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G.S PAPER I

1. SOCIETY

- 1) India's demographic landscape presents both opportunities and challenges for the country's socio-economic development. Critically Analyse **(250 words)**
- 2) Gender gap in STEM must be bridged to expand the talent pool and recognise women's potential and contribution to scientific innovations. Analyse **(250 words)**
- 3) In India, millions of children are deprived of Parental care which plays a significant role in the safety, security and development of the children. In this context, evaluate the efficacy of foster care as an alternative to parental care. **(250 words)**
- 4) Trace the status of women empowerment in India and discuss how India's Alliance for Global Good - Gender Equity and Equality will augment women empowerment. **(250 words)**
- 5) Paid leave for menstruation may eliminate the taboo around periods and recognize the physical discomforts but could end up widening the gender gap. Comment. **(150 words)**

2. GEOGRAPHY

- 1) What are Atmospheric Rivers? Explain the advantages and disadvantages of it. **(150 words)**
- 2) Being the world's largest democracy and a young country by demographics, diversity stands as a pivotal asset in India's favour. Examine the ways in which it can be leveraged for the sustained growth of the nation. **(250 words)**

G. S PAPER - II

3. GOVERNMENT POLICIES

- 1) Critically examine the provisions of Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024. **(150 words)**
- 2) What do you know about the Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana? How will the scheme help in self-sufficiency in India's energy needs? **(250 words)**
- 3) What do you know about the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation? Analyse the significance of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation on climate systems. **(250 words)**
- 4) Discuss the salient features of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024. To what extent the new legislation will help in protecting rivers and water bodies from industrial pollution? **(250 words)**
- 5) Discuss the provisions of the recently introduced Lesser Penalty Regulations, 2024. Analyse how this strengthens whistleblowing in India. **(250 words)**

4. GOVERNANCE

- 1) Behavioural change in sanitation cannot happen independently and it is contingent upon social networks and an overall improvement of living standards. In this context, evaluate the public sanitation programme in India. **(250 words)**
- 2) Discuss the efforts taken by the Government of India to deal with the increase in train accidents. **(150 words)**
- 3) Evaluate the performance of the MNREGA. Has the scheme really helped the job seekers receive the unemployment benefits? Justify your stand. **(250 words)**
- 4) Discuss the salient features of the Right to Education Act, 2009. To what extent it improves the learning outcomes of children enrolled in private and public schools. **(250 words)**

5. POLITY

- 1) What is an Interim budget and how is it different from the normal budget? Explain it through constitutional provisions. **(150 words)**
- 2) What is delimitation and what are the constitutional provisions which deal with it? Will the fresh delimitation exercise go against the federal principle, giving an advantage to certain States over others? Explain **(250 words)**
- 3) What are the recent changes made in the appointment of Election Commissioners and how it impacts the Election Commission of India (ECI)? **(250 words)**
- 4) Three decades have passed since the 73rd Constitutional Amendments Acts came into effect, but many States lag behind in the fiscal devolution. Explain the source of revenue of rural local bodies and enumerate the reasons for poor fiscal decentralization. **(250 words)**

6. HEALTH

- 1) Trends in Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has declined in the last two decades. What are the steps taken by India to achieve this feat? **(150 words)**
- 2) In light of the recent changes to the surrogacy rules, examine the challenges and opportunities associated with surrogacy in India. **(250 words)**
- 3) Rare diseases pose a significant health challenge, affecting a minority of individuals but collectively impacting millions worldwide. In this context, discuss the situation of rare diseases in India and enumerate the strategies for addressing them. **(250 words)**

7. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 1) From Myanmar to Israel, Asian countries are grappling with attacks by rebels, terrorists and militants. How it will impact India and what are the steps India should take to deal with these challenges. **(150 words)**
- 2) Piracy is as old as seafaring itself, and has existed for centuries in various forms. In this context, discuss how can the crime of piracy be tackled? **(150 words)**
- 3) The direct military confrontation between Israel and Hamas has now snowballed into a regional security crisis. In this context, discuss the challenges for India. **(250 words)**
- 4) Despite a healthy bilateral relationship between India and Sri Lanka, Palk Bay remains a perilous territory. Critically Analyse. **(250 words)**

- 5) The current unrest in Pakistan could present a new challenge to the already strained relationship between India-Pakistan. Critically examine. **(150 words)**
- 6) Minilaterals are a smart alternative to cumbersome multilateralism and formal alliances. Analyse. **(250 words)**

G. S PAPER - III

8. ECONOMY

- 1) In the context of looming job crisis, the continued neglect of the social sector will exacerbate the perpetuation of inequalities. Critically Analyse **(250 words)**
- 2) Evaluate the performance of the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) Unified Payment Interface (UPI). Discuss its role in fortifying the objectives of Digital India and bringing in financial inclusivity. **(250 words)**
- 3) What is fiscal deficit and how India fund its fiscal deficit? Also discuss why it is important for an economy. **(250 words)**
- 4) Without private sector partnership in Research & Development, India cannot possibly move up in the global supply chain. In this context, discuss the factors that discourage large private-sector firms from increasing their R&D spending and suggest measures to overcome the situation. **(250 words)**

9. AGRICULTURE

- 1) What do you know about Nano di-ammonium phosphate (Nano DAP)? Compare and contrast conventional di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) with nano DAP. Also, enumerate the benefits of nano DAP. **(250 words)**
- 2) Globally, current food systems cost significantly more than they contribute to development. In this regard, discuss the necessity for a sustainable transformation of existing food systems. **(150 words)**
- 3) Women farmers play an important role in agriculture and allied activities, but often remain invisible. In this context, explain how women-led Farmer producer organisations (FPOs) transform India's agriculture. Also enumerate the ways to mitigate gender disparity within FPOs. **(250 words)**
- 4) What is Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)? Critically analyse the government's recent move on hiking the FRP for sugarcane. **(250 words)**

10. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- 1) What do you know about Geo-tagging? Enumerate the applications of Geotagging in various fields. **(150 words)**
- 2) What do you know about Moonquakes? Identify the reasons behind it and discuss how it will affect the moon missions of various global space agencies. **(150 words)**
- 3) The momentum for quantum technology (QT) is growing rapidly across the globe including India. In this context, discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with quantum technology. **(250 words)**
- 4) What is spatial computing? Elucidate the applications of spatial computing in various fields. **(150 words)**
- 5) What do you know about the theory of evolution? Explain how the theories of evolution helped our modern day knowledge of Life on Earth. **(250 words)**
- 6) The Internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow. Analyse **(150 words)**

- 7) What do you know about the Large Language Model (LLM)? Explain its working and discuss its applications in various fields. **(250 words)**
- 8) What is genome sequencing? How significant is the Genome India Project in the Indian healthcare? **(150 words)**

11. ENVIRONMENT

- 1) Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH), one of the most biodiverse regions on Earth, is a 'biosphere on the brink'. In this context, examine the significance of the region and suggest measures to prevent it from collapse. **(250 words)**
- 2) What do you know about climate change tipping points? Enumerate the various climate change tipping points and their contributions in causing extreme climate events. **(250 words)**
- 3) What do you know about Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE)? Examine the potential of DRE technologies in supporting the growth of small businesses and microenterprises in rural India. **(250 words)**
- 4) The definition of forests has been a contention in the recent past. In this context, critically analyse the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 2023. **(250 words)**
- 5) Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats. In this context, enumerate the key takeaways of the Conference of the Parties to the CMS (CMS COP 14). **(250 words)**

12. INTERNAL SECURITY

- 1) What are the potential consequences of the increasing prevalence of mental health issues within military personnel? Enumerate the steps taken by the government to address the same. **(250 words)**
