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UPSC MAINS GENERAL STUDIES - PAPER I

**Indian Heritage and Culture, History and
Geography of the World and Society**

INDIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Salient features of Literature

Art Forms

Architecture from ancient to
modern times

HISTORY

Modern Indian history include the significant events, personalities, issues during the middle of the eighteenth century until the present

Various stages and important contributors and contributions from different parts of the country in 'The Freedom Struggle'

Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country

History of the world includes events, forms and effect on the society from 18th century like world wars, industrial revolution, colonization, redrawing of national boundaries, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc

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SOCIETY

Salient aspects of Diversity of India and Indian Society

Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and remedies

Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism

GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD AND INDIA

Distribution of key natural resources across the world including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent; factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world including India

Effects of globalization on Indian society

Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location- changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes

Salient features of world's physical geography

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Governance, Constitution, Polity,
Social Justice and International relations

POLITY & CONSTITUTION

Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure

Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein

Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries

Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions

Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these

Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies

Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity

Salient features of the Representation of People's Act

Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation

Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies

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GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections

Health, Education, Human Resources

Development processes and the development industry the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders

Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to

Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures

Issues relating to poverty and hunger

Role of civil services in a democracy

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests

India and its neighborhood- relations

Important International institutions, agencies and fora, their structure, mandate

Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora

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Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity,
Environment, Security and Disaster Management

ECONOMY

Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management.

Government Budgeting.

Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.

Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers

Economics of animal-rearing.

Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions

Land reforms in India.

Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.

Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.

Investment models

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Achievements of Indians in science & technology;

Indigenization of technology and developing new technology.

Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.

BIO DIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment

SECURITY

Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.

Linkages between development and spread of extremism.

Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention

Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate

Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Disaster and disaster management.

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ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND APTITUDE

Ethics and Human Interface- Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships

Human Values- lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values

Attitude- content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behavior; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion

Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections

Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance

Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world

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

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

Case Studies on above issues



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