

[Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations]

1. In the context of emerging non-traditional threats such as cyber warfare and pandemics, assess whether emergency framework in India needs reform. **(150 words)** **(10)**
2. Examine how the Concurrent List under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India affects the balance of legislative powers between the Union and the States. **(150 words)** **(10)**
3. Recent welfare schemes in India reflect a shift from welfare-based governance to empowerment-oriented governance. Discuss. Support your answer with suitable examples. **(150 words)** **(10)**
4. “Descriptive representation does not always guarantee substantive representation.” Discuss in the context of the Women’s Reservation Act. **(150 words)** **(10)**
5. ‘Parliamentary disruptions and the limited scrutiny by Parliamentary Committees impacts the legislative process’. Elucidate. **(150 words)** **(10)**
6. “The Indo-Pacific has emerged as the principal arena of contemporary geopolitical competition.” Analyze. **(150 words)** **(10)**
7. Examine whether the absence of punitive powers for the Election Commission of India under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 undermines democratic functioning within political parties. **(150 words)** **(10)**
8. ‘The rise of regulatory bodies with quasi-legislative powers raises concerns about a ‘Fourth Branch’ of Government’. Comment. **(150 words)** **(10)**
9. Discuss how India’s bid for “Democracy for an inclusive, peaceful, resilient and sustainable world” initiates global dialogue on electoral governance. **(150 words)** **(10)**
10. “The Krishna river water dispute among southern states has highlighted the limitations of existing institutional and constitutional mechanisms for inter-state water governance in India.” Elucidate. **(150 words)** **(10)**
11. Recent mining-related conflicts in tribal forest regions have highlighted the need for a more inclusive and sustainable model of development in India. Discuss with reference to the Hasdeo Arand issue. **(250 words)** **(15)**
12. “The use of Section 301 by the United States reflects the growing trend of unilateralism in global trade governance.” Critically examine in the context of India-US trade relations. **(250 words)** **(15)**

13. Has the judiciary, by expansively interpreting the "Right to Life" under Article 21, effectively made certain Directive Principles of State Policy enforceable as Fundamental Rights? Support your answer with relevant examples. **(250 words)** **(15)**
 14. Analyze the effects of asymmetric federal arrangements on managing ethno-cultural diversity and promoting development in India's border regions. **(250 words)** **(15)**
 15. "The latest cooperation between India and Russia in the critical minerals sector demonstrates the strategic importance of resource partnerships in the era of green transition." Examine. **(250 words)** **(15)**
 16. Examine how effective the 'Global South' narrative has been in advancing India's leadership role. Is it a sustainable diplomatic identity or a limiting ideological stance in today's transactional world? **(250 words)** **(15)**
 17. Discuss the contemporary developments indicating a transformation in the functioning of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India from traditional accounting oversight to technology-driven governance auditing. **(250 words)** **(15)**
 18. "India's growing partnership with the UAE has become crucial in addressing the geopolitical and economic challenges arising from the Hormuz crisis." Analyze. **(250 words)** **(15)**
 19. "The Speaker is expected to act as an impartial constitutional authority, yet political realities often challenge this expectation." Examine with reference to recent parliamentary developments. **(250 words)** **(15)**
 20. The PM Gati Shakti initiative seeks to transform infrastructure governance through integrated planning and digital coordination. Examine its significance and implementation challenges. **(250 words)** **(15)**
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