UPSC Mains GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) — All PYQs (2013–2026)

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UPSC CSE Mains 2026 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: KVMS-G-GSB)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Right to privacy & self-identity under Article 21: effect of 2026 amendment to Transgender Persons Act, 2019

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Evolution of women's reservation from local bodies to Parliament ('neither minority nor backward class')

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Lok Sabha Speaker vulnerability to partisan politics under anti-defection regime & institutional neutrality reforms

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether right to vote is a fundamental right; ECI position in electoral roll revision & examining voter citizenship

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Enforcement powers of NCSC and NCST for substantive social equality & measures to enhance effectiveness

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether India's tribal development policy reflects socially grounded and equity-based governance

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Malnutrition in India as a challenge of social equity, human development and effective welfare governance

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Advantages and limitations of the generalist structure of Indian Civil Services in contemporary governance

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
IPMDA (Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness) bridging India's SAGAR vision & Quad strategy

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
BRICS as counterweight amplifying Global South & projecting itself as alternative to other groupings

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Position of Governor in Indian federalism, nature of bill assent power & binding aid and advice of Council of Ministers

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Judicial legislation & Supreme Court verdicts allowing 'passive euthanasia' and a 'living will'

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian federal framework accommodating regional/cultural diversities — asymmetric federalism & dispute resolution

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Separation of powers in India vs US rigid presidential model; actual authority of Indian PM vs US President

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Pressure groups, social movements & corporate lobbies deepening democracy vs corporate wealth threatening autonomy

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Transparency and accountability creating stakeholder trust via Rule of Law and Participatory Governance

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Realising constitutional mandate of rights-based welfare under non-integrated governance & minimal public investment

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Education as welfare obligation of state vs strategic investment for a globally competitive knowledge-driven nation

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Indian Diaspora [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's global diaspora as living bridge, economic factor & knowledge network for geopolitical influence

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
China's BRI transforming South Asia into a theatre of great power competition — strategic implications for India

UPSC CSE Mains 2025 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: SLPM-G-GSB)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
'Corrupt practices' under RPA 1951 & whether disproportionate asset increase constitutes 'undue influence'

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Compare | Current-Affairs Linked]
Need for administrative tribunals vs court system & impact of 2021 tribunal rationalization reforms

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Compare President's power to pardon in India and USA, limits & 'preemptive pardons'

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Nature, powers and functions of J&K Legislative Assembly after J&K Reorganization Act, 2019

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Attorney General of India: responsibilities, rights and limitations in guiding Union Government

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Women's social capital complementing empowerment and gender equity

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
E-governance projects having built-in bias towards technology/back-end integration over user-centric design

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether Civil Society Organizations are often perceived as anti-State actors rather than non-State actors

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India-Africa digital partnership achieving mutual respect, co-development & institutional partnerships

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Waning of globalization turning post-Cold War world into a site of sovereign nationalism

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constitutional morality as fulcrum balancing judicial independence and judicial accountability

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Procedural and substantive limitations on Parliament's amending power under Indian Constitution

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Evolution of collegium system in India; pros/cons of Supreme Court judge appointments in India vs USA

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations & impact of recent reforms on fiscal federalism

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Environmental pressure groups & their role in awareness, policy influence & environmental protection

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Inequality in resource ownership as major cause of poverty — 'paradox of poverty'

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Contemporary development models locating decision-making far from information and execution sources

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
NCPCR addressing challenges faced by children in the digital era — existing policies & suggested measures

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Energy security as kingpin of India's foreign policy & Middle East influence — future integration

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
UN reform unresolved due to East-West imbalance & entanglement of USA vs Russo-Chinese alliance

UPSC CSE Mains 2024 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: PHKM-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Need for electoral reforms with particular reference to 'one nation – one election'

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguish Lok Adalats and Arbitration Tribunals & whether they hear civil and criminal cases

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Growth of cabinet system practically resulting in marginalisation of parliamentary supremacy

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Duty of CAG not merely to ensure legality of expenditure but also its propriety

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of local bodies in good governance & pros/cons of merging rural and urban local bodies

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Potential of public charitable trusts to make India's development more inclusive

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Vicious cycle of poverty and malnutrition affecting human capital formation & steps to break it

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Doctrine of Democratic Governance & positive public perception of civil servants' integrity

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
West fostering India as alternative to China's supply chain & strategic ally with examples

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's evolving diplomatic, economic & strategic relations with Central Asian Republics (CARs)

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 — aims, objects & coverage of Univ/State exams

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Right to privacy under Article 21 & law relating to DNA testing of child in womb for paternity

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Recent Union Government changes in Centre-State relations & measures to build federal trust

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Reasons for growth of PIL in India & whether Indian Supreme Court is world's most powerful judiciary

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
India as a secular state compared with secular principles of the US Constitution

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Citizens' Charter: factors hindering its promise & measures to overcome them

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Indian State containing adverse impact of marketisation of healthcare & expanding public grassroots reach

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of 'Interactive Service Model' of e-governance for transparency and accountability

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Effectiveness of UN Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) and associated bodies

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Geopolitical/geostrategic importance of Maldives for India (trade, energy, maritime security)

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UPSC CSE Mains 2023 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: SKYC-G-GST)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence as a prerequisite of democracy

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Entitlement to free legal aid & role of NALSA in rendering free legal aid in India

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Reluctance of Indian states to empower urban local bodies functionally and financially

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Compare and contrast British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in order, impartiality & best democratic practices

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Inadequate attention to Human Resource Development in India & measures to address it

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Competition Commission of India (CCI) in containing abuse of dominant position by MNCs

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Inadequacies hampering e-governance's effectiveness, transparency and accountability

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
'Virus of Conflict' affecting functioning of SCO & India's role in mitigating problems

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Indian Diaspora [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian diaspora scaling new heights in the West — economic and political benefits for India

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constitution as a living instrument — expanding horizons of right to life and personal liberty

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with relevant provisions and case laws

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Legal and political factors for reduced frequency of Article 356 use since mid-1990s

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Contribution of civil society groups for women's participation & representation in state legislatures

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance of 101st Constitutional Amendment Act & accommodative spirit of federalism

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Structure of Parliamentary Committee system & financial committees' role in institutionalising Parliament

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable are discriminatory in approach

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Skill development programmes & linkages between education, skill and employment

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether expansion/strengthening of NATO and stronger US-Europe partnership works well for India

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of IMO (International Maritime Organisation) in environment protection & maritime safety/security

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UPSC CSE Mains 2022 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: N/A (typeset PYQ))

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constitutionalization of environmental problems by Supreme Court with relevant case laws

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Right of movement and residence throughout India freely available but not absolute

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Extent to which decentralisation of power in India changed the grassroots governance landscape

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of the Vice-President of India as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of National Commission for Backward Classes after becoming a constitutional body

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Gati-Shakti Yojana needing meticulous government-private coordination for connectivity

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 remaining legal document without intense sensitisation

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Reforming government delivery system via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) — progress & limitations

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
India's role in the recent Sri Lanka crisis as an age-old friend

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
BIMSTEC vs SAARC similarities/dissimilarities & Indian foreign policy objectives

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Election disputes under RPA 1951: procedures, grounds to declare election void, remedies & case laws

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Essential conditions for Governor's legislative powers & legality of re-promulgating ordinances

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
National political parties favouring centralisation vs regional parties favouring State autonomy

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Critically examine procedures through which Presidents of India and France are elected

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Election Commission of India in light of evolution of the Model Code of Conduct

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Deft management of inflation and unemployment besides welfare schemes for the poor

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether increasing dependence on donor agencies reduces community participation in development

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
RTE Act, 2009 inadequate in promoting incentive-based schooling without awareness

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
How I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE, USA) grouping will transform India's position in global politics

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's changing policy towards climate change in international fora in the context of geopolitics

UPSC CSE Mains 2021 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: HXS-G-GSB)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Explain | Static / Evergreen]
Doctrine of 'Constitutional Morality' explained with relevant judicial decisions

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Desirability of greater representation to women in higher judiciary for diversity, equity & inclusiveness

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
How 14th Finance Commission recommendations enabled States to improve their fiscal position

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Extent to which Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Pressure groups in Indian public policy making; how business associations contribute

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Primary health structure as necessary precondition for sustainable development beyond welfare imperative

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Strengthening 'Earn while you learn' scheme to make vocational education & skill training meaningful

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Breaking vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty & malnutrition through microfinancing of women SHGs

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
India's influence in Africa in recent years ('next few decades expected to be Africa's')

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
USA facing existential threat from China more challenging than the erstwhile Soviet Union

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
States questioning CBI jurisdiction & non-absolute power to withhold consent — federal character

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Structural and practical limitations of Human Rights Commissions against the powerful & remedies

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Distinguishing features of Right to Equality in the Constitutions of the USA and India

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Constitutional provisions for Legislative Councils; working and current status with illustrations

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees keeping administration on its toes

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Rural digital illiteracy & lack of ICT accessibility hindering socio-economic development

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Patriarchal social attitude towards women & feminist movement — interventions beyond education/schemes

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Civil Society and NGOs as alternative model of public service delivery & its challenges

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Aims and objectives of SCO & what importance it holds for India

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Tri-nation partnership AUKUS countering China in Indo-Pacific — strength, impact & existing ties

UPSC CSE Mains 2020 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: URC-G-GSB)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Simplification of disqualification procedure for corrupt practices under Representation of Peoples Act

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Recent amendments to RTI Act and impact on autonomy/independence of Information Commission

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Cooperation, competition and confrontation shaping Indian federalism with recent examples

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Points of convergence and divergence between judicial systems in India and UK

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
'Once a Speaker, Always a Speaker' for Lok Sabha Speaker objectivity & parliamentary business

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Sound health care policies in geriatric and maternal health care for social development

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Institutional quality as driver of economic performance; Civil Service reforms for democracy

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Fourth Industrial Revolution (Digital Revolution) initiating e-Governance as integral part of government

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Role of WHO in providing global health security during COVID-19 pandemic

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Indian Diaspora [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Decisive role of Indian diaspora in politics and economy of America and European countries

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Centralising tendencies of Indian Constitution via Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, DMA 2005 & Farm Acts

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Judicial Legislation vs separation of powers; justifying PILs seeking guidelines to executive

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Local institutions shifting from 'Functions, Functionaries & Funds' to 'Functionality' — challenges

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Rajya Sabha transformed from 'useless stepney tyre' to most useful supporting organ

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Steps for constitutionalization of a Commission; constitutional status to NCW for gender justice

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Incidence and intensity of poverty vs income alone — latest UN Multidimensional Poverty Index Report

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Micro-Finance & Self Help Groups for asset creation, income security & rural women empowerment

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
National Education Policy 2020 in conformity with SDG-4 (2030) to restructure Indian education

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) transforming from military alliance into trade bloc

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Significance of Indo-US defence deals over Indo-Russian defence deals for Indo-Pacific stability

UPSC CSE Mains 2019 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: SDF-G-GSB)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian Constitution based on 'checks and balance' rather than strict separation of powers

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Central Administrative Tribunal exercising powers as an independent judicial authority

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Methods used by farmers' organisations to influence policy-makers & their effectiveness

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
'Principle of Federal Supremacy' and 'Harmonious Construction' from court rulings on legislative powers

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
What France can learn from the Indian Constitution's approach to secularism

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Issues making balanced and inclusive development elusive despite consistent high growth

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Growing divergence between poverty and hunger; shrinking social expenditure squeezing food budgets

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Vital factors affecting ICT-based projects/programmes & measures for effective implementation

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Building a strong contemporary global and strategic India-Japan partnership

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
US withdrawal from UNESCO & accusations of 'anti-Israel bias' ('Too little cash, too much politics')

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Grounds for disqualification under Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 & remedies available

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Parliament's limited amending power under Article 368 vs Basic Structure of the Constitution

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Limited impact of women's seat reservation in local self-government on patriarchal Indian politics

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Attorney-General as chief legal adviser and lawyer of the Government of India

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Decline of individual Parliamentarian's role as national law maker & impact on debates/outcomes

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Multi-level planning in neo-liberal development paradigm for cost-effectiveness & removing blockages

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cooperation and partnership among service sectors in India's development process

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections less effective due to lack of awareness & active involvement

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Disappearance of India's image as leader of oppressed/marginalised nations due to new global role

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Friction in India-US ties due to Washington's inability to satisfy India's national self-esteem & ambitions

UPSC CSE Mains 2018 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: EGT-G-GSD)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
EVM controversy & challenges before Election Commission of India to ensure trustworthiness

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Whether NCSC can enforce constitutional reservation for SCs in religious minority institutions

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Circumstances & consequences of Financial Emergency proclamation by President of India

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Usefulness of parliamentary committees & role of Estimates Committee

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Vital role of CAG reflected in method/terms of appointment and range of powers

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Policy contradictions among competing sectors/stakeholders causing inadequate environmental protection

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Appropriate local community-level healthcare intervention as prerequisite for 'Health for All'

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
E-governance about critical importance of 'use value' of information, not just new technology

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Depth and diversity of India's relations with Israel that cannot be rolled back

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Analyze | Current-Affairs Linked]
Implications of India joining Ashgabat Agreement 2018 amid outside powers in Central Asia

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Critically Examine | Current-Affairs Linked]
Whether Supreme Court Judgement (July 2018) settles political tussle between Delhi Lt. Governor & elected govt

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tribunals curtailing jurisdiction of ordinary courts; constitutional validity & competency in India

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Basic tenets of Indian and USA political systems as two large democracies

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Constitution of Finance Commission of India & Terms of Reference of recently constituted Finance Commission

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Importance of Panchayat system & non-grant financing sources for developmental projects

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Compare | Current-Affairs Linked]
Multiplicity of commissions for vulnerable sections vs merging into umbrella Human Rights Commission

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Focus on lack of food availability as cause of hunger diverting attention from ineffective human development policies

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Limitations of Citizens' Charter & measures for greater effectiveness

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Key areas of WTO reform to survive 'Trade War', keeping India's interest in mind

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Impact of ongoing US-Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy on India's national interest & India's response

UPSC CSE Mains 2017 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: STH-G-GSD)

1 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Local self-government system in India & ways to improve it

2 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Supreme Court judgment on NJAC Act 2014 & judicial appointments

3 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha & State Assemblies vs accountability

4 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Compare | Static / Evergreen]

Informal vs formal pressure groups in Indian politics

5 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in government accountability

6 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Synchronizing beneficiary identification with outcomes in WASH scheme

7 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 empowerment & inclusion

8 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Hunger and poverty as biggest challenges for good governance in India

9 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
China using trade surplus & economic ties for military power in Asia & impact on India

10 • 10 Marks • 150 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Functions of UN ECOSOC & its functional commissions

11 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
101st Constitutional Amendment Act 2016 (GST) & common national market

12 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Scope of Fundamental Rights after Supreme Court Right to Privacy judgment (Puttaswamy)

13 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Joint session of Parliament: occasions when it happens & when it cannot

14 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Election Commission of India's 2016 electoral reforms proposals

15 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Effectiveness of National Commission for Women in public & private spheres

16 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
SHGs & withdrawal of State from developmental activities

17 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Poverty alleviation programmes & role of political will

18 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Neutrality & effectiveness of Civil Services and need for drastic reforms

19 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India's energy security & energy policy cooperation with West Asian countries

20 • 15 Marks • 250 Words • International Relations → Indian Diaspora [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of Indian diaspora in South-East Asia's economy & society

UPSC CSE Mains 2016 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: M-ESC-O-GSB)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
69th Constitutional Amendment Act & Delhi CM vs Lieutenant Governor conflicts

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Article 370 temporary provision & future prospects in Indian polity

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian party system transition full of contradictions and paradoxes

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Article 149 CAG powers & auditing policy implementation vs overstepping jurisdiction

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

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Adjectives attached to 'Republic' in Preamble & their present defendability

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
I.R. Coelho case & judicial review among basic features of Constitution

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Did Government of India Act 1935 lay down a federal constitution?

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Quasi-judicial bodies with concrete examples

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Amartya Sen's reforms in primary education & primary health care

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Role of non-state actors in Indian governance system

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Inter-dependence of government effectiveness & people's participation

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Transparency International integrity index & decline of public morality in India

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian governmental system's response to 1991 LPG reforms

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Traditional bureaucratic structure & culture hampering socio-economic development

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Vulnerable Sections [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
National Child Policy provisions & implementation status

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Demographic dividend & government measures for employable manpower

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
WTO Doha round impasse between developed & developing countries (Indian perspective)

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Economic & strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy post-Cold War

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cross-border terrorism, Pakistan's interference & future of SAARC

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
UNESCO McBride Commission aims, objectives & India's position

UPSC CSE Mains 2015 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: C-AVZ-O-STBZ)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Factors inhibiting Uniform Civil Code (DPSP)

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cooperative federalism & drawbacks in existing structure

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Panchayats & Samitis as political institutions vs effective governance

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Khap Panchayats, human rights violations & legislative/executive/judicial actions

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Critically Examine | Static / Evergreen]
Ordinances, separation of powers, SC decisions & whether power should be repealed

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

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Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 Ordinance changes

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Right to clean environment (Article 21) & Diwali firecracker regulations

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
FCRA 1976 rule changes on foreign funding of NGOs

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
SHG-Bank Linkage Programme (SBLP) for poverty alleviation & women empowerment

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Strengthening NGOs in environmental protection & constraints

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Education & Skill Development [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Entry of foreign educational institutions & higher education quality

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Universal health coverage: public health limitations & private sector role

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Poverty estimates in India & urban/rural poverty indicators

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Satyam Scandal (2009) & corporate governance reforms

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Whistleblowers Protection Act 2011 Amendment Bill

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Independence and autonomy of regulatory institutions

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Increasing interest of India in Africa: pros & cons

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Impediments to India's permanent seat in UN Security Council

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Project 'Mausam' foreign policy & strategic dimension

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Soft power (sports & cultural exchanges) in India-Pakistan relations

UPSC CSE Mains 2014 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (20 Qs | Code: C-DRN-N-ITUB)

1 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Basic structure doctrine & judicial activism in Indian democracy

2 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Indian federalism leaning towards a strong Centre

3 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Article 105 & codification of parliamentary privileges

4 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Freedom of speech and expression, hate speech & films in India

5 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Elections & RPA [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
President's delay in commuting death sentences & time limit

6 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Size of cabinet vs efficacy of government

7 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

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Increased FDI in news media pros & cons

8 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Rail Tariff Authority & power sector experience

9 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Judiciary & Judicial Activism [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
NHRC as effective complement to judiciary & accountability mechanisms

10 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Socio-cultural hurdles to SHGs in rural areas

11 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Welfare schemes & exclusion of vulnerable communities from urban businesses

12 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
State-sponsored Olympic talent hunt vs cash rewards

13 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Academic autonomy for IITs/IIMs

14 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → Civil Services & Accountability [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Cadre-based Civil Services Organization & slow change

15 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
Aadhaar Card vs NPR running concurrently

16 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
South China Sea maritime security & India-China bilateral issues

17 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Analyze | Static / Evergreen]
Information Technology Agreements (ITAs) impact on India

18 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Tied aid conditions of international funding agencies

19 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
New Development Bank (NDB) vs AIIB strategic significance for India

20 • 12.5 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → Global Institutions & Treaties [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
WTO mandate, binding decisions & India's stand on Food Security

UPSC CSE Mains 2013 — GS Paper 2 (Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR) (25 Qs | Code: A-BRL-M-HTUB)

1 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Anti-defection law & diminishing role of individual MPs

2 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Section 66A of IT Act & Article 19

3 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Constitutional & Statutory Bodies [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Article 371A & Nagaland petroleum directives

4 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Parliament & State Legislatures [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Supreme Court check on Parliament's amending power

5 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Smaller States & effective governance

6 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Inter-state water disputes constitutional mechanisms

7 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
13th Finance Commission & local government finances

8 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]

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Merger of SEBI and IRDA

9 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Mid Day Meal (MDM) scheme objectives & success

10 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → Pressure Groups, NGOs & Civil Society [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Pressure groups structure & functioning in India

11 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
SHGs legitimacy & micro-finance scrutiny

12 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

13 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Poverty & Welfare Governance [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Electronic cash transfer system for welfare schemes

14 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) & connectivity

15 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Social Justice → Health & Nutrition [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

16 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Governance → E-Governance & Citizen Charters [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Citizens' Charters & service delivery quality

17 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
National Lokpal & immorality in public affairs

18 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
ISAF withdrawal from Afghanistan (2014) & India's security

19 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
String of Pearls & India's countermeasures

20 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → Bilateral & Global Groupings [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
India-Japan economic ties & policy constraints

21 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Shahbag Square protests in Dhaka & significance for India

22 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
Political developments in Maldives & concerns for India

23 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • International Relations → India & Neighbourhood [Discuss | Current-Affairs Linked]
India-Sri Lanka relations & domestic factors

24 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Discuss | Static / Evergreen]
Gujral Doctrine & contemporary relevance

25 • 10 Marks • 200 Words • Polity & Constitution → Federalism & Centre-State Relations [Compare | Static / Evergreen]
World Bank vs IMF roles, functions & mandate

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