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MAIN EXAM TEST SERIES (June 2022)

GENERAL STUDIES

Free Test-2
(Comprehensive)
GS Paper II

Time allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

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QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

There are **TWENTY** questions printed in **ENGLISH**. All the questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/ part is indicated against it. Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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Q1	4.5 /10	Q8	3 /10	Q15	7 /15
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Parameters	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
Language and Articulation			✓	—		
Structure and Presentation			✓			
Conceptual clarity and Content	✓					
Number of Attempted questions	✓					

Evaluator/Reviewer Suggestions

Dear UTKARSH

STRENGTHS

- Fair Understanding of Topics
- Used of Intro - Body - Conclusion Approach
- Good Command over Subject Matters
- Most of Your Answer are Well Structured

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Intro → You can use data, Reports, facts also.

→ Role in Brief can also be mentioned

Body → More Specific Dimensions can be Added

→ Core Address Demand which is not explicit in statement

→ Flow charts can be used

Conclusion

→ can use Recent Examples, Committee Recommendation

Presentation → Proper Spacing between Words & Lines

→ Donot use incomplete words.

Please go through all the micro & macro comments.

(Answer questions in NOT MORE than the word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length.)

1. 'When the right to freedom of speech and expression corrodes, the institutions of democracy crumble'. Analyze.

(10 marks, 150 words)

ARTICLE 19(1) of CONSTITUTION provides for freedom of Speech and Expression.

Taking away freedom of speech and expression leads to decay of institution

Generic Points
 → Write in one para.
 → Show its importance → determines Health of Democracy.

Crumbling of democratic institutions

Before Mentioning Crumbling Part ↓

① Democracy itself means Right to speech, so corrosion of this takes away other rights

Mention Importance of Freedom of Speech & Expression in form of flow chart or points

② Freedom of speech & accountability, important pillars in democracy

• essential for thriving Civil Society
 • Make Democracy participative.

Generic points
 ↓
 Add more specific points like
 a) Tyranny of Govt. over Citizen
 b) affects Marginalized & Vulnerable Communities

③ Corrosion of this right present from questioning
 Ex: During Emergency, decay of Parliament happened

④ In absence of this right, institutions think them as leviathan
 Ex: Contempt of Court takes away such right resulting into lack of accountability of Judiciary

⑤ As per SC "Dissent is safety valve of Democracy" therefore dissent ensure legitimacy of institutions

Vohra also said "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to death your right to say so"

Good points
 ↓
 presentation can be improved

Good use of quote but add a line or two with quote. like. Rel importance even during emergency → Available Emergencies.

Students should not write anything inside the box

Introduction	0.5	Suggestions: → Try to utilize space ^{well} efficiently → can use flowcharts & Diagrams too.
Body	2.5	
Conclusion	1.0	
Presentation		
Marks:	4.0	

2. The presence of Vigilant Opposition is necessary not just for a vibrant democracy but for its very survival. Discuss.

(10 marks, 150 words)

an ans democracy 1 Opposition is as essential as ruling party. It ensures that democracy remain vibrant and strong

form by Better sentence Complete & correct

Generic Intro can say, that ensure Democracy, Ruling party doesn't usurp political power, Strong dynamic opposition is necessary

Importance of opposition

- ① Asking accountability from Government
 Ex: Question hour, Zero hour
- ② Opposing hasty and unnecessary Legislations Bill
 Ex: Land acquisition Bill, 2013 was withdrawn after opposition
- ③ Ensuring Public grievance is Addressed listen
 Ex: Supporting Farmers Case by opposition
- ④ Counter Executive overreach
 Ex: Opposition going to SC against President rule in Uttarakhand

Good points Use appropriate words Point - Eg format is appreciable

over collaboration of importance sub-part
 Instead one can make sub-heading
 consequence of vigilant opposition with points like vulnerable minorities will be danger
 Decent Conclusion Vaguely Represented

5) Ensure transparency and responsibility
 Chairman of Public Account Committee is from Opposition

6) Ensure there is no chilling effect on freedom of speech and expression
 Ex: Opposition RTA (edition)

7) Public awareness about their rights, their welfare
 Ex: Mobilising public on inflation

8) Taking part in debate and discussion and raising public issues like Unemployment

It is because of this role of Opposition, India provides Statutory status to leaders of Opposition and rank of Cabinet Ministers.

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Introduction	-
Body	2
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	2.5

Suggestions:

→ Try to write correct & appropriate sentences.

remunerations that of / or in order of precedence at

3. India does not follow a watertight model of separation of powers: rather a system of salutary checks and balances. Discuss. Also, explain the rationale behind the same.

Write Decently Ram Jawaya Kapur

(10 marks, 150 words)

SC in Ram Jawaya case argued that Indian model of separation of powers is more inclined to checks and balances against watertight model of USA.

Recent Intro, can also mention origin of Separation of Powers, Montesquieu

Not a watertight model of separation of Powers

Judiciary ① President has power to Pardon while Judiciary can perform executive function under ARTICLE 142 Discretionary power to Supreme Court

② Article 123 - Executive can legislate through ordinance

③ Judiciary Judgement are like law ↳ ARTICLE 141 (C) Vishva guideline

act like law in case of vacuum present

④ legislature in Privilege Breach cases perform Judicial function - eg.

Donot mention Incorrect in complete facts

system of checks and Balance

① Executive appoint Judiciary while Judiciary can overturn executive function

Incorrect Fact ↳ Judges Case

Members Collegium System judges etc

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Anything in

(This part)

Reverting RBI ban on crypto

② Legislature can remove Judges, Judiciary
Can declare law null and void (Ex: NSA)

③ Legislature can bring no confidence motion under Article 75

Rational behind same

① Parliamentary system don't have water tight separation of Powers

② Constitutional makers prefer checks and balances in newly independent country for more accountability

③ It reduces conflict between different organs of government ensure smooth transaction of government

Ex: Nancy Pelosi going to Taiwan despite President's reservation increasing tension with China

Every organ of government should have self restraint regarding separation of power

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Introduction	0.5
Body	2
Conclusion	-
Presentation	
Marks:	2.5

Suggestions:
→ Use Appropriate language
→ Don't mention insufficient facts

Progs
Remove Judge
Bring in the
Impeachment
Decent
Point
Represent better
way & use
Appropriate language
Decent use of
points
can also add social
Dimension
strong then
Citizen
birth in
Institution
Insufficient
Conclusion
say in
Era of
liberalisation &
privatisation &
Globalisation
→ separation
of power has to
be understood
in wider perspective

→ should not be limited to strict classification

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Anything in

(Don't write

this part)

4. "Judicial evenings are sensitive phases: the incumbent being bothered about post-retiral avenues." In the context of this statement, discuss how the prospects of post-retirement employment affect the independence of Judiciary.

(10 marks, 150 words)

With appointment of former Chief Justice Ranjana Khosla as Rajya Sabha member, there is debate on post-retirement employment of Judiciary.

Post-retirement affect independence of Judiciary

① They are more concerned about their post retirement job than current judicial function

② Potential of executive posting them for premium appointments like governors, Rajya Sabha members

③ Create apprehension in eyes of people for independence of Judiciary

Shake confidence & trust

Ex: Arjun Mishra becoming NHRC chairperson

Appropriate Intro

Rephrase in better wordings.

Good points.

④ Executive can interfere in collegium system → biased appointments

⑤ Judicial verdict can be favourable to ruling party

→ apprehension over Rafael verdict

⑥ After post-retirement jobs past judgments of judges are scrutinised

→ Ausadhya judgement

Way forward

Cooling Period post retirement (NCRWC)

Code of Ethics for Judiciary

adopting British Practice of sending all judges in Upper House for lifetime

It is said that "justice should not only be done, it seems to be done"
Post-retirement jobs affect this principle.

must also be seen to be done.

Students should not write anything inside the box

Introduction	1	Suggestions:
Body	3.5	
Conclusion	0.5	→ Reframe generic point towards specificity
Presentation		→ Don't mention incorrect quote
Marks:	5	

Generic Points
 ↓
 Rephrase in more specific manner
 ↓ like
 convert into law
 ↓ with judges being partial, entire state will be vulnerable to failure.
 Appropriate Conclusion
 → Use of flow chart appreciable

Points
 ↓
 Rule of Law
 ↓
 Ruler's Judgements

(Q. No.)

Anything in

this part)

5. The evolution of e-governance from mere information to transformation is critically based on the pillar of technology. In this context, analyze how the usage of technology in governance has facilitated effective public service delivery? (10 marks, 150 words)

e-governance refers to providing service delivery with use of ICT (information, communication and technology)

Use of technology facilitating effective public service delivery

① Reducing Corruption

Ex: Direct Benefit transfer bypass middleman reducing corruption

② More Transparency

Ex: e-RTI bringing out transparency

③ Participatory Governance

Ex: my gov → people can give suggestion

④ Improve Quality of service delivery

Ex: People can ticket book on one click by IRCTC

Decent India

Can also Add examples

↳ Big Data, AI

Add to the Metamorphosis

e-governance from mere info.

Delivery to Social Transformation

Appropriate Point

→ can also Add specific points

a) Reduce Exclusion Errors

b) Increase Doing Ease of Business → single window clearance

c) Encourage MSME's

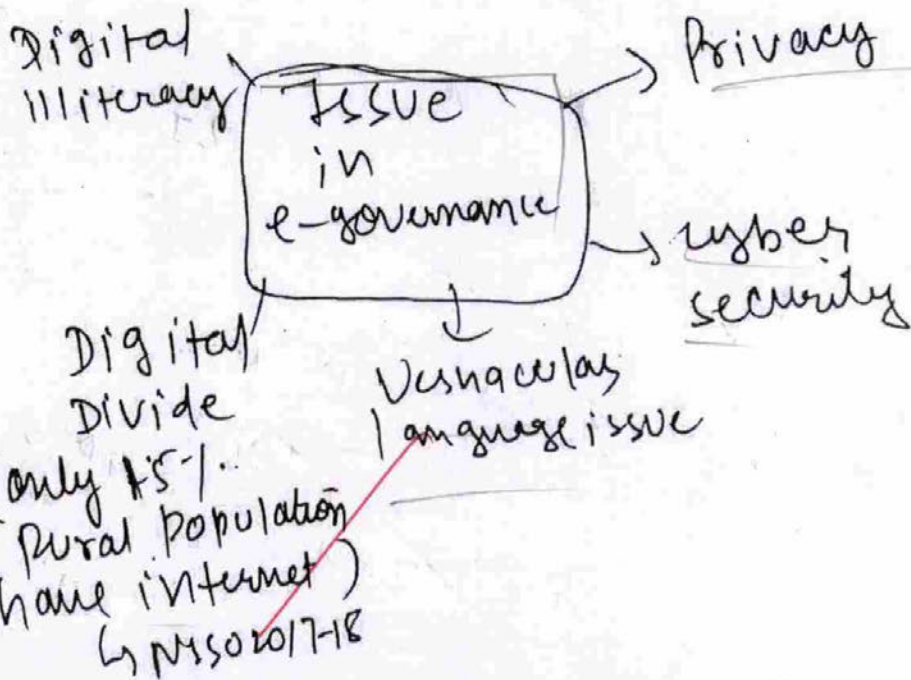
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For practice only

- ③ Improve accessibility
 (Ex) Through SWAYAM rural children can also learn
- ④ Affordable public service
 (Ex) Telemedicine
- ⑦ Grievance redressal mechanism
 (Ex) Twitter ~~to~~ governance
- ⑤ More awareness about public service through internet

Valid points
↓
Use of Examples with point is appreciable



Good & Brief point
↓
Use of flow chart appreciated

Intro → 0.5
Body → 3.5
Conclusion → 1
Total = 5

Valid conclusion

By ensuring proper digital infrastructure through Bharanet, PMWANs etc. e-governance can revolutionise public service delivery in India

6. Has the use of technology aided in ensuring free and fair elections in India? Elaborate.

(10 marks, 150 words)

Free and Fair election are an important pillar for any vibrant democracy. Part IX of Constitution (Article 324 to 329) deals with Election

Technology Aiding Free and Fair Election

1) Use of EVM -> Reducing Cases of Booth Capturing

2) Use of Social Media for Campaign leading to democratisation of Elections as anybody can use it

3) People can register their grievances online regarding election

4) More Public Participation =>

1) Online Registration for Voter Card

2) e-Postal Ballot for Service Voters

During Non Election Period

- ECI RTI Portal -> Transparency
- Voter Portal -> verification
- Voter Awareness

During Election

- eVigil App -> complaints
- MCC violation portal

Post - Election Period

- Election Expenditure App
- Index Card

Recent Intro
-> can also add Technology not only made process transparent but accessible with Authentic Real time Info

This can also be structured
-> Technology Aiding

Appropriate points

- ⑤ Bringing out ghost beneficiaries
 (Ex) linking voters ID and AADHAR
- ⑥ Awareness in masses by Election Commission
 (Ex) SVEEP Platform

Issue with technology in free and fair election

- ① Allegation of Hacking of EVM
- ② illiterate voters find it difficult to go for vote
- ③ Due to digital divide issues in realising free and fair election
- ④ Misuse of social media
 (Ex) Cambridge analytics
- ⑤ Spread of Fake News, Hate speech through social media.

Not Explicitly Demand of Question
 → Can mention in brief or flow chart

Generic Conclusion
 ↓
 can re-emphasise
 ↓
 New tech tools → enable Commission to bring in more efficiency, wide-spread reach & Accountability

Technology is double edged sword,
 EC should have more powers to combat any challenges

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Introduction	0.5
Body	3
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	4

Suggestions:
 → Can structure on more specific Sub-Heading

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Anything in

(Don't write

this part)

7. Do you think that direct cash transfers deliver benefits more efficiently than in-kind transfers? Also, discuss the potential of e-RUPI in transforming delivery of welfare schemes. (10 marks, 150 words)

Direct cash transfers comes in category of direct subsidy with use of technology

Direct cash transfer more efficient than indirect or in-kind transfers

① Reduces corruption, Red taps in due to use of technology
 [Ex] govt has saved 15K crore in last 5 years due to DBT

② People have more choice with direct cash transfers

③ Technology reduces inclusion, exclusion errors, ghost beneficiaries

④ leakage of in-kind transfers become less
 [Ex] 40% food under PDS is leaked (Shanta Kumar Committee)

Issues with cash transfers

① Doesn't take into account inflation

② Direct cash can be misutilised
 ↳ moral hazard

Can also structure like →	In-kind Transfers	Direct Cash Transfers
	Merits →	Merits →
	Demerits →	Demerits →

In sufficient intro.
 can mention data on Govt spent \$130 billion in Welfare Schemes in FY 2021-22 while kind transfers have been the norm, there has been slight shift toward Direct Cash Transfers

Valid Point
 ↓
 can also Add Point
 Cost Perspective
 ↓
 Efficiency & Cost Saving for Public
 Exchequer
 ↓
 Less Delivery Cost

Valid points

③ create inflation

④ Use of technology has its issues due to digital divide \triangle only 25% Indian have internet (NYSO 2017-18)

E-RUPI is kind of vouchers backed by Indian rupee where people can take services by giving e-Rupi vouchers

Incomplete Definition.

Positive of e-RUPI

- Reduce Corruption
- universal reach (tele density 488% (TR#2))
- no chance of its misuse
- Virtual medium of door to door delivery

Generic Points

Issue

- digital divide
- digital illiteracy (less than 10% in rural area by microsoft study)
- Cyber security issue

E-RUPI has great potential, its challenges can be overcome by implementation of scheme like PMGDISHA etc.

Students should not write anything inside the box

Introduction	-	Suggestions:
Body	2.5	→ Structure as per Demand of Question
Conclusion	0.5	→ Maintain Comprehensive Definition
Presentation	?	
Marks:	3	

without requiring Internet or Application

Not explicit Demand feature
→ can mention
a) Cashless & Contactless
b) pre-determined place usage

Generic Conclusion
↓
E-RUPI path breaking
↓
though success
↓
will depend upon efficacy of its implementation Measures

Potential/Benefit
Inclusivity will increase need to Govt. Intention

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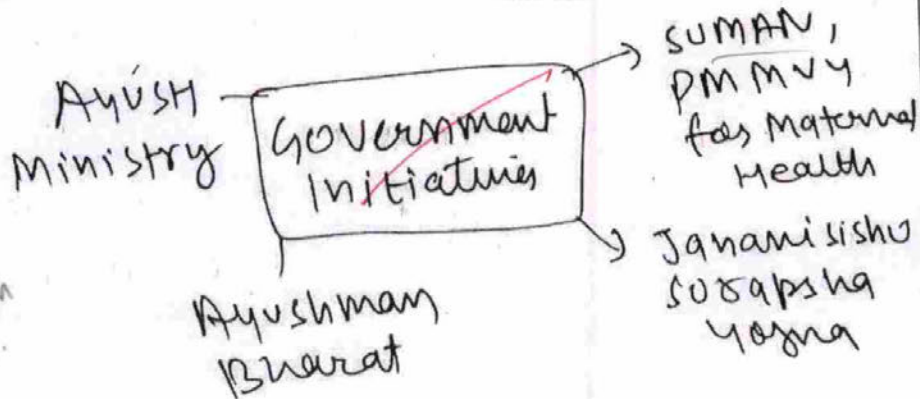
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8. Identify the SDGs that are related to Health. Discuss the success of the government initiatives in achieving the same. (10 marks, 150 words)

SDG-3 talks about Healthy Population by **2030**.

Different target under SDG-3

- ① Maternal Mortality rate to 70/100k (MMR)
- ② Infant Mortality rate to 28/1000 (IMR)
- ③ Universal Health Coverage
- ④ Road accident by half by 2020
- ⑤ Focus on Preventive Care
- ⑥ Focus on non communicable disease



Insufficient Intro.
 ↓
 mention what SDGs are & how many (17) ↓
 can also mention Adopted by UNGA in 2015

Content Reflect
 ↓
 Deep Understanding
 ↓
 Can also mention Health Component also present in other SDGs
 1. SDG-1 Poverty
 ↳ major cause of poor Health outcome.
 2. SDG-5 Gender Equality
 ↳ Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights to Women.

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Anything in

Success of initiatives

- ① IMR reduced to 32 from 90 in 1990
- ② ~~MMR~~ reduced to 106 from 163 in 2013-14 → Mention more recent Data
- ③ 3.5 crore free treatment under Ayushman Bharat in last 3 years

Issue remain

- ① 400/day death due to Road accident
↳ Ministry of Roadways
- ② Doctor Patient ratio → 1:1456
↳ WHO recommend 1:1000
- ③ Health expenditure → 1.5% of GDP
China → 7% of GDP
- ④ only 10% health Budget on preventive health care

By taking Private sector in tandem, increasing expenditure to 3% on Health SDG goals can be achieved

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Introduction	-
Body	2.5
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	3

Suggestions:

→ Try Add More point to part of Answer which is explicit Demand of Question - 1.7

Valid points
Add few more
4 points like
1. Record Vaccination under Mission Indradhanush
2. Increase in Average life expectancy to 69.7 years

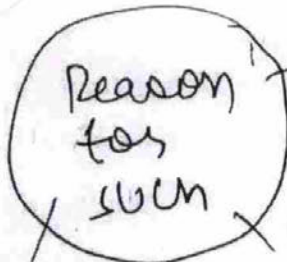
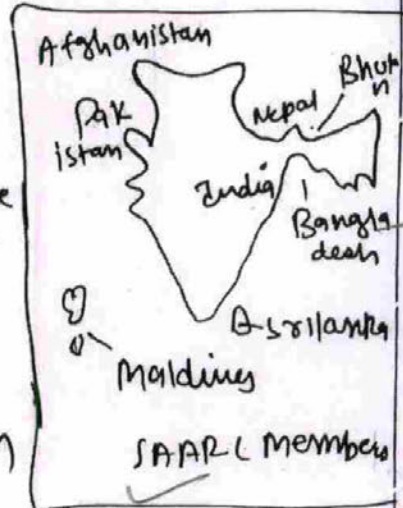
Not explicitly Asked
Sum up in few charts

Concrete Conclusion
Can mention more
Dimensions
Rapid Adoption of Telemedicine, Digital Health Care, focussing on Preventive Health Care, Expanding Primary Health Care as way forward

9. Despite considerable geographical contiguity, SAARC has remained in a condition of jammed traffic. Discuss what SAARC can learn from other regional groupings from around the world.

SAARC is association of 8 South Asian states. It was formed in 1985 for more regional integration. (10 marks, 150 words)

However SAARC has remained a jammed vehicle with last summit in 2014.



Pakistan state sponsored terrorism
India's perceived image of Big Brother

influence of China

Appropriate Intro.

Use of Diagram Appreciated.

SAARC can learn from other regional grouping

Valid Point

① Economic integration essential for regional development

Ex: ASEAN intra trade is 25%.
EUROPEAN UNION (EU) intra trade is 40%.

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this part

② Political differences should not be reason for ineffectiveness of institutions

Ex: Germany and Greece in EU have differences but EU is functioning

③ Differences can be overcome by more integration

Ex: France, Germany after WWII came together due to EU

④ More integrated region is, more regional power it has

Ex: everybody talks about ASEAN's centrality

⑤ Despite differences, regional grouping can be formed

Ex: African Union of all 54 states in Africa

Thus India and Pakistan needs to overcome prisoners and security dilemma and resurrect SAARC for integrated region

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Introduction	1	Suggestions: → Bring More specificity to Points
Body	3	
Conclusion	0.5	
Presentation		
Marks:	4.5	

Decent Point
↓
more specificity
can be brought
• like
a) Institutional Change → Decision Making Consensus Based
↳ Qualified Majority like EU
b) More Infrastructural Project → Boosting Connectivity & Regional Development

Generic Conclusion
↓
can say
• must not completely abandon SAARC
↓
Need to Reinvent
↓
Potential to become leading Grouping

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Anything in

this part)

10.

In Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka has become a coveted prize to win for India and China. Discuss how this competition is affecting relations between India and Sri Lanka.

(10 marks, 150 words)

India and Sri Lanka share historical linkage from era of Ramayana. Sri Lanka has strategic importance, which make it a coveted prize to win for India, China

India developing Renewable Energy Plant

India China competition

China taking Hambantota on lease

India helping \$4bn in Economic Crisis by

10% of Sri Lanka's foreign debt with China

Making Colombo City Port

Geometric Intro.
↓
can also comment around Indian Ocean Region
make it important our major programmes
Sagarmala
China's presence National Security Perspective

Competition affecting relation between India and SRI LANKA

In Positive ways

① India Sri Lanka coming more closer as India trying to help Sri Lanka (b): Recent crisis in Sri Lanka

Valid point.

② It forced India to provide the of credit, grants for housing construction in Jaffna

③ Sri Lanka also have "India First" policy

④ Sri Lanka is more aware about India's strategic interest
→ Sri Lanka detected China's research vessel

ISSUES

① India not happy with China's presence of BRI in Sri Lanka

② Sri Lanka find alternative partners so less dependent on India

③ Sri Lanka going for Balance of Power → military purchase agreement.

India, China both are fighting for Regional Hegemony creating Impact on Relation with Small neighbours

④ with Robust Diplomacy & political Pro-activeness → India can counter Economic might of China in different ways

Decent Points
↓
Can also Add
↳ Granting of Triconomally Field Project to Indian Companies.

Generic Points
Bring Specific Points like
a) Sri Lanka accuses India of having a big Brokerly Affected
↳ Providing access to Chinese Navy & Submarines to Sri Lanka etc

Intro - 0.5
Body - 2.5
Conclusion - 0.5
Total - 3.5

Generic Conclusion
↓
Can also say

11. Finance Commission in India has the tough job of balancing inclusiveness for poorer states and incentives for states that perform. Comment.

(15 marks, 250 words)

Article 280 deals with Finance Commission making it as "balancing wheel of Fiscal Federalism". It is also known as

There are 4 members and one chairperson in Finance Commission appointed by President.

Decent Intro. Represent in better wordings.

Finance Commission's tough job

① limited fiscal capacity to balance inclusiveness and incentives.

② Poorer state demand more grant-in-aid and deficit grant

in horizontal distribution

Crucial points

Can take route of Recent 15th FC Recommendation Mention / meet of Question

These fit points written in tabulation form under these heading only.

- Inclusiveness to poor states
- Income Distance Criteria (45%)
- Area Criteria → Allocations of Resource in proportion to Area (15%)

- Performance incentive
- Demographic Performance criteria (12.5%)
- Forest, Ecology " (10%) → state took measure to improve Ecology
- Tax & Fiscal Effort (2.5%)

③ High Performing state want Performance based incentive

Factor: 15th Finance Commission
Introduced demographic Performance

Criteria to incentive Southern States

④ Recommendation of Commission are not binding on center. So center might not give grants as per Commission

⑤ If Commission gives more grant to poor states, it gives wrong signal to High Performing state

⑥ It also embolden meret hazard where poor states can continue with their lower performance

Good points
↓
Conceptually Represented

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- ⑦ Memores for Inclusive growth grants are also necessary
- ⑧ Incentivisation for performing state necessary to bring efficiency Memores such case can lead to regional disparity.
- ⑨ Many time center's Term of Reference Aggravate such problem.
 Non: Defence modernisation fund reduces sharable tax with states

Generic Point
 can also Add.
 points like
 State Autonomy
 Is major or
 chunk
 still with
 Centre
 Is better
 State
 Raising

Though it is challenging task but in last 75 years finance Commission through 'out of Bon' thinking has overcome this dilemma

Generic Conclusion
 ↓
 how 15th FC started a course of Revenue Distribution Balancing the poor states the same time states
 by delicately needs of while at encouraging to perform better to more Resources

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Introduction	1.5
Body	3.5
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	5.5

Suggestions:

→ Structure Answer as per Demand of Question.

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12. An impartial and apolitical bureaucracy strengthens governance and contributes towards economic development and social transformation. Elaborate.
(15 marks, 250 words)

With bad laws and good civil servant, governance is possible but with bad civil servant, good laws can't do anything
— Bismarck

Impartial and apolitical bureaucracy is that which believes in non-partisanship and doing their duty objectively without Political biasness

Importance of impartial and apolitical bureaucracy

Strengthening governance

① Ensure rule of law →

Ex: Vinodrai remained impartial and brought out coal, 24 (lam) mandia

② Reduce Corruption, Nepotism

→ contracts given objectively not based on political considerations

Good point
↓
Well structured

Decent Intro.
Try to write Intro in one para
Can say Role of Bureaucracy is to implement the programs & scheme of the government & fulfill the duty & fulfill the Constitutional to provide Citizen-Centric Welfare & achieve a welfare State

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Anything in

this part)

③ Consensus oriented and Public Participation
in governance as impartial bureaucratic
believe in citizen centric governance

Good Points

④ Increased objectivity and Transparency
↳ disclosing information of
any project for transparency

Economic development

① Reduced Red Tapism bring
more investment

② impartial and apolitical bureaucracy
gains public trust resulting into
less protest

Social Dimension

③ It reduces political consideration
and focus on policies which can
bring best utilisation of public fund

④ Effective implementation of
schemes reducing Poverty

↳ reducing exclusion errors
in MNPCHA will provide more
employment

Valid Points

Social Transformation

- ① Everyone gets equal opportunity, in absence of favouritism
- ② Effective implementation leads to better social mobility
- ③ Social evils like caste discrimination can be tackled
 (ex: Taping action in SC/ST atrocities case without favouritism)
- ④ Socio-economic welfare
 (ex: Providing scholarship to vulnerable section)

Valid points

Non-partisan bureaucracy is essential not only for strengthening (steel framework) but also nation building

Genuine Conclusion
 ↓
 can rephrase like - we see that impartial & political lies at the heart of the robust functioning of government, in absence of which ideas of social & economic transformation of Nation would be unachievable.

Students should not write anything inside the box

Introduction	1
Body	5.5
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	7.5

Suggestions:
 → Presentation can be improved use space effectively, write in straight line with proper spacing.

13. "There is a confrontation between the limited financial resources and the unlimited need for public services." In this context, bring out challenges in front of the Urban Local Bodies as public service providers. Also, suggest suitable measures to address these challenges.

Act, 1992
(15 marks, 250 words)

74th Constitutional amendment provided Constitutional status to urban local bodies for democratic decentralisation and better governance.

With such large population and poverty there is issue in balancing finances and service delivery.

Challenges with urban local bodies as service providers

① Financial Issue

① low tax to GDP ratio
↳ stagnant at 4.5%

② low government aid

↳ 1% of GDP, in Norway - 8%

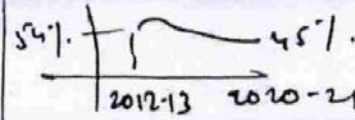
③ limited financial resources of taxation ↳ 60% of tax just through properties tax

Generic Intro
↓
Can write in one paragraph

Urbanization with rapid functions has increased & responsibility manifold, demand of finance & devolution of fund. always been a mismatch

Well structured & sub-heading & points
Can also add
→ Recommendation of State FC not given importance due

(F) limited self earned revenue



(2) Administrative issues

(1) lack of devolution of Funds, Function, Functionaries

(2) creation of Alternative bodies by state government like Delhi Say Board

(3) lack of staff for public service delivery

(4) lack of Technology and other infrastructure for providing better governance.

Suitable Measures to address challenges

(1) Encourage Municipal bonds

→ currently only 2-3% earning through bonds (15th Finance Commission)

(2) Constitutional mandatory devolution of Funds (Punchhi Commission)

3) Increase in tax base of local governments as provided in Part IX-A

4) Involve Private sector through CSR Funds in public service delivery

5) Non-State actors like Civil society organisation should step in to make service delivery better

6) Separate Bureaucracy for local bodies

7) Proper training to staff, better infrastructure (standing committee)

By strengthening local bodies not only public delivery will improve but Gandhiji's concept of Organic Circle of Power will come true

Decent points
can add innovative point like Department of Expenditure makes state eligible to mobilize additional financial resources through open market borrowing

Decent Conclusion also say to be. need is functional to be. Autonomy coupled with sufficient financial independence

Students should not write anything inside the box

Introduction	1
Body	4
Conclusion	1
Presentation	
Marks:	6

Suggestions:

→ Try to Add Specific points
→ Scope of Improve & Representing point in better way.

14. 'Protection is one of the child rights, but is more than just a right.' What do you understand by the given statement? Discuss the steps taken by the government of India to ensure child protection. Also, highlight the barriers in the protection of child rights in India.

(15 marks, 250 words)

According to Census, 2011 28.6% of Indian population is below 15 years.

Child protection is one of natural right and human right however it is considered more than just a right.

Reasons

① Rights just put limitation on something but protection has also enabling feature

② Protection helps child to develop cognitive ability freely without any fear

③ Protection leads to healthy and nutritious child

④ Protection leads to better child education

↳ Terrorist attack in Sainik school in Pakistan deterred children from coming to schools

Good Points

Use of data is appreciable in Intro
Generic Intro.
Can define Child Protection
toward demand explicitly Asked
UNICEF
↳ Prevention of or Responding to the incidence of Abuse, exploitation, violence & neglect of children.
Protection also allows children to have access to their other rights to survival, development, & participation

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⑤ Protection creates enabling environment for better socialisation
↳ parents will give attention on ethical development of child

↳ an Lydia due to absence of protection children at early age becoming militants

Steps taken by Government for child protection

1) Constitutional Method → Article 15
↳ Article 23, 24
(labour, forced exploitation)

2) International agreements
↳ Ratified "Convention on Protection of Child Right"

3) Legislative Acts
↳ 1) POCSO Act prevent children from sexual abuse

2) Prohibition of Child Labour Act, 2016
↳ Prohibit employment as child labour

Don't write

Repetition of Point

Recent Point

Valid Points

3) Prevention of Child Marriage Act, 2006

④ Schemes like I CDs, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

Barriers in Protection of Child right

① Poverty → It force children into child labours

② Socio-cultural values → Early girl marriage
[ex: 24% marriage - child marriage - NFHS-5]

③ Patriarchy → increase infanticide of girl child

④ Capacity of state → Fiscal deficit - 6.4%

⑤ Linkage between (organised crime) and Trafficking → Child trafficking, Child prostitution

⑥ Technology → Child pornography at Dark web

With increasing State Capacity, taking help of non-state actors Child Protection can be ensured

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Decent Points
Can Add Specific Dimension like
a) lack of sensitivity shown by officials in Inquiries
b) Children get frightened & don't complain at 1st place

Insufficient conclusion
Add one or two more lines

Introduction	1
Body	5
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	6.5

Suggestions:

- Presentation can be improved
- Content Competance is present
- can take Definition Approach in Intro.

Requires active coordination of vigilant State & Alert Society

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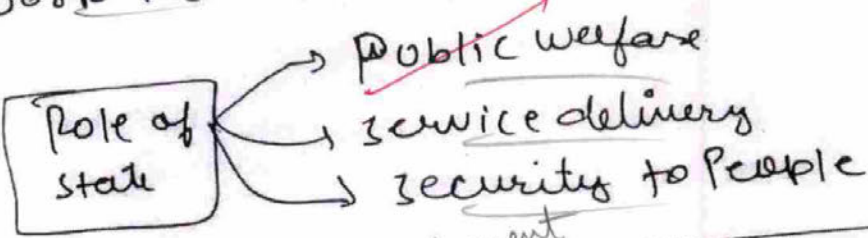
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15. The role of the State does not diminish when non-State actors gets involved in service delivery, it just becomes different. Elaborate the statement in the context of partnership of State and non-State actors in the governance in India.

M. Ramchandran, Former ^{Union} secretary in boole (15 marks, 250 words)

"Bringing People and Governance closer" argue that when state and non-state actor work together, it result into good governance.



Non-state Actors ^{involvement} resulting into different state role

① Role from Controller to facilitator → Private sector after 1991 become main service providers. Government ensure care of doing business

② state instead of directly providing service, oversee quality of service by non-state actor -

Appropriate Intro. mention a line over Role of Non State Actors such words link Community Government etc

Valid Points

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① Competition Commission of India, FSSAI
oversceing functioning -

③ Accountability of state, in turn
gets increased

④ Farmer Pressure group
asking on 'doubling farmer income'

⑦ State take the role of help
Provides to non-state actor
⑧ Viability gap funding
in infrastructure project

⑨ State ensure that everyone
leads life of dignity and nobody
remains at disadvantage
⑩ Providing free ration/subsidial
through PDS

⑪ Partnership between State
and non-state actor

Good Points
↓
Presentation
can be improved with proper spacing & lines.

can be rephrased share Infrastructure

results into increase Effectiveness
of governance

Can Add more specific Dimension like
a) bring issue like Environment, Health
to fore-front of State's role in its core areas
Helping the citizens through Rehabilitation

(7) MURADA, SHY providing PREFERS to local vendors

State's role in its core areas increase expenditure on Armed forces

Vaguely written.
Rephrase -> state can better relocate Resource to 'Core' sectors

b) Help in Rehabilitation
Generic Points
↳ can be a way forward point

(8) ensure proper oversight on non-state actors so no Anti-National activities happen
(9) FURA Amendment

Bring last point in Conclusion
↓
To meet Conclusion word limit

Thus non-state actors play important role in better governance. They also bring change in way state perform.

15 Marker	Conclusion 25-30 words	} → one para
10 Marker	Conclusion 35-40 words	

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Introduction	1.5	Suggestions: → Rephrase the points in convey Message clearly. → Can more specific Dimension. → Meet word-limit for Conclusion.
Body	4.5	
Conclusion	1	
Presentation		
Marks:	7	

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16. Though emerging technologies have aided the public welfare in India, they pose challenges to regulatory bodies as well. Substantiate. Also, suggest way forward to address these challenges. (15 marks, 250 words)

In the age of Industrial Revolution 4.0, role of emerging technologies like AI, IoT, Blockchain have become important.

Emerging technology aiding public welfare

1) Reducing corruption
En: through JAM trinity, DBT became possible reducing corruption

Increase transparency
↳ digitisation has improved it. En: E-RTI

Better Accessibility of Services

Increase accountability

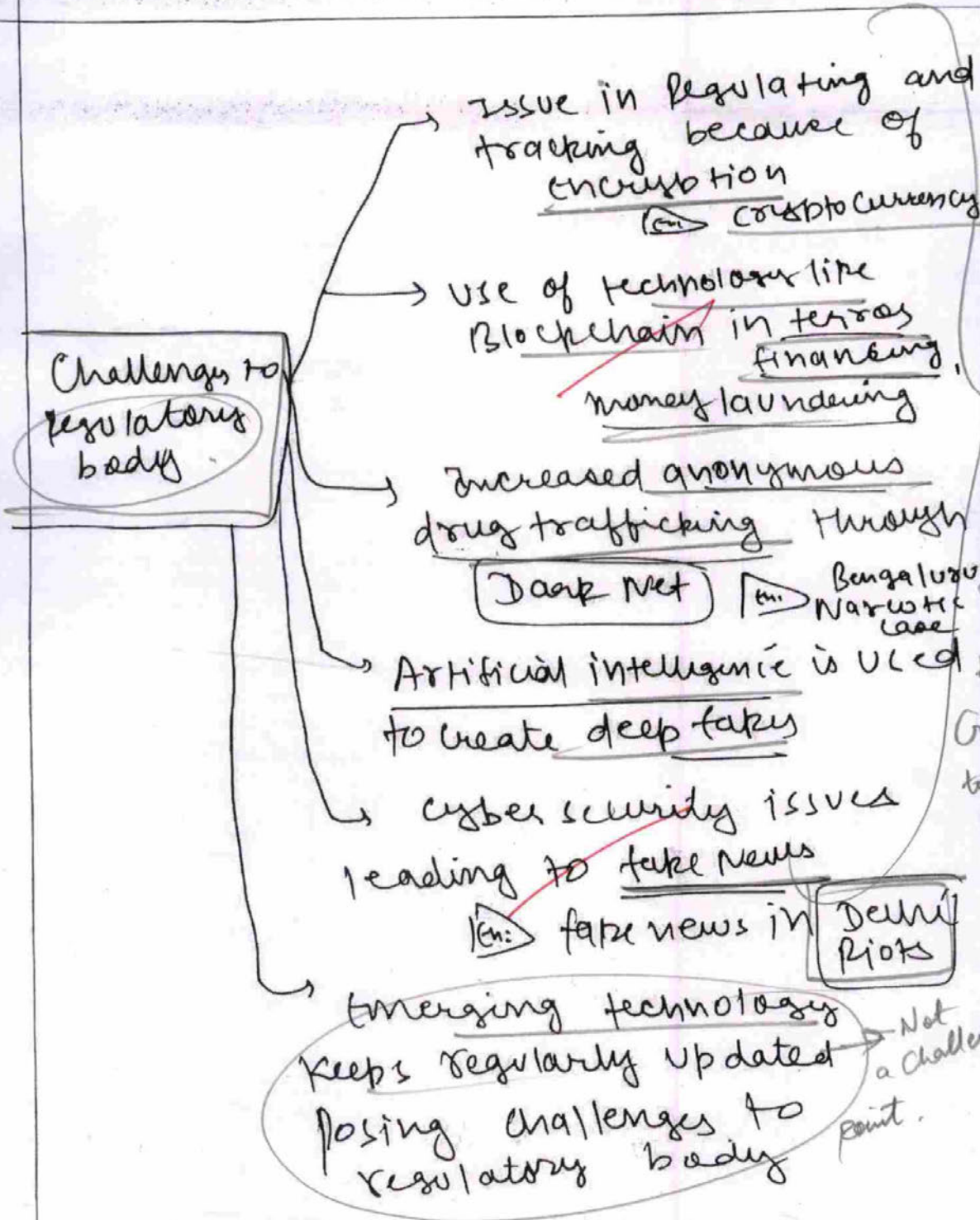
En: telemedicine, e-education through AI

En: Blockchain
↳ land records become more secured

Fast and Affordable service
En: Cryptocurrency
reducing cross border transaction cost and time

Good points
↓
use of Examples
is Appreciable
→ can also Add a point
↓
Help Administration
↳ Analysing large set of data base
↳ provides speedy Result

Inefficient Intro.
↓
can define Emerging Technology
↓
these technologies whose development & full potential is yet to be realized.



Good Points
 ↓
 Can also use innovative point like
 ↓
 Emerging Designer Babies, heterologous
 ↓
 Gene can separate to disrupt the entire food chain

Way forward

1. Regulatory Bill on these emerging technologies for better surveillance

2. Inducting skilled workforce to have edge over Anti social elements

3. Cooperation in international arena Quad countries, 1202 countries

4. Update Cyber security Policy, Amend IT Act 2000 to overcome challenges

5. Awareness among people to be aware about misuse of these technologies.

emerging technologies are double edge sword, with proper oversight challenges can be minimised.

Students should not write anything inside the box

Introduction	1	Suggestions: → can bring in some out of the box & Innovative Point. → can also bring recent points → from Current Affairs
Body	5	
Conclusion	0.5	
Presentation		
Marks:	6.5	

Insufficient conclusion

Good point
Can also add one very important point
formulate a strong Data protection Act on lines of Recommendations of Justice Srikrishna Committee

How to mention it
On one hand, immense potential in Public Welfare & Governance
On other hand they come present the multiple Regulatory challenges to Administration

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17. The wellbeing of civil society depends upon its social capital and the way it works. Can a diverse and heterogeneous nation like India have strong social capital? What role does civil society organizations (CSO) play in building a strong social capital in India?

(15 marks, 250 words)

Robert Putnam in work 'Bowling alone' argue that social capital is most important determinant in maintaining harmony in societies.

social capital refers to bond between people in society.

Diverse and heterogeneous nation having strong social capital

Issues in having social capital

- ① Issue of communalism arises
 Ex: Gujarat riots, Udaipur killing
- ② People have more affinity for their regions leading to regionalism
 Ex: Dravidian movement, Majoritarianism, Khalistani movement
- ③ Chances of Majoritarianism
 Ex: cow vigilantism

Decent Intro. ↓ mention elaborate Complete Definition mention complete words. Write in one paragraph

Important Belongingness

This is effect Issue is Extreme love for one's Religion

Decent Points

④ Can result into identity politics

However, India despite these issues have strong social capital

① Value of Vasudhaiva Kutumbam

Ex: welcoming all culture
↳ Indo-Islamic architecture

Buddhism

② Value and Tradition of toleration → Eg:-

③ Celebration of fairs, festivals together
Ex: Purnnami, Moharram procession on same day

④ Constitution morality which provide right to equality also result in social capital

Civil Society Organisation role in social capital

① Bringing people together and performing activities together

Ex: Resident welfare society on Sunday organising short meet and fun activity

② Makes awareness among people regarding importance of togetherness

Ex: During covid, awareness and taking donation for migrants

Good points well covered

Valid points

③ Ensuring equal rights to everybody
 ↳ samhita sang, N40 fighting for cause of tribals

④ SHGs like padumbhree bringing women from different community together.

⑤ Help in understanding other's pain
 ↳ old age homes inviting schools to make visit

⑥ Temples, mosque etc. are place of congregation of people strengthening bond between people

Thus Civil Society Organisation needs to be empowered to strengthen the social capital to move toward ethical society.

Decent point
 → can add more specific points like e.g.
 Better last mile connectivity where govt fail to reach
 b) Act as pressure group → protest over farm law etc.

Vaguely written point
 ↓
 Address vulnerable section of society Demand.

Insufficient Conclusion
 ↳ can also add Govt. can bring a new Policy on Voluntary Sector → actively in CSOs
 ↳ access fund, use of Technology Govt. Resources etc.

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Introduction	1
Body	5
Conclusion	0.5
Presentation	
Marks:	6.5

Suggestions:
 → Try to write complete conclusion → re-emphasise importance of CSO.
 → Can add more specific dimension.

18. Hunger can be viewed as the most severe and critical manifestation of poverty. In this context, analyze the linkage between hunger and poverty. How has India fared in tackling the vicious cycle of hunger and poverty?

(15 marks, 250 words)

"There are people so hungry in this world that they can't see god except in form of Bread"
- Gandhi

Hunger is direct result of Poverty and these two have intertwinings.

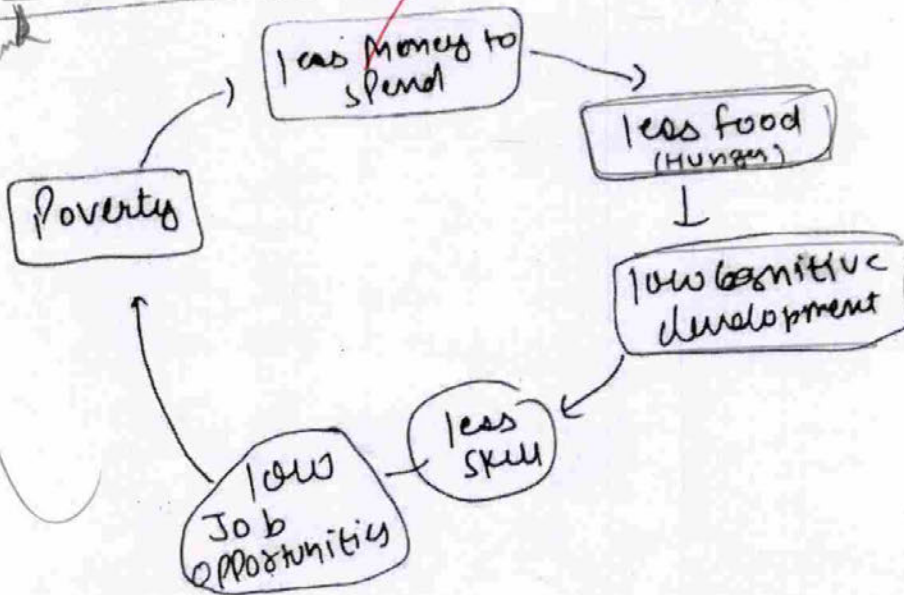


Fig: Vicious cycle of Hunger and Poverty

linkage between Hunger and Poverty

① Due to Poverty less money to spend on food (Basic Need for Survival)

use of
Quote is
Appreciable

Appropriate
Intro.
↓
can also mention
Data Point
Rank
↓
GHI → India's
101/118th

② Poverty leads to less education which means less awareness about Right food which results into Malnutrition

③ Hunger leads to Health issues which like increase expenditure resulting into poverty en out of pocket expenditure in India - 5.1% (Economic survey)

④ Hunger leads to low cognitive skill which reduces class status resulting into social poverty - en social mobility India - India-76 out of 82 countries

Evaluation of India in tackling vicious cycle

Positive

① as per Multidimensional Poverty Index, India has brought 27 mn people out of poverty in a decade

Decent Points
Circumstances
Represented
↓
also structure

Linkage

A) Direct Relationship
Absence of Monetary Resource
Hidden hunger

B) Indirect Relationship
Behaviour Determinant
Absence of Breast feeding at Early Age

ii) Social Determinants
→ Patriarchy
↳ child marriage
↳ low weight gain during pregnancy

iii) Shrinking Social Expenditure by Government is forcing poor to spend more on non food items.

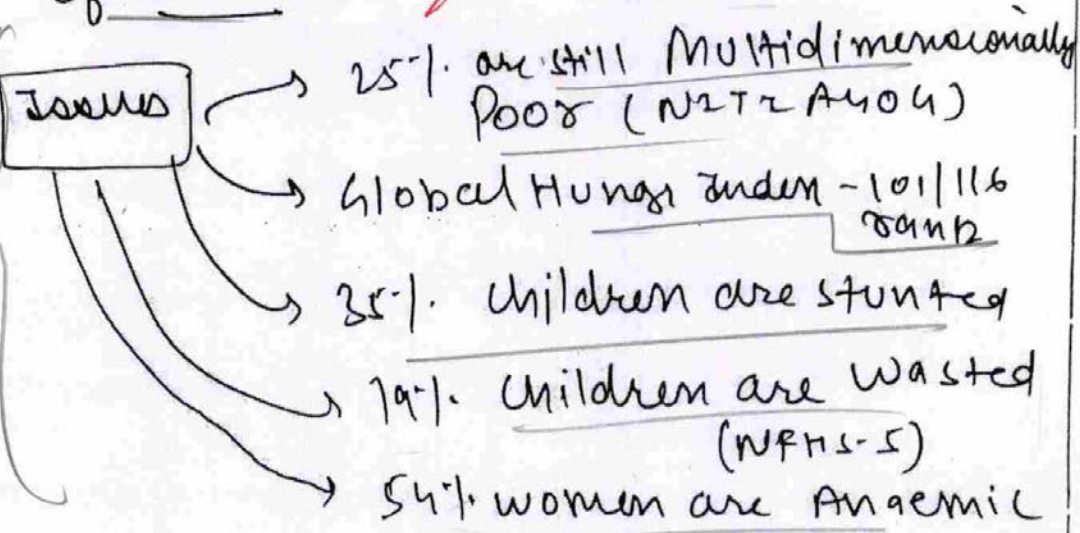
Valid point

② Schemes like MNREGA, NRLM are giving Employment and Livelihood opportunity

in rural areas

Enc. MNREGA provide 37 more man days last year

③ National Food Security Act covers 66% of India → reducing Hunger



There is need to improve implementation of schemes, bring diversification of food and provide more employment opportunities to fulfill SDG-1 (Poverty), SDG-2 (Hunger) target.

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Introduction	1.5	Suggestions: → Can structure answer → in better ways. → Can add more dimensions.
Body	4	
Conclusion	1.5	
Presentation		
Marks:	7.5	

Decent points can add more dimensions like Mid Day Meal Program → MSP to farmers

Good point

Decent conclusion can say focus on capacity building of Anganwadi ASHA's, setting up workers, level village health & nutrition committee etc

Not under clearable point → write appropriately

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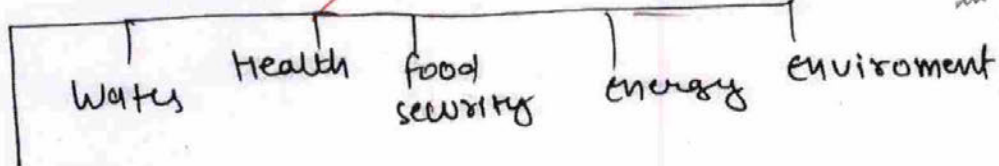
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19. What is I2U2 summit? How its interests align with India's interests? Discuss in context of India trying to expand its presence in global affairs.

Grouping
(15 marks, 250 words)

I2U2 summit is multilateral of 4 countries (India, Israel, USA, UAE). It is organisation of Economic Cooperation.

It is based on Cooperation in 6 areas



Sanitation -

Recently 2nd I2U2 summit took place where PM Modi said that this summit represent true strategic partners.

I2U2's interest align with India's interest

① Geo Economic Interest :-

- 1) India want to get foreign investment in different sectors

Appropriate Intro. Write Complete Aim

Partnership in trade & Investment in the Respective Regions

Answer
Points
Add more
points
Good
&
Appropriate
Point
eng...
by India
west Asia
Applying

- ① UAE investing \$2bn in food park
- 2) focus on green energy is aligned with India's Panchamrit
- ② 300 MW of hybrid renewable energy park
- 3) will lead to increase trade cooperation in West Asia, aligned to Look West Policy
- 4) Can increase exports to Gulf

② Geo Strategic Interest

- 1) Counters China → China expanding footprint in Gulf (25 years Partnership with Iran, port in UAE)
- 2) Deepen Strategic Partnership with ISRAEL, USA
- 3) Sometime also called as Western Quad ⇒ Can help in achieving "Net security provides"

Valid Points

→ can also mention point → To secure & support Indian 'Diaspora' in West Asia.

③ Geo Political Interest

Relation with West Asian countries

South-South cooperation

Documenting

Sealane of Communication

Certain issues with summit

Relation with Iran can jeopardize

China has deepened engagement with UAE ISRAEL

Regional stability can be disturbed due to geopolitical faultlines in region

I2022 Summit is need of hour. Need to engage other like minded partners like Saudi Arabia, Gulf Council and deepen the engagement.

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Introduction	1.5	Suggestions: → Well-covered Answer. → Presentation can be improved using Symmetrical flow charts → In Conclusion, can mention recent Example.
Body	4.5	
Conclusion	1	
Presentation	0.5	
Marks:	7.5	

Valid points use of flow chart is appreciated

Decent Conclusion can mention about recent signed CEPA between AE & India

20. "Without reforms, United Nations is facing crisis of confidence". Suggest the reforms that can be taken to make United Nations more relevant to the present-day geopolitical realities.

(15 marks, 250 words)

United Nation (UN) was formed from free of 2nd world war in 1945 to prevent future generation from scourge of war.

However 75 years after formation, it is facing legitimisation crisis and need reforms.

Reforms that can be taken in UN

1) Reform in Security Council (UNSC)

1) Currently 5 permanent members with veto creating haves and have-nots

2) Reform Required :-

1) Expand members of Security Council
↳ 44 countries

2) Provide Regional Representation
↳ Africa, South America are not represented

Reason for 149 Crisis of Confidence UN facing

Issues with Peace-keeping operations

Bias in functioning

Cultural Domination of West

Issue with UNSC

↳ veto power

↳ non-reflective of current geo political realities

Good points

make one point

Generic Intro
write in one paragraph.
Can also mention over-view of its Role → resolve Disputes through Dialogue

Before starting with Reform

Substantiate Statement of Question

by showing it is facing Crisis

flow chart employed

- 2) Impose relation between UNSC and General Assembly
- 4) Reform in veto power] Repeatedive Point
- 2) Reforming Trusteeship Council → either remove the Council or change the mandate as now Countries under trusteeship Council are sovereign now.
- 3) Reform in UN Charter → it still contains provision of 'enemy state' (Japan, Germany)
- 4) Reform in Amendment Procedure → it require $\frac{2}{3}$ rd members + no veto. This makes any Amendment impossible
- 5) Budget Contribution → Increase compulsory contribution. Currently US is not fulfilling its contribution mandate

Valid points

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Anything in

6) Reform in Peacekeeping

↳ increase women representation
 Ex: Currently 8%.

↳ increase Budget (Previously \$76B)

↳ Country attach on peacekeepers
 Ex: (Recent death of Indian in Congo)

7) Strengthen Collective Security

Procedure

Ex: Failure in Ukraine war

8) Implementation Power to institutions

like International Court of Justice →

Add Example from Current Affairs

9) Rationalisation of staff in UNGA

10) Remove Democratic Deficit → Secretariat dominated by West Deficit

Thus reforms need to be taken. As said by J. Jaishankar "Let's make this one UN, best UN that we can have"

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Introduction	1	Sugges tions: → Also, Address Hidden Demand of Question → Write Complete Conclusion
Body	4	
Conclusion	0.5	
Presentation		
Marks:	5.5	51

Appropriate font
 Well written
 Presentation can be improved.

Short Conclusion
 Add one or two line like
 by undertaking
 waited
 long in reforms
 UN, it is possible to ensure that it fulfills its promise of making world a more peaceful & prosperous place