

## UPSC MAINS GS PAPER 2

- Q1. Discuss the strategic significance of India's engagement with African Nations and how it aligns with India's broader foreign policy objectives. (150 words)
- Q2. "The role of the governor of an Indian state is political even if his office is constitutional." Do you agree with this assessment? Critically comment. (150 Words)
- Q3. 'Once a Speaker, always a speaker'! Do you think this practice should be adopted to impart objectivity to the office of the Speaker of Lok Sabha? What could be its implication for the robust functioning of parliamentary business in India? (150 words)
- Q4. "There is a need for simplification of Procedure for disqualification of persons found guilty of corrupt practices under the Representation of Peoples Act". Comment. (150 words)
- Q5. What are the schemes and projects for the development of Scheduled Tribes in India? (150 words)
- Q6. Discuss how digital technologies can be leveraged to promote social inclusion and empower marginalised groups. (150 words)
- Q7. Evaluate India's current commercial relationships with Israel and Iran, and discuss how regional tensions are influencing these trade dynamics. (150 words)
- Q8. Examine the importance of the Skill India Digital Initiative. In what ways does it seek to reshape the landscape of skill development and entrepreneurship in India? (150 words)
- Q9. "Social and economic democracy is the foundation on which political democracy would be a way of life in the Indian polity." Critically examine how the Indian constitution ensures this. (150 Words)
- Q10. The judicial system in India and the UK seems to be converging as well as diverging in recent times. Highlight the key points of convergence and divergence between the two nations in terms of their judicial practices. (150 words)
- Q11. Judicial legislation is antithetical to the doctrine of separation of powers as envisaged in the Indian Constitution. In this context justify the filing of large number of public interest petitions praying for issuing guidelines to executive authorities. (250 words)
- Q12. Critically examine how helpful have been government sponsored schemes in providing health insurance to the poor and weaker sections of the population. (250 Words)
- Q13. Decentralization of power through Panchayati Raj institutions is crucial for participatory democracy and development at the grassroots level. (250 words)
- Q14. How is the Pro – tem Speaker of the Lok Sabha appointed? Elaborate on the duties and responsibilities associated with this position. (250 words)
- Q15. Examine the challenges and opportunities that arise from India's Foreign Policy towards its neighbouring countries. (250 words)
- Q16. Which steps are required for the constitutionalising of a commission? Do you think imparting constitutionality to the National Commission for Women would ensure greater gender justice and empowerment in India? Give reasons. (250 words)
- Q17. What is the Overseas Citizenship Scheme of India? Can OCI be construed as dual citizenship? (250 words)

Q18. Explain the role of pressure groups or interest groups in influencing policy decisions in India. Analyze both the positive and negative aspects of their influence. (250 words)

Q19. Analyse if Jan Dhan Yojana can fix the problem of financial inclusion in India. How is PMJDY different from the earlier Financial Inclusion Plan – Swabhimaan? (250 words)

Q20. "Microfinance as an anti-poverty vaccine is aimed at asset creation and income security of the rural poor in India". Evaluate the role of Self-Help Groups in achieving twin objectives along with empowering women in rural India. (250 words)