with the phenomenon of tribunalization of justice?
17. What are Administrative tribunals?
18. What are the issues related to the working of Administrative tribunals?
19. What are fast-track courts?
20. What are Lok-Adalats?
21. What are Gram Nyayalayas?
22. What is the role of Lok Adalats and Gram Nyayalayas as avenues of alternate dispute redressal?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 4 — Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.**

1. What are the various sources of Indian constitution?
2. How is Indian constitution sourced from various other constitution yet unique?
3. Compare and contrast the Indian constitution with the American constitution?
4. Compare and contrast the Indian constitution with the constitution of Britain?
5. Compare and contrast the Indian constitution with the French constitution?
6. Compare and contrast the powers of the Indian President with the American president?
7. What are the differences between parliamentary features of India and UK?
8. Compare and contrast the parliamentary features of India and Canada?
9. What is the difference between executive presidency of Sri Lanka compared to India?
10. What is the difference between the impeachment process of Indian President compared to American President?
11. Discuss the differences in the principle of 'parliamentary supremacy' between Britain and India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 5 — Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.**

1. What is the importance of parliament in Indian polity.
2. What are the relative roles of the legislature, executive and judiciary in the functioning of parliamentary system in India?
3. How can the Parliament ensure accountability of the executive?
4. What are the reasons behind decline of parliamentary efficiency?
5. What is the importance of Question hour in effective functioning of the parliament.
6. What are the methods by which the Parliament controls public expenditure in India.
7. What are cut motions? What is their relevance?
8. What is the importance of Rajya Sabha in Indian Parliamentary system?
9. What is the relevance of the Rajya Sabha as the second chamber of the Indian parliament?
10. What are the various motions used in Parliament to hold the executive accountable?
11. What is a No-Confidence motion? Discuss its relevance.
12. What is a Money Bill? What are the controversies associated with the money bill?
13. What is the role and importance of the Leader of opposition in Indian Parliament.
14. What is the role of Speaker in Lok Sabha? What are the issues and criticisms associated with the Speaker?
15. What is Anti-Defection Law? What are the issues and criticisms associated with the ADL?
16. What do you understand by Office of profit? What is the controversy associated with Office of profit?

17. What are Parliamentary Privileges? What are the issues and relevance of parliamentary privileges?
18. What is the utility and relevance of Legislative councils?
19. What are the functions and relevance of Parliamentary committees?
20. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Public Accounts Committees?
21. What are the roles and responsibilities of Estimates Committees?
22. What are the roles and responsibilities of Departmental Standing Committees?
23. What are the issues associated with the working of Parliamentary Committees?
24. What are the various discretionary powers of the governor?
25. What are the issues and controversies associated with the office of governor?
26. Is the Governor merely an “agent of the Centre”?
27. What is the controversy associated with the Lt. Governor and the Chief Minister of Delhi?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 6 — Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.**

1. What are Cabinet Committees?
2. What are the roles and responsibilities of cabinet committees?
3. What is the importance of the cabinet committee on security in the strategic affairs of the country?
4. What is the difference between the role played by Cabinet committees and Parliamentary committees?
5. How does the constitution ensure independence of judiciary?
6. What is the importance of the independence of judiciary in a democracy.
7. What do you understand by judicial accountability?
8. What are the challenges in ensuring judicial accountability in India?
9. What are the issues and controversies associated with judicial appointment?
10. What is the significance and controversy associated with the 99th Constitutional amendment?
11. What are the issues and challenges associated with judicial pendency in India?
12. What are the judicial reforms that can be undertaken?
13. What are the issues and controversies associated with Article 142 of the constitution?
14. What is the “Original Jurisdiction”? what are the controversies associated with it?
15. What are ‘virtual courtrooms’?
16. What has been the role played by virtual courtroom during the pandemic?
17. What do you understand by the collegium system?
18. What is the National court of appeal?
19. How can National court of appeal help in resolving judicial pendency?
20. What is the meaning and significance of Judicial review?
21. What is contempt of court?
22. What are the issues and criticisms associated with contempt of court?
23. What is Public Interest Litigation? What is the scope and issues related to PILs?
24. What is the power of SC and HCs to issue writs?
25. What are the major provisions of NALSA Act, 1987.
26. What are pressure groups? What is the role played by pressure groups in Indian politics?
27. What are the issues and criticisms associated with Pressure groups?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 7 — Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act.**

1. What are the salient features of Representation of People's Act (RPA), 1951?
2. What are the amendments needed in the Representation of People's Act (RPA), 1951 to ensure the fairness of elections.
3. What are the major judicial pronouncements made in relevance to Representation of People's Act (RPA), 1951?
4. What is the effectiveness of Representation of People's Act, 1951 for the smooth conduct of elections
5. What are the grounds for disqualification under the Representation of People's Act (RPA), 1951?
6. What do you understand by Criminalization of Politics?
7. What is the the significance of Lily Thomas Case in curbing the Criminalization of Politics in India?
8. What is the significance of Jan Chowkidar Case in determining voting rights in India?
9. What is the significance of the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) Case?
10. What do you understand by electoral reforms?
11. What are the various electoral reforms that can be undertaken?
12. What are the challenges associated with funding of elections?
13. What is 'State funding of Elections'?
14. What are the issues and challenges in state funding of elections?
15. What are the possibilities of Simultaneous elections in India?
16. What are Electoral Bonds?
17. What are the issues and challenges associated with electoral Bonds?
18. What are the reasons for the increasing influence of corporates in Indian elections?
19. What are the recommendations of Second ARC associated with electoral reforms in India?
20. What is the difference between 'Exit Polls' and 'Opinion Polls'?
21. What is the rationale behind restrictions imposed on 'Exit Polls'?
22. What is 'NOTA'?
23. What are the advantages and disadvantages of NOTA?
24. What are the controversies associated with the EVMs?
25. What are 'VVPATs'?
26. How can VVPATs ensure the accuracy and transparency of the voting system?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 8 — Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.**

1. What is the composition and functions of Election Commission of India?
2. What is the importance of an impartial and independent Election Commission?
3. What are the existing issues and challenges in the working of the Election Commission?
4. What are the electoral reforms suggested by ECI towards ensuring free and fair elections?
5. What is the composition and functions of the UPSC?
6. What are the constitutional provisions to ensure the independence of UPSC?
7. What is the role of UPSC as the 'Watch-dog of merit system' in the country?
8. What is the composition and functions of Finance Commission.
9. How has the constitution envisaged the Finance Commission as the balancing wheel of fiscal federalism?
10. What is the quasi-judicial nature of Finance Commission?
11. What are the main functions of State Finance Commission?
12. What are the issues and criticisms with the working of SFCs?
13. Why have SFCs failed to work effectively compared to Fincance Commission?

14. What are the key recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission?
15. What are the criticisms associated with the ToR of the 15th FC?
16. What is the relevance of FC in contemporary context?
17. What are the roles and responsibilities of the CAG?
18. What are the safeguards provided in the constitution for the effective functioning of CAG?
19. Why is the CAG called the guardian of public money?
20. What are the issues and controversies associated with the office of CAG?
21. What are the functions and powers of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)?
22. What are the issues and criticisms associated with the working of NCSC?
23. What are the functions and powers of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)?
24. What are the issues and criticisms associated with the working of NCST?
25. What are the advantages of constitutionalization of a commission?
26. In what ways can constitutionalization of NCBC improve its functioning?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 9 — Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.**

1. What is the composition and functions of National Human Rights Commission?
2. What are the limitations for National Commission for Women in providing social justice to women in India?
3. What role does the National Commission for Minorities play in preserving, promoting and protecting the rights of minorities in India?
4. What role does the National Human Rights Commission play in dealing with cases of human rights violations in India?
5. What is the role of NITI aayog in transforming Centre-state relations?
6. What are the grounds on which the NITI Aayog has been criticised?
7. What is the significance of Central Vigilance Commission in India?
8. What is the process of appointing Lokpal?
9. What is the significance of the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013 which created the institution of anti-corruption ombudsman.
10. What is the nature and significance of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights?
11. What do you understand by the term 'tribunalisation of Justice'?
12. What are the issues with tribunalisation of justice?
13. What are quasi-judicial bodies?
14. What are the important Supreme Court Judgements regarding functioning of tribunals in India?
15. What are the implications of article 262 on the effectiveness of mechanism dealing with inter-state water disputes?
16. What is the procedure for appointment and removal the members of the Central Information Commission of India?
17. What are the challenges faced by Central Information Commission in implementing the Right to Information Act?
18. What are the issues in the functioning of Lokpal?
19. What do you understand by the term 'alternative dispute resoluion'?
20. What are the measures taken by governments in India to operationalise alterative dispute resolution mechanism?
21. What is the constitutional and legal basis for the system of Lok Adalat in India?
22. What are Lok Adalats? How do they help in improving access to justice?
23. What are the issues in functioning of Lok Adalats?
24. What are the important Law Commission recommendations on tribunals?
25. What are the powers and functions of the Competition Commission of India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 10 — Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.**

1. What are the important aspects of the National Policy on Voluntary Sector 2007?
2. What are the aims and objectives of the National Digital Health Mission? How can it help address legacy issues in health sector?
3. What are the important provisions of Mental Health care Act 2017? What are the issues and challenges associated with the act?
4. What are the important provisions of National Health Protection Scheme? What are the issues in it?
5. What are the objectives and important provisions of the DNA Technology Regulation Bill 2018?
6. What are the objectives and important provisions of the River Basin Management Bill 2018? What are the objections to it?
7. What are the objectives and important provisions of the Inter-state River Water Dispute (Amendment) Bill 2019
8. What are the objections to the DNA Technology Regulation Bill 2018?
9. What are the objectives of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021? How will it help improve governance?
10. What is the governance structure for managing water resources in India? What measures can be taken in this regard?
11. What is the governance structure for higher education in India? What are the issues that need to be addressed?
12. What are the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana? How does it seek to achieve them?
13. What are the issues in the power sector that need to be addressed?
14. What changes does the Indian Ports Bill, 2020 seek to bring?
15. What are the four labor codes and their important provisions?
16. What are the issues that the proposed non-personal data governance framework seek to address?
17. What is the expected impact of the proposed Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture on various stakeholders?
18. What lessons can the Indian Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture learn from its global counterparts?
19. What are the important provisions of India's National Health Policy?
20. What legislative measures have been taken in recent times to improve the functioning of Tribunals in India?
21. What are the issues in governance of water resources in India?
22. What is the importance of apprenticeship in skilling India's working age population? What reforms have been taken in this sector?
23. What are the important provisions of the draft National Electricity Policy 2021?
24. What are the implications of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021?
25. What are the important provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act 2021?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 11 — Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.**

1. What roles do NGOs play in the development process of the country?
2. What are the concerns related to the functioning of NGOs in India?
3. What roles do NGOs play in protecting Human Rights in India?
4. What characteristics of Non-Governmental Organizations make them more suitable for undertaking developmental and welfare activities in contrast to government agencies?

5. What is the role of NGOs In social mobilization?
6. In what ways can NGOs act as an alternative to mainstream development practices?
7. What are the various legislative regulations on working of NGOs in India?
8. What role can NGOs play in Disaster Management?
9. What has been the role of SHGs in dealing with Covid-19 pandemic?
10. What do you understand by the term Self-Help Groups (SHGs)? What roles do SHGs play in poverty alleviation and women empowerment?
11. How do Self-Help Groups and Gram Panchayats compliment the functioning of each other?
12. What are the problems faced by SHGs in India. How can these problems be resolved?
13. What is the significance of the SHG-Bank Linkage program in poverty alleviation in India?
14. What do you understand by Civil Society? What role does the Civil Society plays in a democracy?
15. What are the challenges associated with functioning of Civil Society in India?
16. What role can civil society in reducing corruption?
17. What role can the Civil Society and NGOs play in ensuring good governance?
18. What are the positive and negative implications of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment (FCRA) Act 2020?
19. What is the difference between a non-profit organisation and charitable organization?
20. What do you understand by CSR? What are the various government regulations regarding the same?
21. What are the recommendations of the 2nd ARC on the development Industry in India?
22. What are the major challenges faced by the microfinance sector in India?
23. What are the concerns associated with receiving foreign aid for development in India?
24. What role can NGOs play in improving educational outcomes in schools?
25. What role can NGOs play in improving access to basic health services?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 12 — Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.**

1. What are the important features of the POCSO Act?
2. What are the constitutional and legal protections against child labor in India?
3. What are the important provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act?
4. What are the various constitutional provisions regarding the protection of women and children's rights?
5. What changes did the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act 2017 bring to women's welfare in India?
6. What are the important provisions of the Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Act 2018?
7. What is Gender budgeting?
8. What is the significance and important provisions of the PM Matru Vandana Yojana?
9. What is the one-stop centre scheme? How has it helped in women empowerment?
10. What are the various welfare schemes for the elderly population in India?
11. What are the various issues and challenges faced by transgender persons in India?
12. What are the key provisions of the 'Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019'?
13. What are the various important judicial judgements associated with transgender persons in India?
14. What are the various constitutional and legal provisions for protection of rights of Persons with physical disabilities?
15. What are the issues and challenges faced by migrants in India?
16. What are the various steps taken by the government for the welfare of the migrants in india?

17. What do you understand by following terms: a) Migrants b) Refugees c) Asylum-seeker d) Illegal immigrant
18. In what ways does the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2020 aid the persecuted refugees?
19. What are the issues in functioning of the 5th and 6th schedule of the constitution of India?
20. What are the reasons for demand from different regions for the inclusion in the sixth schedule?
21. Who are the particularly vulnerable tribal groups of India? How do they differ from other tribals in India?
22. What are the special legal and constitutional rights available to tribals in India?
23. What are the reasons for limited success of various programmes and policies for socio-economic empowerment of Scheduled Tribes in India?
24. What are the vulnerable sections of society in India? What measures does the constitution provide for their welfare?
25. What is TRIFED? How does it help promote tribal welfare?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 13 — Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.**

1. What are the fundamental flaws in India's healthcare system?
2. What is the role of the private sector in achieving the goal of a healthy India? What are the steps taken by the government in this regard?
3. What impact does public health expenditure has on demographic destiny?
4. What are the reasons for severe shortage of medical specialists in India in rural and urban health services?
5. What are the aims and objectives of the National Medical Commission of India?
6. What impact does Ayushman Bharat have on health equity in India?
7. What are the challenges obstructing the realisation of health equity in India?
8. What are the implications of the ban on fixed- dose combination drugs?
9. What is the significance of AYUSH in building a healthy nation?
10. What are challenges in implementing the idea of Universal Health in india? Suggest measures to tackle these challenges.
11. What impact do unscientific practices, local beliefs, self medication and customary doctors have on health equity in India?
12. What are various efforts by the government to promote Public health in India?
13. What are the achievements and lessons from implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana?
14. What role can technology play in transforming health care system in India?
15. What are the steps taken by the government to improve geriatric health care in India?
16. What is need and significance of a Public Health Act in India?
17. What are the reasons for poor learning outcomes in schools in India?
18. What are the important provisions of New Education Policy, 2020? What are the limitations of the policy?
19. What are challenges in growth of higher education sector? What measures have been taken to strengthen tertiary education?
20. What are the major issues plaguing Rural primary education system?
21. What reasons can be attributed to Indian school-education system's failure?
22. What role can technology play in transforming Education system in India?
23. What is the importance of Skill Development for India? What are the major steps taken by government in this regard?
24. What are the steps taken by the government to promote Vocational training?
25. What important lessons can India learn from major Asian economies and Latin countries in realizing the true potential of its demographic dividend?

26. What role can public-private partnership play in addressing the issues of healths sector in India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 14 — Issues relating to poverty and hunger.**

1. What are the challenges in the measurement of poverty in India? What initiatives have been taken in this regard in post-independent India?
2. What is Multidimensional Poverty Index?
3. What do you understand by the term 'hidden hunger'?
4. What are the reasons for continued issues of hunger despite a number of food security schemes and programs?
5. What role does FCI play in ensuring food security in India? What are the issues in its functioning?
6. What are the reasons for growing divergence between poverty and hunger in India?
7. What are the factors contributing to malnutrition in India?
8. What are the challenges to improving nutrition status in India?
9. What is the significance of food fortification in fight against malnutrition? Suggest measures to promote food fortification in India.
10. What is the meaning of 'food security'? What are the various steps taken by the government for food security in India.
11. What is Nutrition Security? How can India shift from 'Food Security' to 'Nutrition Security'?
12. What are M.S.Swaminathan's views on ensuring nutritional security in India?
13. What is poverty line? How is it calculated?
14. How have the methods of estimating poverty changed in India?
15. What is the effect of poverty on gender equity?
16. What do you understand by the phrase 'the vicious cycle of poverty'?
17. What is the impact of low public health expenditure on poverty?
18. What are the various components of Global Hunger Index?
19. What do you understand by the term 'health-poverty vicious trap'?
20. What is Human Development Index? What are its components?
21. What are the historical reasons for poverty in India?
22. What implications does agricultural policy has on poverty in India?
23. What are the socio-cultural contributors to poverty?
24. What do you understand by the term 'feminization of poverty'?
25. What impact does climate change have on poverty?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 15 — Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.**

1. What is the importance of open data policy on transparency and accountability in governance?
2. What is a Citizen Charter? Why is it important?
3. What are the lacunae in existing citizen charters? How can a 'Public Service Delivery Act' help overcome these limitations?
4. What is Sevottam Model? What is the significance of this model?
5. What are the available tools for upholding transparency in governance?
6. What are the factors responsible for India's poor performance in Transparency International's Global Corruption Index?
7. What is Social Audit? How is it different from traditional audit?
8. What is the importance of social audits in improving the delivery of public services to citizens?

9. What factors are constraining Social Audits from realizing their true potential in reducing corruption? Suggest measures to make them more effective.
10. What is the importance of news media in ensuring accountability in governance?
11. What is the role of media in strengthening democracy?
12. What do you understand by 'Yellow Journalism'? How is it a challenge to functioning of democracy?
13. What are the constitutional and legal measures that ensure press freedom in India?
14. What do you understand by the term 'media pluralism'? What implications does it have for having an informed citizenry?
15. What do you understand by the term infodemic? What kind of challenges it creates for governance?
16. What do you understand by the term 'New Media'? What is the relationship between governance and New Media?
17. What are the issues and challenges associated with 'Corporatization of the media sector'? Suggest measures to tackle these challenges.
18. What is paid news? What kind of impact does paid news have?
19. What are the provisions to protect Whistleblowers in India? How can this protection mechanism be further strengthened?
20. What is the difference between e-governance and e-government?
21. What is SMART governance?
22. What impact does e-governance have on inclusive development?
23. What is digital divide? What are the steps taken by government to overcome this phenomenon?
24. What is mobile governance? How is it helping in transforming governance scenario in India?
25. What are the components of Digital India Mission?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 16 — Role of civil services in a democracy.**

1. What do you understand by 'Civil Services'? What is the constitutional position of Civil Services in India?
2. What is the role envisaged for civil services in Indian democracy?
3. What are the protections available for civil servants in India to enable them to pursue their role without fear or favour?
4. What role can Civil Services play in strengthening grass roots democracy?
5. What are the pros and cons of allowing lateral entry in civil services?
6. What do you understand by 'civil services activism'? What implications it has for the functioning of democracy?
7. What major reforms are required in Indian bureaucracy to enable it to face challenges of the 21st century?
8. What are the major impediments in the functioning of civil services in India?
9. What are the major achievements and failures of Civil Services in post-independent India?
10. What are the consequences of this 'politicization of bureaucracy'?
11. What are the reasons for persistence of corruption in bureaucracy?
12. What do you understand by the term 'committed bureaucracy'? What are the issues and challenges associated with it?
13. What do you understand by 'neutrality' in civil services? How does the constitution ensure neutrality and independence of Civil Services?
14. What do you understand by the term 'spoils system' in relation to civil services?
15. What are the constitutional provisions related to civil services in India?
16. What is generalist approach in relation to civil services? How does it differ from specialist approach?
17. What is developmental administration? What role do civil services play in developmental administration in India?
18. What are different committee recommendations on specialisation in civil services?
19. What are the objections to increasing lateral entry in civil services?

20. What do you understand by the terms 'bureaucracy' and 'bureaucratic approach'?
21. What reforms did the 2nd ARC recommend for civil services?
22. What do you understand by the term 'Steel Frame of India'? What are the structural weaknesses in 'the steel frame'?
23. What are the essential features of civil services in a democracy?
24. What disciplinary actions can be taken against civil servants in India?
25. What are the major grounds of criticism of civil services in India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 17 — India and its neighbourhood- relations.**

1. What is neighbourhood first policy? What steps has India taken in implementation of this policy?
2. Why India's neighbours are important for India maritime security?
3. What is Gujral doctrine? Has it served its intended purpose?
4. How does Sri Lankan Tamil issue impact India Sri Lanka relations? What is 13th amendment in context of India Sri Lanka relations?
5. What are the issues in India Sri Lanka relations? What is the impact of China on India Sri Lanka relationship?
6. What makes Afghanistan of strategic importance to India?
7. How is USA troop withdrawal of geo-strategic significance to India?
8. Given increasing significance of Taliban in Afghanistan, should India negotiate with Taliban?
9. What are the issues/conflicts between India and Pakistan?
10. What is Indus water treaty? Should India consider unilaterally revoking it?
11. How does art 370 change the dynamics of Kashmir dispute? What can be the path to peace with Pakistan?
12. What changes can be seen in Indian foreign policy Towards Pakistan?
13. What issues plague India-Bangladesh border?
14. What are the water disputes between India and Bangladesh? How does that impact our bilateral relations?
15. Despite India being part of force that liberated Bangladesh, why has India-Bangladesh relationship have not lived upto their potential?
16. What is Rohingya issue? How does that impact India-Bangladesh relations?
17. What are the boundary disputes between India and Nepal?
18. What are the challenges posed by deepening China-Nepal relations to India?
19. What are the issues in India Nepal relations?
20. What was Doklam issue? What makes India Bhutan relations important and strategic?
21. What is India China border dispute? What is/are the existing mechanism to handle/solve border dispute?
22. What is Panchsheel policy? How does that shape India China relations?
23. What are the water issues between India and China?
24. How has recent Ladakh incursions impacted India China relations?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 18 — Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.**

1. What is non alignment movement? Discuss its relevance for India in contemporary Times?
2. What is Brexit? How does Brexit impact India?
3. What is EU? What are the issues in India EU trade deal?
4. What are the opportunities and limitations of of European union indo-pacific policy?
5. What is SAARC? What makes SAARC a near defunct organization?
6. What is SAFTA? What are the challenges facing economic integration of the region?

7. What is BIMSTEC? What benefits can it bring to the region?
8. What are the benefits of BIMATEC over SAARC?
9. What is non-proliferation treaty? What are India's objections to NPT?
10. What is nuclear suppliers group? What will be the advantages of India joining NSG?
11. What is QUAD? Should India support defence dimensions of QUAD?
12. What do you understand by Indo Pacific? What are the challenges opportunities posed by indo-pacific to Indian security?
13. What is Shanghai cooperation organisation? Do you think joining SCO will help India in meeting its objectives?
14. Signing of various defence agreements with USA is is equally beneficial for India. Critically analyse?
15. What is Abraham Accord? How does this Accord impact India?
16. What is RCEP? Critically analyse India's decision of not joining RCEP?
17. What is CPEC? What challenges does it pose to India?
18. What is BRICS? What is the role of BRICS in a multipolar world?
19. What is ASEAN? What is the role of India-ASEAN relations in Indo Pacific?
20. What is Indian ocean rim association? What is its significance in Indian Maritime security?
21. What is SCO? What are the benefits of India joining SCO?
22. Why SAARC has failed to emerge as a strong regional institution?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 19 — Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.**

1. What is China's cheque book diplomacy? How does that impact India's security dimensions?
2. How does Chinese aggressive foreign policy in South China sea impact India's maritime security?
3. What is Sri Lanka's India first policy? Do we find any dichotomy in this policy?
4. Does India's abstention form voting at UNGA against Israel dent India's credential for Palestinian cause?
5. What is Build back better initiative? How does this fir into India's Indo-pacific strategy?
6. What is BRI? Should India consider joining BRI?
7. How does political turmoil in Myanmar impact India-Myanmar relations?
8. What is the contribution of Indian diaspora in securing Indian national interest?
9. What are the challenges faced by Indian diaspora in West-Asia? What can be done to address these concerns?
10. What is resilient supply chain initiative? What role can India play in this initiative?
11. What role can the Indian diaspora play in helping India achieve its foreign policy objectives?
12. What are the challenges of 'diaspora diplomacy'?
13. What role does Indian diaspora play in the economies and societies of various countries and regions of the world?
14. What do you understand by the term 'diaspora'? How does India's old diaspora differ from the new diaspora?
15. What is the government's policy on diaspora engagement? How has this policy changed over years?
16. What role has diaspora played in India's development?
17. What role has the Indian diaspora played in strengthening the Indo-US relationship?
18. What do you understand by the Generalized System of Preferences? How has India's removal from it impacted the Indo-US trade partnership?
19. What are the major impediments in fulfilment of India's commitment towards the development of Chahbar port? Suggest measures to resolve the same.
20. What are India's cocnerns with China's growing presence in Indian Ocean Region? What are the steps taken by India to protect its interests?
21. What do you understand by 'Rule-based maritime order'? How does it affect India's interests?

22. What is Russia's strategic significance for India?
23. What is India's approach in diplomacy towards countries of Africa? How does it differ from the Chinese approach?
24. What do you understand by the two state solution with respect to the Israel-Palestine issue?
25. What is Asia-Africa growth corridor? What is its significance for India's long term interests in Africa?
26. What do you understand by the term 'strategic autonomy'? How is it different from non-alignment and block politics of the cold war era??
27. What do you understand by 'vaccine diplomacy'? How is it different from vaccine nationalism?
28. What is the significance of West Asia in shaping India's foreign policy?
29. What are the features of India's 'Act Far-east' policy?
30. What are the reasons for emerging geo-politics in the Arctic region?
31. What do you understand by the terms 'res-nullius' and 'res-communis'?
32. What are the points of divergence between India and developed countries on the General Agreement on Trade in Services?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 20 — Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.**

1. What is the mandate of the AIIB? Why is it relevant for India?
2. What is FATF? What impact does it have on India's interests?
3. What is International Court of Justice? How is it structured?
4. What different roles do the following play: a) Permanent Court of Arbitration b) International Criminal Court c) International Court of Justice?
5. What are the various roles and responsibilities of the IMF?
6. What role does World Bank play in the development of LDCs? How does it differ from the role being played by IMF?
7. What is the mandate and significance of the UNESCO? What are the issues in its functioning?
8. What has been the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on WHO's credibility and reputation?
9. What are the roles and responsibilities of the World Health Organization?
10. What are the various issues plaguing the effective functioning of the WTO? How can they be resolved?
11. What are the objectives and mandate of the Arctic Council? Why is it relevant for India?
12. What is Eastern Economic Forum? What opportunities does it provide for India?
13. What is the significance of the World Economic Forum?
14. What is International Solar Alliance? How does it affect India's short and long term interests?
15. What are the major achievements of the UN in its 75 years of existence?
16. What is World Bank Group? What are its constituent institutions?
17. What are the roles and responsibilities of World Meteorological Organization?
18. What are the important specialised agencies of the UN and their functions?
19. What are the related organizations of the United Nations system? What roles do they play?
20. What is the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations?
21. What is the mandate of the International Fund for Agricultural Development?
22. What is the mandate of the WHO? How does it operationalise its roles and functions?
23. What is the mandate and functions of the International Atomic Energy Agency?
24. What are the goals of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development? How is it structured? What are the major achievements and successes of the UNCTAD?
25. What are the important principles of the UN Charter?

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▼ **WYSK - Topic 1 — Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.**

1. What are the objectives of planning in India?
2. Describe the evolution of planning in India.
3. What are the significance of planning?
4. What do you understand by Harrod-Domar model and Mahalanobis Model of planning?
5. What is the rationale for replacing Planning commission with NITI Aayog?
6. What are the achievements, challenges and prospects of NITI Aayog?
7. What is the difference between indicative planning and imperative planning?
8. What are the challenges to planning in the post-covid era?
9. What are the recommendations and issues in 15th FC recommendations?
10. What is the role/responsibility/performance of state finance commissions?
11. What is the current status of finances to local bodies? How to enhance them?
12. What are municipal bonds? What are its advantages and challenges?
13. What are the major issues pertaining to resource mobilisation in India?
14. What are the various ways in which the Union government and State government mobilise resources?
15. What are the areas of friction between the Union government and the State governments in mobilisation of resources?
16. What do you understand by the term 'Strategic Disinvestment'? What are the challenges to strategic disinvestment in India?
17. What are the components of 'the National strategy for Financial Inclusion 2019-2024'?
18. How is GDP calculated in India?
19. What is the difference between economic growth and development?
20. What do you understand by the term 'Green GDP'?
21. What are the factors for assessing the growth potential of an economy?
22. What is the impact of inflation on economic growth?
23. What are the limitations of using GDP as a measure of well-being in society?
24. What do you understand by the term 'potential GDP'? What are the factors that have been inhibiting India from realizing its potential GDP?
25. What do you mean by jobless growth? Is India experiencing jobless growth? How to tackle such a situation?
26. What is Gig economy? What are the concerns and challenges with respect to Gig economy in India?
27. What are the major challenges to economic growth in India?
28. Why is there poor Female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) in India? How do we improve it?
29. What are the four recently proposed labour codes? What are its key features and challenges?
30. What do you mean by casualization of labour? Is it a threat to our development and anti-poverty measures?
31. What are the various measures to be taken to solve the unemployment issues in India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 2 — Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.**

1. What are the salient features of 'inclusive growth'?
2. What is the importance of agriculture sector for inclusive growth in India?
3. What are the reasons for lack of inclusive growth in India?
4. What do you understand by Universal Basic Income? What are the arguments for and against it?

5. What major steps have been taken by the governments since independence to promote inclusive growth?
6. What do you understand by the term 'inclusive' in 'inclusive growth' ? Why is growth not always inclusive?
7. What are the reasons for regional economic disparities in India?
8. What is the relevance of tourism in inclusive growth? What are the major constraints for development of tourism industry in India?
9. What are the issues of inclusion in Smart Cities Mission? How can they be overcome?
10. What are the structural challenges to inclusive growth in India?
11. What is the effect of inflation on inclusive growth?
12. What are the ecological demands on inclusive growth?
13. What are the different dimensions of inclusive growth?
14. What are the political enablers of inclusive growth?
15. What are the social prerequisites for inclusive growth?
16. In what ways can inclusive growth be environmentally sensitive as well?
17. What are the reasons for rising income and wealth inequalities alongside expansion of global economy and its national sub-components?
18. What are the negative externalities of economic growth?
19. What do you understand by the term 'shared prosperity'? What changes does it entail in existing approaches to economic growth?
20. What effect is Atmanirbhar Bharat expected to have on inclusive growth in India?
21. What effect can digital economy have on making economic growth more inclusive?
22. What is India Stack? How can it help making the economy and governance more inclusive?
23. What effect does CSR have on social and economic inclusion? What changes are needed in CSR to make it more effective?
24. What effect can taxation policy have on inclusive growth?
25. What is the role of health and education policy in enabling inclusive growth?
26. Discuss about the recent inequality report by Oxfam international?
27. Has the pandemic increased the levels of inequality in India? discuss with some relevant data.
28. The economic participation of women in an economy is a precursor to achieve inclusive growth. Discuss
29. Do you think both monetary as well as fiscal policy measures are required for promoting inclusive growth in India?
30. How do Smart cities and inclusive cities (inclusive urbanization) promote inclusive growth? what are the various measures to ensure inclusive urbanization?
31. Is inclusive growth focus a challenge for pure economic growth (GDP growth) prospects of India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 3 — Government Budgeting.**

1. What are the objectives of government budgeting? What are the various types of budgeting techniques?
2. What are the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic to government budgeting?
3. What is the role of government's budgetary policy in reducing income inequalities?
4. What are the budget reforms undertaken by the government in the past decade?
5. What do you understand by the following terms: (a) Line item budget (b) performance budget (c) outcome budget (d) zero based budget (e) gender budgeting?
6. What is equalisation levy? Why is it important?
7. What are the key features and expected benefits of the Direct tax Vivad Se Vishwas Act?
8. What is meaning of the term tax-expenditure? How does it influence budgetary policies of the government?
9. What is the difference between 'revenue receipt' and 'capital receipt'?

10. What do you understand by 'tax of regressive nature'? How is it different from regressive tax?
11. What is progressive and regressive taxation? Explain with examples.
12. What is the purpose of taxation? What are the pros and cons of abolishing taxes?
13. What is tax policy? What is its macro-economic and micro-economic impact?
14. What is taxation? What are direct and indirect taxes?
15. What are the key recommendations of the NK Singh Committee on the FRBM Act?
16. What were the reasons for introduction of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003? What are its salient features? How effective have they been?
17. What are the challenges to public expenditure management in the context of budget-making in post-liberalization period?
18. What are the issues with state governments' financial management? How can they be overcome?
19. What is public debt? How is the qualitative and quantitative situation of India's public debt?
20. What is 'monetization of deficit'? What are the arguments for and against it?
21. What is deficit financing? What are its implications?
22. What is the meaning of fiscal policy? What are its objectives and importance in India?
23. What are the major components of government budget in India?
24. What are the arguments for and against an independent Fiscal Council which has been recommended by the 15th Finance Commission?
25. What are the weaknesses in the public budgeting system in India?
26. What do you mean by cyclical and counter-cyclical fiscal policies?
27. Why is fiscal prudence important in government budgeting?
28. What do you mean by Fiscal deficit? Do you think deficit financing has a role to play in times like the COVID related economic stagnations?
29. Give the major trends in fiscal deficit levels in India.
30. Give the salient features of FRBM act? How has it helped India in maintaining fiscal prudence?
31. Do you think FRBM act is a threat to independent fiscal policy measures?
32. Do you think there is a need for Independent fiscal council?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 4 — Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, – different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.**

1. What do you mean by cropping pattern? What are the major cropping patterns across the country? What is the difference between the cropping pattern and cropping system?
2. What are the major factors determining cropping patterns in India?
3. What do you mean by crop rotation, inter-cropping and mixed farming?
4. What are the major reasons for the extensive rice or wheat based monocropping in India?
5. What are the major regions of sugarcane production in India? Why has there been a shift of sugar industry from northern region to peninsular India in recent times?
6. Write a note on the cropping patterns of pulses, millets and oil seeds.
7. What do you mean by Green Revolution 2.0 and Evergreen Revolution?
8. What is the current position of agriculture with respect to Indian economy? (Percentage of GDP, employment, irrigation, average land size, % of small and marginal farmers etc.)
9. What is Zero Budget Natural Farming? What are the benefits and concerns associated with it?
10. What are various sources of irrigation in India?
11. What is micro-irrigation? What are its benefits over conventional irrigation systems?

12. What is the importance of water-use efficiency in agriculture? What are the various ways to improve water-use efficiency for agriculture in India?
13. What are the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana? What is its importance for Indian agriculture?
14. Write short notes on the following: a) Surface irrigation c) Canal Irrigation c) Tank irrigation d) Micro irrigation e) Sprinkler irrigation f) Drip irrigation
15. What are different government schemes for promoting irrigation systems in India?
16. What are the different challenges faced by irrigation sector in India?
17. What is agricultural marketing? What are the major issues concerning the APMCs?
18. What are the main constraints in transport and marketing of agricultural produce in India?
19. What are the recent farm acts? How does it address the various challenges in marketing agricultural produce?
20. What are the issues and challenges in these farm acts 2020?
21. What is eNAM? What are its advantages?
22. What are the various issues in APMC act?
23. What do you mean by contract farming?
24. What are Farmers Producers Organization (FPOs)?
25. What are the various challenges in contract farming?
26. What are the various salient features and challenges in The Protection of Plant Varieties And Farmers' Rights Act, 2001?
27. What are GM crops? How have they benefitted India? what are its challenges?
28. What is Integrated Farming System (IFS)?
29. What do you mean by Precision Agriculture?
30. What do you mean by e-agriculture? What are the various ICT tools used in agriculture?
31. What is organic farming? What are its basic components? What are the measures taken by the government to promote it?
32. What are the advantages of using e-technology in Agriculture? List application of e-Technology in: a) Crop Management b) Agrometeorology Advisory Services c) Precision farming d) Pest and Disease Management e) Agricultural extension services

▼ **WYSK - Topic 5 — Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.**

1. What do you mean by Subsidy? What are various ways of classifying subsidies? What is direct and indirect farm subsidies? Name few of these subsidies.
2. What is the need to give agricultural subsidies? What are the adverse effects of agricultural subsidies?
3. Why do you think subsidies on inputs are better than subsidy of buying the final products?
4. Differentiate between Price Subsidy, Direct Benefit Transfer and Income Support.
5. What are various issues related to Indian agricultural subsidies and WTO?
6. How are power subsidies given? Explain its issues by linking it to the recent power crisis in Punjab.
7. How does irrigation subsidy work? What are its issues?
8. What are the various types of fertilizer subsidies (urea subsidy and Nutrient based subsidy scheme)? How does fertilizer subsidy impacted the farmers, government, soil and productivity over the years?
9. How has Government interventions achieved the twin objectives of increasing production and securing food security?
10. Why do you think it is essential for the government to support the food grain market in India?
11. Do you think interventions by the government are still relevant in the period of food grain surplus?
12. How do you think farm loan waivers can help the farmers in India? What are the issues in farm loan waivers?

13. What do you mean by MSP? How is it calculated? Explain about the functioning of MSP?
14. MSP is announced for several crops, but it has largely focused only on rice and wheat, why?
15. What are the successes and drawbacks of the MSP policy?
16. What are the alternatives to MSP scheme? What are the salient features of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan? What are the various issues related to the scheme?
17. Write about the MS Swaminathan committee recommendations on MSP policy.
18. What do you mean by doubling farmers income? What are the steps taken by the government?
19. Write about the Ashok Dalwai committee recommendations.
20. What do you mean by buffer stock? How is it maintained?
21. What are the major advantages and issues of maintaining buffer stock?
22. What is the role of FCI in India?
23. Write about the Shanta Kumar committee recommendations on revamping FCI.
24. What are the issues faced by India in WTO due to its agricultural policies?
25. What do you mean by PDS? What is the need for running a PDS? What are the various costs involved in PDS?
26. What is meant by targeted PDS system? How is it different from PDS?
27. What is national food security act 2013? What is Antyodaya Anna Yojana?
28. Do you think there is a need to shift from PDS system to Direct benefit transfer schemes?
29. How do you think PM- KISAN will help Indian farmers?
30. What is food security? What are the dimensions of food security?
31. What is the current model of crop insurance scheme in India? Give an account of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima yojana.
32. Comment on the performance of PDS system with respect to hunger and malnutrition elimination.
33. What are the various technology missions in India?
34. Examine the performance of few important technology missions like Horticulture, Oil seeds, livestock etc.
35. What are the various agriculture revolution that took place in India after independence? What has been the impact of these agricultural revolutions on poverty alleviation and food security in India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 6 — Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.**

1. What do you mean by food processing industry? Why is it called a sunrise industry?
2. What are the potential and advantages of food processing? How does it play a role in doubling farmers income?
3. What are the various steps needed to link Agriculture to industry? How can it benefit Indian farmers?
4. What are food based and non food based Agro processing industries?
5. Write about the upstream and Downstream industries which are related to food processing industries.
6. What are the various factors determining the location of food processing industries?
7. What are the various steps taken by the government to promote food processing in India?
8. Comment on the current status of food processing in India. What are the Factors Contributing to Growth of the Food Processing Sector?
9. How can increasing food processing industries help India in increasing the production of various commodities like vegetable oils, honey, milk products etc.?
10. What are the various challenges in food processing industries?
11. What are the important aspects of PM Matsya Sampada Yojna?
12. What are the features of the Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme?
13. What is Operation Greens? What are its operational components?

14. What are Mega Food Parks? What competitive advantages do they provide? What are the reasons for large price differentials between dairy products of India and New Zealand?
15. What are Farmer Producer Organizations? What is their relevance in developing supply chains in agricultural products?
16. What are the implications of 2020's agricultural reforms for food processing industry in India?
17. What are the challenges to the success of FPOs in India? What kind of interventions are needed to address these challenges?
18. Write about the Agricultural supply chain in India. How does it work from farm to plate?
19. How do middlemen in India exploit the farmers in these supply chains?
20. Why do you think the price mechanism is not transparent in agricultural supply chain?
21. How do you think the recent Essential commodities amendment act 2020 will help to improve the agricultural supply chain and the food processing industries?
22. Examine the role of supermarkets and e-commerce in the agricultural supply chain.
23. What are the salient features of the draft National food processing policy 2019?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 7 — Land reforms in India.**

1. What do you mean by Land reforms in context of India agrarian structure? What major steps have governments taken over the years for land reforms?
2. What is the role of land reforms in agricultural development in India?
3. What were the factors responsible for the success of land reforms in India?
4. What is the relationship between land reforms, agriculture productivity and elimination of poverty in India?
5. What kind of land reforms are needed in present times?
6. What are the issues plaguing land record management in India? What reforms have been introduced over the years improve the system of land records in India?
7. What are the main features of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013? What are the associated issues?
8. What are the important features of the Model Agricultural Land Leasing Act 2016?
9. What are the features of the Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme? What other initiatives have been taken up for digitalisation of land records?
10. What are the important aspects and benefits of the National Generic Document Registration System?
11. What are the benefits associated with Unique Land Parcel Identification Number?
12. What is the meaning of Land Leasing? What are its pros and cons?
13. What are the reasons that led to starting of land reforms in India?
14. What were the challenges associated with land reforms carried out in the early decades after independence of India?
15. What are the important components of tenancy reforms? How have tenancy rights and freedoms evolved in India since independence?
16. What are the challenges to land leasing in India?
17. What benefits does land leasing provide for rural economy?
18. What were the weaknesses in India's tenancy reforms?
19. What were the characteristics of land holdings in India in 1947? To what extent did the land reforms change these characteristics?
20. What are the issues associated with agricultural land holdings in India? How can they be resolved?
21. What are the challenges to addressing issues of small agricultural land holdings?
22. What steps have governments taken in recent years to address land issues in India?
23. What role can technology play in overhauling the land related issues of Indian economy and society?

24. What impact can land reforms have on unshackling the potential of Indian economy?
25. What are the solutions to the issue of long delays in land acquisitions in infrastructure projects?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 8 — Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.**

1. What do you mean by liberalization, privatization and Globalization?
2. What changes did the new economic policy of 1991 (LPG reforms bring to the Indian economy)?
3. Name few hits and misses of the LPG reforms.
4. What are the reasons for the renewed focus on privatization on the public sector enterprises?
5. In what ways, privatization and disinvestments help the government?
6. What are the various types of disinvestments that the government may undertake?
7. What do you mean by Atma Nirbhar Bharat? Is it a protectionist policy of the Indian economy?
8. What has been the trajectory of growth of Agriculture post LPG reforms?
9. What has been the trajectory of growth of manufacturing and service sectors post LPG reforms?
10. Why did India transition directly from an agriculture dominated economy to service dominated economy directly?
11. What are the reasons and implications of the Industrial growth rate lagging behind the overall growth of the GDP in the post-reform period in India?
12. What are the various issues associated with the poor growth of manufacturing sector?
13. What are the reasons for the failure of manufacturing sector in achieving the goal of labor-intensive exports rather than capital-intensive exports?
14. Explain in brief about the various changes in Industrial policies since independence?
15. Do you think it is time for a new industrial policy now?
16. What are the salient features of the draft industrial policy 2019?
17. How far the make In India program has been successful?
18. What are the various aims and achievements of start up India, Stand up India?
19. Why is Skill India mission always a complement to all the Industrial policies and schemes?
20. Name few measures taken by government to boost then manufacturing sector especially during the COVID-19 pandemic times.
21. What is the definition of MSME? What is its importance to our economy?
22. What are the various measures taken by the government to boost the MSME sector in India with special focus on COVID-19 related relief packages?
23. What is SEZ? What are the objectives, potential and challenges in SEZs?
24. How does Insolvency and Bankruptcy code help in effectively solving the liquidity crisis in the manufacturing sector? What is the role of micro-finance in India?
25. What are the recent measures to regulate the e-commerce in India? what are the advantages and challenges of it?
26. How to boost the exports from India?
27. What do you understand by Industrial Policy? Why do we need it?
28. How has the Industrial Policy evolved in India over time? What have been its achievements and failures?
29. What are the major constraints in the Industrial development in India?
30. What are the reasons for the share of manufacturing sector in GDP remaining stagnant since 1990s?
31. What do you understand by the following terms (a) the missing middle (b) dwarf companies

▼ **WYSK - Topic 9 — Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.**

1. What are the potential offered by infrastructure development in both forward and backward linkages to boost the Indian Economy?
2. What is the current status of infrastructure development in India and the measures that the government has taken to develop it?
3. What do you mean by National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)?
4. What is National Investment and Infrastructure Fund? What objectives does it seek to achieve?
5. What are the various advantages and challenges in moving away from coal-based energy in our economy?
6. Why should India promote green energy?
7. What are the advantages and challenges in moving towards renewable energy productions in India?
8. What are the various measures in promoting renewable energy in India?
9. What is the importance of local development of batteries in such transition in energy in India? what are the measures taken to promote manufacturing of batteries in India?
10. Give an account of the current status and the targets to be achieved pertaining to renewable energy sources in the country.
11. What the reasons behind the falling solar energy costs in India? How should India capitalize on such a trend?
12. What are the salient features of National Hydrogen energy Mission 2021?
13. What do you mean by gas-based economy? How can India transition towards it?
14. How is India performing in its goal to secure 24*7 electricity for all?
15. What are the salient features of the Draft National Electricity Policy 2021?
16. What are the reasons for promoting LPG in PMUY over traditional stoves and burners? What is the status of its adoptions?
17. What are the salient features in Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana?
18. What are the various challenges in power sector in India?
19. Give a brief about power sector reforms in India?
20. What is the performance, potential and challenges in India inland water ways and shipping transportation?
21. Write a note on the recent Draft Indian Ports bill 2021.
22. What are the various reforms and measures that Indian government has taken to ensure Port led development model in India?
23. What is the current status of road development in India? what are the various methods for development of the same?
24. Why does India depend more on the road sector than any other country?
25. How should we promote Inland waterways in India by overcoming its various challenges?
26. What are the reasons for high operating ratios in Indian railways?
27. Do you think privatization in railways can solve its various issues? What are the measures taken in this regard?
28. What are the various railway reforms needed at this time to increase the role of railways in India and to decrease its operating costs?
29. What do you mean by multimodal transport? How should we promote it?
30. What are the various measures to improve urban transportation in India?
31. What is the current status of e-vehicle adoption in India? what are the measures taken to promote it?
32. What are the various challenges in civil aviation industry in India? What are the various measures taken by the government to address the same?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 10 — Investment models.**

1. What are the various types of investment models? (Public, private and Public + private)
2. What do you mean by Public Private partnerships?

3. What do you mean by a concessional agreement in PPP?
4. What are the various concessional models in PPP?
5. What is the significance of PPP model?
6. What are the challenges in PPP models?
7. What major initiatives have been taken by government to boost PPP in India?
8. Give a brief about Kelkar committee recommendations in achieving a good PPP.
9. What is the significance of PPP for a) Railways b) Urban development c) Industrial growth
10. What is Hybrid Annuity Model? How does it compare with other modes of PPP?
11. What are the implications of using PPP in healthcare?
12. What do you understand by the following in relation to investment models: a) BOT b) BOO c) BOLT d) LDO e) DBFO? 8 Compare and contrast BOT Annuity model vs EPC model.
13. Compare and contrast EPC model vs Hybrid Annuity Model.
14. What do you mean by 'swiss challenge'? What is its relevance for India?
15. What is the advantage of Hybrid Annuity Model over other models of investment and infrastructure development?
16. What do you understand by the term 'Take-out financing' in infrastructure investments? What specific benefits does it offer over other models of investment?
17. How does foreign investments boost our economic growth?
18. What are the various modes in which foreign investments come into our Indian market?
19. What are the challenges in attracting the global value chains towards India?
20. What is the potential which India can grab to attract Global value chains in the backdrop of trade wars between India and China?
21. What are the various measures to be adopted to increase the flow of foreign capital in India?
22. What do you mean by disinvestment? Why do you think the government is focussing on aggressive disinvestment models?
23. What are the various methods in which disinvestment can be made by the government?
24. What do you mean by Strategic disinvestment?
25. What is the role of NIIIF in increasing investments in India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 11 — Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.**

1. What is the difference between science and technology?
2. What is the role of science and technology in socio-economic development of a nation?
3. What is space based internet? What are the benefits of space based internet over currently used technology?
4. What is blockchain technology? What are its potential applications?
5. What is cryptocurrency? What are its advantages and challenges?
6. What is 5G technology? What is its significance?
7. What is Internet of Things? What are its features and associated concerns?
8. What are biosensors? What are their various uses?
9. What is DNA fingerprinting? What is its utility?
10. Write a short note on Quantum Computing.
11. What is therapeutic cloning? What are its applications?
12. What is stem-cell therapy? What are its implications on health and human life?
13. What do you understand by the term 'in vitro meat'? What is their significance?
14. What is 3D bioprinting? What are its implications?

15. What are the major applications and expected areas of disruption of 3D printing technology?
16. What are nano-medicines? What are its implications?
17. What are the emerging applications of robotics?
18. What are major applications of Augmented-reality and Virtual reality technologies? What disruptive effect can they have?
19. What are lethal autonomous weapons? What are their security and ethical implications?
20. What do you understand by the term 'artificial intelligence arms race'? What are its implications for India?
21. What is 'Intelligent Automation'? What are its constituents?
22. What do you understand by Industrial revolution 4.0? What are its impact on different sectors of economy?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 12 — Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.**

1. What role did Charak and Shushruta play in the development of India's traditional system of medicine?
2. What are the major Indian achievements in science and technology from the medieval period in India's history?
3. How has a rich scientific heritage been an asset in the progress of modern Indian science?
4. What have been the achievements of Indians in field of astronomy and mathematics since ancient period?
5. What is the contribution of Srinivasa Ramanujan in the field of mathematics?
6. What is 'Bose-Einstein Statistics'? What role did Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose play in revolutionizing the field of Physics?
7. What role did Dr. Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar play in the development of science and technology in India?
8. What is Dr Vikram Sarabhai's contribution in development of science and technologicity in india?
9. How has India benefitted from the contributions of Sir M.Visvesvaraya and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan in their respective fields of work?
10. What are the achievements of CV Raman and S Chandrasekar in science and technology?
11. What is the contribution of diaspora in indigenisation of technology in India?
12. What are India's achievements in indigenisation of health care technology?
13. What is the impact of Dr. Homi Jahangir Bhabha on India's nuclear program?
14. What are the major successes in indigenisation of technology in India?
15. What do you mean by indigenisation of technology? Why indigenisation of technology is important for country like India?
16. What is India's 3-stage nuclear programme?
17. Provide an account of Indian Space programme along with the future challenges.
18. What is the significance of GSLV in India's Space Programme?
19. What are the objectives and importance of ISRO'S Aditya-L1 mission?
20. What is India's plan to have its own space station and how will it benefit our space programme?
21. What are the reasons for cost escalations and repeated breach of time-limit in indigenous efforts in technological advancement?
22. What are the reasons for limited success in indiginisation of defence technology?
23. How has India's national science and technology policy changed over the years?
24. What are the factors responsible for under-representation of women in science, technology and engineering field in India?
25. What are the important aspects of the draft National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020?
26. What is a fast-breeder reactor? What are its adavantges, particularly for India?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 13** — **Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.**

1. What is biotechnology? What are its important applications?
2. What are the different branches of biotechnology?
3. What is genetic engineering? What are the reasons for its increasing importance?
4. What do you mean by the term 'Recombinant DNA'? What are the tools and steps involved in the 'Recombinant DNA technology'?
5. What are transgenic organisms? Why are they useful?
6. What is the difference between genetically modified (GM) plants and hybrid plants? What is the relevance of GM plants in modern agriculture?
7. What is CRISPR-Cas9? What are the issues associated with it?
8. What are novel viruses? What are the threats associated with these?
9. What is a vaccine? What are the challenges associated with vaccine-development?
10. What is the difference between Rapid Antibody Detection Test and Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) tests used for diagnosis of viral diseases?
11. What are conjugate vaccines and RNA vaccines?
12. What is Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave observatory (LIGO)? What is its significance?
13. What are the major areas of space research? Why is space research important?
14. What are gravitational waves? What is the significance of the detection of Gravitational waves?
15. What is the difference between dark matter and dark energy?
16. What is the significance of geostationary orbit? What are the implications of it becoming too crowded?
17. What is space debris? What is its impact?
18. What is the difference between communication and earth observation satellites?
19. What are the various applications of Remote-sensing satellites?
20. What is uranium enrichment. Explain its various methods.
21. What is the International Thermo Nuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project. What is its significance?
22. What are the benefits and concerns related to use of Nanotechnology in agriculture?
23. What is cyber physical system? What are the objectives and components of the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical System?
24. What is Big Data? What are its applications in various fields?
25. What is Artificial Intelligence(AI)? What are the key technologies involved in AI?
26. What is intellectual property? What are different types of intellectual property rights?
27. What do you mean by GI tag? What is its importance?
28. What do you understand by 'Compulsory Licensing'? What is its relevance?
29. What do you understand by the term 'evergreening' in context of intellectual property rights? What are the arguments for and against it?
30. What is the institutional framework for IPR protection in India? What are the issues plaguing India's intellectual property regime?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 14** — **Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.**

1. What is the difference between Environment and Ecology? What is biodiversity? Why should it be preserved?
2. What is biodiversity conservation? What are the problems involved in conservation of biodiversity?
3. What is climate change? What are the observed and projected changes in various climatic dimensions over the Indian region? What are the reasons for climate change? What is the impact of climate change on: a) Agriculture, b) Health c) Development?

4. What do you understand by the term 'Ecological Succession'? What is primary and secondary succession? Elaborate on the role of fire in terrestrial succession.
5. Explain – a) Ecological Niche b) Ecotone c) Ecological pyramids d) Bio-geochemical cycles
6. What are corals? Why are coral reefs called 'the rainforests of the ocean'?
7. What is coral bleaching? What factors lead to coral bleaching?
8. State the causes for degradation of air quality in Indo-Gangetic plains during October. What steps should be taken to control Stubble burning?
9. What is Black and Brown Carbon? How does it impact Glaciers of Himalayan regions? Also, Write a note on Indoor Air Pollution.
10. Explain all the initiatives and policy measures taken by the Government to deal with Air Pollution.
11. What are Microplastics? Write a note on Marine pollution.
12. What are the factors causing degradation of quality of Groundwater? What are the recent groundwater extraction guidelines given by Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA)?
13. Is India a water -scarce country? What steps should be taken to deal with water scarcity?
14. Explain Noise pollution. What do you understand by Light Pollution?
15. What is carbon sequestration? What is its significance? What are the various methods for carbon sequestration?
16. What is carbon pricing? What is its significance in carbon financing?
17. What do you understand by the term 'Common but Differentiated responsibility'?
18. What do you understand by 'urban heat Island'? What impact do urban heat islands have?
19. What is GIAHS? What is its significance in context of India?
20. What is the impact of climate change on: a) Agriculture, b) Health c) Development?
21. What is smog? What are the different types of smog and their impact on health?
22. What is eutrophication? What is its impact on environment?
23. What is virtual water trade? What is its significance in context of current problems?
24. What are Microplastics? What are the concerns associated with them?
25. What is bioremediation? What are the in-situ and ex-situ bioremediation strategies?
26. What are the salient features of the E-waste (Management) Amendment Rules, 2018?
27. What are the legal provisions for management and handling of hazardous wastes in India?
28. What are the causes of acid rain? How does acid rain affect biotic and abiotic things?
29. Define Bio- Medical waste. Discuss guidelines given by Government for Bio- Medical Waste management.
30. What do you understand by Circular Economy? What are the issues with waste to energy plant (WTE)?
31. How unsustainable development impacts coastal areas. Discuss the new Coastal Regulation Zone (Rules).
32. What are Mangroves? Why conservation of mangroves is important for coastal areas?
33. Discuss some of the recent measures taken by Government to solve human-wildlife conflict.
34. What are Peatlands? Elaborate on the need to conserve Wetlands and Peatlands. Draw major Ramsar sites on Map of India.
35. What are the various consequences of Land Degradation? What steps are taken to halt and reverse Land Degradation in the COP-14 of UNCCD?
36. What do you understand by Green Credit Scheme? What are the issues with Compensatory Afforestation Process followed in India?
37. What do you understand by Carbon Trading? Should India aim towards Net Zero Emissions?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 15 — Disaster and disaster management.**

1. What is a disaster? What are the different types of disasters?
2. What is the difference between Hazard and Disaster? What are different types of Hazards.

3. What is Vulnerability? How is vulnerability and risk assessment important for pre-disaster management?
4. What do you understand by Disaster Management? Explain the Disaster Management Cycle. Also, Discuss the challenges related to Disaster Management?
5. Write short note on: a) National Disaster Management Act, 2005, b) National Disaster Response Force, c) National Disaster Management Authority and State Disaster Management Authority
6. India's preparedness to deal with earthquakes and mitigate their impact has significant gaps. Discuss.
7. Discuss the factors which cause Tsunami. What are the initiatives taken by India to reduce the risk during such events?
8. With reference to National Disaster Management Guidelines, Discuss the measures to be adopted to reduce the impact of Tropical Cyclones. Give examples where adequate preparedness have minimized the impact.
9. What is flash floods. Suggest measures to mitigate the impact of flash floods.
10. Discuss the reasons for Urban Floods and suggest measures to resolve the issue.
11. What are the reasons for frequent droughts in India? Highlight the impacts of drought. Discuss guidelines given by NDMA for drought management.
12. Heat waves in the country have increased manifold in the past two years. Define Heat wave. How is it detrimental for human health? Suggest measures to deal with the problem.
13. "The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides" Discuss suitable measures to mitigate the impact of landslides.
14. What are Glacial Lake Outburst floods(GLOFs)? With respect to NDMA guidelines, discuss measures to deal with GLOFs.
15. Recently, India witnessed many industrial and chemical accidents. What should be the approach to prevent and manage Industrial disasters?
16. In the months of April -May, India sees many forest fires break out in various places. Why controlling forest fire is difficult? Suggest best practices to prevent forest fires.
17. What do you understand by Fire Hazard? In the light of recent Fire incidents in the country, what measures should be undertaken to minimize loss of life and property?
18. How is Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, (2015-2030) different from Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005? Discuss measures taken by the government to comply with the framework.
19. What is Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)? How Disaster Resilient Infrastructure can ensure sustainable development?
20. The high concentration of people, economic activities, business and livelihood in cities means that when disaster strikes, the suffering can be colossal. In the light of the statement, Explain the need for Disaster Resilient Cities. What steps have been taken by the government in this regard?
21. Elaborate with suitable examples on the role of technology in Disaster Management.
22. What do you understand by pandemic? What kind of challenges have been posed by COVID pandemic to the Indian disaster management strategy
23. What do you understand by the term 'disaster risk reduction'? What are the different stages in disaster risk reduction?
24. What are the major provisions and drawbacks of the Disaster Management Act, 2005?
25. What are the roles and responsibilities of NDMA in disaster risk reduction in India?
26. What are the major objectives of National Disaster Management Policy, 2009?
27. What are major highlights of National Disaster Management Plan 2019 and its improvements over the National Disaster Management Plan 2016?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 16 — Linkages between development and spread of extremism.**

1. What strategies are needed to win the Left Wing Extremism doctrine affected citizens back into the mainstream of social and economic growth?
2. What are the implications of implementing the provisions of the 5th schedule of the constitution on the growth of Left Wing Extremism?

3. What role can rural development play in tackling left wing extremism in India?
4. What are the recommendations of Virginius Xaxa Committee on combating left wing extremism in tribal belts of India?
5. What is the scale and gravity of the issue of left wing extremism in india?
6. What is the link between underdevelopment in rise and sustenance of left-wing extremism in India?
7. What do you understand by extremism? What are the factors responsible for spread of extremism in india?
8. What are the differences and convergences between extremism and separatism?
9. What are the components of the Government of India's strategy to counter left wing extremism?
10. What improvements did the SAMADHAN doctrine provide over earlier measures like Integrated Action Plan in countering left-wing extremism in India?
11. What is PESA? What are its implications in combating Left-wing Extremism in tribal dominated areas?
12. What is 'pathalgadi movement'? What challenges has it posed in addressing left-wing extremism?
13. What are the determinants of left-wing extremism in Eastern parts of India? What strategies are needed to counter the threat in the affected areas?
14. What role do cultural factors play in containing the appeal of left-wing extremist ideology in the poor regions of India?
15. What impact did land reforms have in evolution of left-wing extremism in India?
16. What is the role of poor infrastructure in sustaining left-wing extremism in India?
17. What is the basis of support for left-wing extremism in India?
18. What are the critical challenges in addressing left-wing extremism?
19. What do you understand by the terms: a) mal-development b) exclusive development c) under-development?
20. How does extremism lead to underdevelopment?
21. How does underdevelopment breed extremism?
22. What is Naxalism? What are its features and aims?
23. What do you understand by the slogan 'Jal-Jangal-Jameen'? What is its relevance in addressing the challenges of left-wing extremism in India?
24. What governance measures are required to tackle the challenge of Naxalism?
25. What is the role of perception management in reducing the appeal of left-wing extremism in affected areas?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 17 — Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.**

1. What do you mean by Internal security? How is it different from external security?
2. What are the different attributes of Internal Security?
3. What roles do state actors play in undermining internal security of India?
4. What is the impact of political stability in neighbouring countries on internal security of India?
5. What is the difference between terrorism and extremism?
6. What impact do non-state actors have on internal security of India?
7. What are the linkages between drug trafficking and internal security issues for India?
8. What are the threats to peace and stability in North eastern states of India due to the issue of illegal migrants?
9. What are the various ways in which cross-border terrorism threatens India's national security? What measures should be adopted to tackle this issue?
10. What do you understand by the terms: a) hot pursuit b) surgical strike c) strategic deterrence?
11. What are the challenges to India's security from state actors in India's neighborhood?
12. What are the challenges to India's coastal security?
13. What state and non-state threats to India exist on India's eastern borders?

14. What state and non-state threats to India exist through Myanmar?
15. What state and non-state threats to India exist through Nepal?
16. What is the role of 'neighborhood first' policy in reducing threats to India's internal security?
17. What role does connectivity and infrastructure play in containing the threat of non-state actors on India's internal security?
18. What steps have been taken in recent years for containing the influence of Pakistan-based state and non-state actors in J&K? What are the remaining challenges?
19. What do you understand by the term 'sub-conventional warfare'? What challenges does it create for India's internal security?
20. What do you understand by the term 'proxy war'? How does it challenge India's internal security?
21. Explain the role of various non state actors in posing threat to internal security of India.

▼ **WYSK - Topic 18 — Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.**

1. What is money laundering? What are the various techniques used in money laundering?
2. What are the challenges to prevention of money laundering in India?
3. What is the role of Financial Action Task Force in combating the menace of money laundering?
4. What is the legal and institutional framework to prevent money laundering in India?
5. What are the socio-economic and political implications of money laundering in India?
6. What are the money laundering implications of crypto-currencies?
7. What do you understand by the term Hawala? What are its implications and effects?
8. What is the role of media in managing internal security challenges?
9. What are the security implications of cloud hosting of server vis-a-vis in-house machine-based hosting for governments and businesses?
10. What do you understand by Cyber-warfare? What are the cyber threats India is vulnerable to?
11. What is the state of preparedness in India for tackling cyber security challenges including cyber-warfare?
12. What is NATGRID? What is its role in India's Internal security architecture?
13. What are the major provisions of the Information Technology Act 2000? What are its limitations in thwarting cyber crimes?
14. What are the major provisions of National Cyber Security Policy 2013?
15. What are the national security threats in deploying the 5G technology?
16. What is cyberspace? What is its importance in modern times?
17. What are the threats to peace and stability of India from 'paid news'?
18. What is dark web? How is it used to create instability in India?
19. What are social networking site and what are their internal-security implications for India?
20. What are the issues, challenges and need to monitor content on social media platforms?
21. What is data localisation? What are its implications on tackling crimes and threats to security in India?
22. What is a malware? What are the various types of malware?
23. What are the challenges to securing the cyber-space in India?
24. What is Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System? What are its benefits?
25. What are the linkages between drug trafficking and other illicit activities such as gunrunning, money laundering and human trafficking? What counter-measures are needed to tackle such activities?
26. What do you mean by Deep fake? What challenges it poses to internal security?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 19 — Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism.**

1. What are the challenges to and strategies for effective border management?
2. What are the threats to India's national security through Indo-China border?
3. What are the linkages of India's internal security challenges with the porous borders with neighbouring countries?
4. What is the Sir Creek issue? What is India's approach to deal with this issue?
5. What are the major internal security threats related to the Indo-Nepal border?
6. What is border management? What are the major problems afflicting the management of our borders including maritime boundaries?
7. What are the linkages between organised crime and terrorism in India?
8. What is the meaning of terrorism and organised crime? What are the points of convergence and divergence between terrorism and organised crimes?
9. What is organised crime? What are its various characteristics?
10. What are the linkages between globalisation and terrorism?
11. What are the various mechanisms of terror-financing?
12. What are the different types of terrorism? How has it changed over time?
13. What are the challenges to managing India's eastern border?
14. What are the challenges to managing India's border with China?
15. What are the advantages and challenges of having open border with neighbouring countries?
16. What are the implications of ethnic ties across borders in managing border security?
17. What is Comprehensive Border Management System? What benefits does it provide?
18. What is the need and challenges of adopting Comprehensive Border Management System along India's borders?
19. What are the implications of strong economic linkages with neighbouring countries on border management?
20. What are the advantages and challenges of co-ordinated border management in handling security challenges along the border?
21. What are the reasons for growth of organised crimes?
22. What are the challenges to controlling organised crimes?
23. What is border management? What are some major problems currently afflicting the management of our borders including maritime boundaries.
24. How far are India's internal security challenges linked with border management, particularly in view of the long porous borders with most countries of South Asia and Myanmar?
25. Discuss the possible threats to India's national security through Indo-China borders.
26. Location of Sri Lanka in Indian ocean have significant impacts on India's maritime security concerns. Discuss
27. Mention major issues in India's maritime border management strategy.

▼ **WYSK - Topic 20 — Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.**

1. What are the different components of India's Coastal Security architecture?
2. What are the limitations of India's coastal security architecture?
3. What are the roles and limitations of civil defence in tackling India's internal security issues?
4. What role do the Central Reserve Police Force have in India's internal security architecture?
5. What role has the Assam rifles played in counter insurgency operations in the northeast region?
6. What role do the Border Security Force have in overcoming security challenges along India's border with Pakistan and Bangladesh?
7. What are the different types of Central Armed Forces (CAPFs)? What are the issues and challenges related to the working of the CAPFs?

8. What are the shortcomings in the working of police in India? What kind of reforms are needed in police forces?
9. What have been the implications of the Prakash Singh Judgement on police reforms in India?
10. What are the challenges to police reforms in India?
11. What do you understand by the term ' joint theater command'? What benefits does it provide over traditional structures in management of armed force?
12. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Chief of Defence Staff? What is mandate of the Department of Military Affairs?
13. What are the roles and responsibilities of Assam Rifles in managing India's borders?
14. What are the roles and responsibilities of Sashatra Seema Bal in managing India's borders?
15. What is the mandate and role envisaged for National Disaster Response Force?
16. What are the roles, responsibilities and structure of the National Security Guards?
17. What are the roles and responsibilities of ITBP in managing India's borders?
18. What reforms have been taken in recent years to promote joint-manship in Indian Armed Forces? What advantages does jointmanship provide?
19. What is National Investigative Agency? What are its roles and responsibilities?
20. What is the mandate and role of Central Bureau of Investigation? What issues have been highlighted in its functioning?
21. Central reserve police force has a key role in India's internal security architecture. Discuss.
22. What are the limitations of civil defence in tackling India's internal security issues?
23. India needs a comprehensive national security policy to tackle internal security issues. Comment
24. Discuss India's Coastal Security architecture. Mention its limitations also.

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▼ **WYSK - Topic 1 — Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in-human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics – in private and public relationships. Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.**

1. What do you mean by ethics?
2. Why should we be moral?
3. What is the difference between ethics and morality?
4. How can ethics be distinguished from other natural sciences?
5. What is descriptive ethics?
6. What is normative ethics?
7. What is meta-ethics?
8. What are the various sources of ethical standards?
9. What are the determinants of ethical behaviour?
10. What do you mean by situations ethics?
11. What is social ethics?
12. What is public ethics?
13. What is private ethics?
14. What are values?
15. What are intrinsic values?
16. What are extrinsic values?
17. What are the various aspects of ethics in public administration?
18. What is the role of ethics in public relations?

19. What is the difference between a leader and an administrator?
20. What are the human values to be learned from the lives of great leaders/administrators?
21. What are the human values to be learned from the lives of great administrators?
22. What do you mean by absolutism?
23. What do you mean by relativism?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 2 — Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.**

1. What is attitude?
2. What are the components of attitude?
3. What are the functions of attitude?
4. What is the difference between attitude, beliefs and opinion ?
5. What is the relation between attitude and behaviour?
6. Does attitude affect behaviour?
7. What is political attitude?
8. What is bureaucratic attitude? Difference between bureaucratic attitude and democratic attitude?
9. Social attitudes towards women, SC, transgender and other vulnerable sections?
10. Difference between persuasion and propaganda?
11. What is persuasion?
12. What is social influence?
13. What is the attitude of administration towards people/ citizens?
14. What is the attitude of people/ citizens towards administration?
15. What is moral attitude?
16. What is the difference between attitude and aptitude?
17. How to bring about attitude change in people?
18. Is it possible to change core beliefs of people?
19. What are core and peripheral beliefs?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 3 — Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections.**

1. What are foundational values of civil services?
2. What is aptitude?
3. What is integrity?
4. What is the difference between impartiality and non partisanship?
5. What is objectivity? What is empathy? why is it important to balance the two in public service?
6. What is meant by dedication to public service? Why is it important?
7. What is tolerance? Why is it important in current times?
8. What is the difference between sympathy, empathy and compassion?
9. What are public values? How are they different from private values?
10. What is political neutrality? What is its relevance?
11. What are the values important for a public servant?
12. What are the Nolan principles of Standards in Public Life?
13. What is the difference between integrity and honesty?

14. What are different types of public service values?
15. What do you mean by empathy? Why is it important for civil servants?
16. what are values?
17. What is honesty?
18. What is leadership? What are the qualities of a leader?
19. What is the importance of tolerance for individual, society and the nation?
20. How can values be inculcated in public servants?
21. What is impartiality? Why is it an important virtue especially for a civil servant?
22. What is fairness/justice? Why is it important for public servants?
23. What are public service values? What are the 3 most important public service values as per you?
24. what is the importance of courage of conviction?
25. What is meant by spirit of service?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 4 — Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.**

1. What do you mean by emotional intelligence?
2. How emotional intelligence became a key leadership skill?
3. What are the key elements of EI?
4. What can you do to improve EI?
5. What is the ability model by Mayer and Salovey?
6. What are the attributes of an Emotionally intelligent administrator?
7. What is the relevance of EI in the current civil services?
8. Can EI be learned?
9. What is emotional quotient?
10. What is the importance of EQ?
11. What is the need of EI at workplace?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 5 — Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.**

1. What is golden mean of Aristotle?
2. What is meant by John Rawls concept of justice?
3. What are the seven sins of Gandhiji?
4. What is Aristotle's concept of virtues?
5. What are the cardinal virtues of Plato?
6. What is utilitarianism? Difference between rule and act utilitarianism.
7. What is deontology?
8. What is the contribution of Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill to the field of ethics?
9. What are the four Purusharthas in Indian Philosophy?
10. What is Nishkama Karma ?
11. What are the core values of Buddhist ethics?
12. What are the core values of Hindu ethics/ Gita?
13. What are the primary teachings of Jaina ethics?
14. What are the primary teachings of Gandhian ethics?
15. Charvaka school of ethics

16. What is categorical imperative of Kant?
17. What the basic ethical ideas of Swami Vivekananda? How are they relevant in the current times?
18. What are the basic ethical ideas of Raja Ram Mohan Roy?
19. What are the basic ideas of Rabindranath Tagore? How are they relevant in the current times?
20. What are the basic ideas of Kautilya? How far can they be considered ethical in the present times?
21. What are the basic ideas of Thiruvalluvar?
22. How are Epicureanism and Stoicism different?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 6 — Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.**

1. What do you understand by civil / public service values ?
2. What are the various civil/public services values in the public administration ?
3. What is the role of ethics in public administration ?
4. What are various challenges for adhering to ethical values in public administration?
5. What are ethical concerns in government?
6. What are ethical concerns in private organization ?
7. What are different types of ethical dilemmas in public administration?
8. What are different types of ethical dilemmas in private institution ?
9. Differentiate between ethical dilemmas in government and private institutions
10. What are the sources of ethical guidance?
11. What are laws , rules and regulations?
12. What is conscience?
13. What is the difference between laws and conscience as source of ethical guidance?
14. What is accountability ?
15. Differentiate between accountability and responsibility ?
16. What is relation between accountability and ethical governance ?
17. What is the need of strengthening ethical and moral values in the governance ?
18. What are the various ways to strengthen ethical and moral values in the governance ?
19. What are various ethical dimensions in international relations ?
20. What are challenges to ethical international relations ?
21. What are various principles or ways to make international relations ethical ?
22. What do you understand by ethical funding ?
23. What is corporate governance ?
24. What are major pillars on which corporate government rests ?
25. What are ethical issues involved in corporate governance ?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 7 — Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.**

1. What do you understand by public service ?
2. What is philosophical basis of governance ?

3. What is probity ?
4. What is importance of probity in governance ?
5. What are the factors necessary for strengthening probity in the governance?
6. What are the ways through the value of probity can be inculcated ?
7. What is the utility of information sharing in government?
8. What are basic tenets of RTI act ?
9. What is whistle blowing?
10. What do you understand by transparency in the government ?
11. What is the utility of transparency in the government ?
12. What is code of ethics and code of conduct ?
13. Differentiate between code of ethics and code of conduct.
14. What are the various aspects of citizen charter ?
15. What is the utility of citizen charter in the governance?
16. What is the reason that citizen charters are not effective ?
17. What do you understand by work culture of an organization ?
18. What are various issues associated within work culutre of government organization?
19. What can be done to improve the work culture of government organization ?
20. What is effective quality service delivery ?
21. What do you understand by public resources ?
22. What is effective utilization of public resource?
23. What are challenges to the effective utilization of public resources ?
24. What is corruption ?
25. What are harms caused by corruption the government ?
26. What are multiple dimensions of corruptions ?
27. What are various challenges posed by corruption in the public administration?

▼ **WYSK - Topic 8 — Important Themes of the Case Studies**

1. Siphoning off of funds allocated for PMGKY
2. black marketing of medicines and oxygen cylinders by employees of government hospitals
3. harassment of orphan children
4. DM misbehaving with his/her staff due to work pressure
5. vaccine hesistancy
6. Tragedy of oxygen gas leakage at a covid care centre
7. Rescue operation during Cyclones
8. Role of an indivisual during Covid crisis
9. Cancellation of CBSE board exams
10. Distribution of vaccines , drugs - centre states relations