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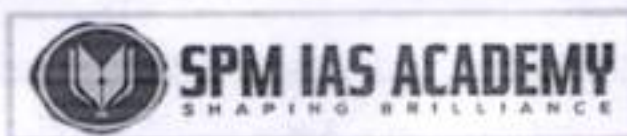
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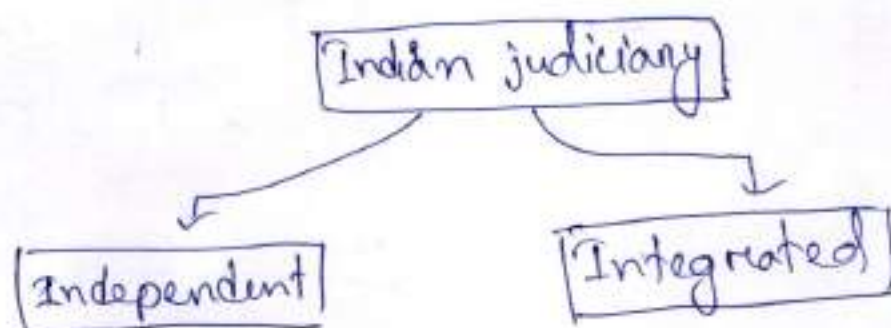
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### Detail Feedback

Q1. Do you agree with the assertion that the higher judiciary in India needs to be more transparent and accountable? Share your views. (10 marks/150 words)

In every sector of governance transparency and accountability are very crucial. It brings peoples legitimacy to democratic process.



Indian Judicial system is both independent as well as integrated.

Independence of judiciary

- ↳ it is a system of check and balance in parliamentary system.
- ↳ separation power.
- ↳ part of basic structure.

### Integrated judiciary

↳ The judiciary system follows a hierarchy hierarchy.

Indian judicial system have evolved a lot from its formation. The system is getting strong and transparent day by day. But still there are some instances of drawbacks.

↳ Judiciary overreach.

↳ Tussle between legislation and judiciary.

So to make the system more efficient transparency and accountability is much needed.

Q2. Comment on the utility and effectiveness of soft power for furthering national interest. Can soft power replace hard power in international politics?  
(10 marks/150 words)

~~Soft~~ power → Power is the strong influence of something that can impact on the decisions of a person or a nation. Power can be of two type —

- ① Soft power
- ② Hard power

Soft power: Here one can influence other by ~~seeing~~ showing the good aspects. People willingly get influence. For example: — US soft power on its culture has influence India. Indian people are very much inclined toward US's food, cloth etc.

## Utility and effectiveness of soft power

- ① Policy making : Diaspora's are also a part of soft power. ~~they~~
- ② India's Yoga has created a soft power among western nation.
- ③ Ayurveda : In countries like Africa India has its soft.

International politics is very dynamic. A country always need to be ready with every kind of situation. However it is more preferable to emphasis on soft power. Because peace is desirable for every one.

As PM Narendra Modi said it is not an era of war so countries need to focus more on soft power rather than hard power.

Q3. Governing emerging technologies and governing through technologies are both critical in the present era. Elucidate. (10 marks/150 words)

21<sup>st</sup> century is the era of Globalization. Various technologies ~~are~~ emerging out at a high speed. Government also uses technologies for —

- (i) Speedy governance
- (ii) Reduce cost
- (iii) Bring efficiency in governance.

However governing emerging technologies are critical —

- (i) technologies such as deep fake may bring trust issue.
- (ii) It may harm society and women dignity.
- (iii) Threat to human — technologies such as AI is expected to surpass human if they develop thinking capability. which is being

studied by Nunalink ..

### Issues govern through technology

- ① Input of wrong data may create chaos in the system.
- ② Problem such as creative accounting.
- ③ Problem such as system failure.  
 ↳ ~~the~~ CCTV installed in cities most of them are unfunctinal
- ④ Some time to install the technology need huge fund. which may increase government debt.

Technologies are mainly created to make human life easier. It is also very effective in governance. If the loopholes are addressed properly it will bring development to the country.

Q4. Bureaucracy is not an obstacle to democracy but an inevitable complement to it. Do you agree? Substantiate your views. (10 marks/150 words)

Bureaucracy are said to be the steel pillar of a democracy. They are very crucial to delivery of democracy.

~~But some time~~  
Bureaucracy an inevitable complement to democracy

- ① Bureaucracy are permanent executive of a country.
- ② ~~In time~~ They are the implementor of policies. So they can bring social, economic, political justice. ~~while~~.
- ③ They makes the system efficient.

④

But Bureaucracy itself sometime  
an obstacle to democracy

- ① Involving in corruption
- ② Political tilt of ~~the~~ bureaucracy
- ③ Inefficient service delivery.
- ④ Ethical incompetence.
- ⑤ Attracted towards social media.

Bureaucracy is the main engine of a nation therefore it is very important to have good ~~of~~ bureaucrats in the system. Therefore government have launched ~~the~~ Mission Karmajyogi to bring efficiency in Bureaucracy.

Q5. Identify key interventions being implemented by government to improve the quality and availability of household water. (10 marks/150 words)

Globalization have made speedy shift toward urbanization.  
~~Even~~ Even in rural areas a rapid development is seen.

But to become developed the basic need should be fulfilled first. India comes under the water stress zone, there are various places where water is people have to walk miles ~~for~~ to bring drinking water.

To make water available Government of India has launched Jal Jivan Mission, which aimed to provide affordable tap water to every

house hold by 2024.

But due to covid 19  
Pandemic and other infrastruc-  
ture related problem the  
project is moving in a very  
slow speed.

Indira Gandhi water canal system

↳ To ~~for~~ address the water issue  
of Rajasthan and Gujarat  
region.

↳ water from the tributary of  
Indus river. have transported  
through canal system.

↳ The project was a great  
success to curb water issue.

**Q6. What are quasi judicial bodies? Discuss their significance for governance. (10 marks/150 words)**

Quasi judicial bodies are institute that resolves dispute. They are not ~~not~~ constitutional body. They have been made by the parliament.  
 Eg: National green tribunal.

Significance of quasi Judicial bodies

① Ensure speedy resolution:  
 There are about 4.7 billion million cases pending in different courts and about 70 lakh cases pending in Supreme court.

② Special expertise:

↳ Some cases need special expertise to resolve the

dispute.

↳ Eg: National green tribunal.

③ Military persons, ~~army~~ police, Raw etc. they do not come under normal judicial purview therefore separate Military tribunals are there for them.

④ Accessible: to give affordable justice quasi ~~justice denied~~ is judicial such as panchayat level. Justice delayed is

justice denied. Therefore it is very important to provide speedy and transparent justice. Therefore quasi judicial bodies are very important. ~~is~~

Q7. While fundamental rights have strengthened our democracy, fundamental duties are essential to strengthen our society. In this context examine the importance of fundamental duties for Indian society. (10 marks/150 words)

Fundamental rights under part III and Fundamental duties under part IVA of Indian constitution.

[Fundamental rights have strengthened our democracy]

- ① There are claims of individual over state to live a dignified life.
- ② It protects individuals from arbitrary laws of legislature.
- ③ It brings equality in society  
↳ Article 14, 15, 16.
- ④ It allow an individual to follow the religion he/she likes.
- ⑤ It gives special attention to vulnerable society such as -

women, child, STs, SCs, minorities etc.



Fundamental duties though they are not enforceable in court they strengthen our society

- They bring moral values,
- They are important ~~to~~ as they direct us to a good environment.
- They teach us to live with harmony.
- They encourage us to participate in science and ~~im~~ improve to our best.

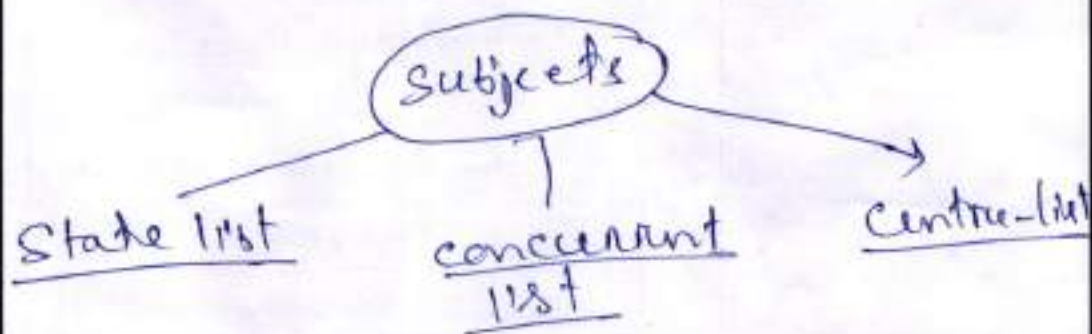
Q8. What have been major changes in framework for Centre-state fiscal relations in recent years? Analyze their impact on the dynamics of Centre-state relationship. (10 marks/150 words)

The centre-state relationship is very dynamic.

Centre-state fiscal relation

- ① During the GST implementation there were a tussle between the two regarding the subject under GST per view.
- ② In recent time after covid-19 the relationship more ~~the~~ declining in respect to GST compensation.
- ③ It is seen that state government decide a state highway as national highway ~~to~~ ~~get~~ in order to put the burden of maintenance in centre.

- ④ Some subjects such as Disaster Management ~~are~~ not placed under any government there fore a chaos regarding its subject.



To maintain a good centre-state relationship. the provision of Sankarva-committee should implement properly. To become a strong nation the development of each state is necessary.

**Q8. Concerns regarding Parliamentary performance most often relate to the drastic reduction in the level and extent of deliberation, representation and scrutiny. In this context, highlight the recent instances which have led decline in effective functioning of the parliament. (10 marks/150 words)**



Q10. Despite excellent economic growth in the last two decades, India continues to suffer from 'alarming' hunger, and acute malnutrition amongst children. In the light of this statement, examine. (10 marks/150 words)

India is 2nd largest rice producing country. Still malnutrition and hunger is high in India. Very 6 out of 10 women suffers from malnutrition.

### Reason for Malnutrition

→ Less diversity in food:

~~Generally India people~~

→ Subsidy is given only to few specific ~~item~~ items.

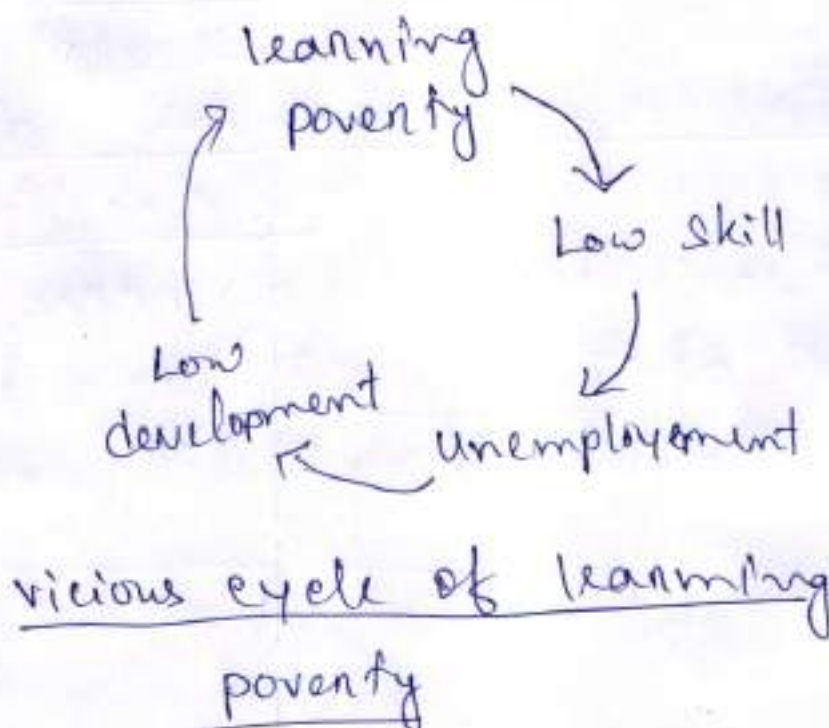
Eg: NPS gives subsidy to rice.



Q11. What is Learning Poverty? How does learning poverty threaten India's efforts to build human capital and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? Suggest measures to address learning poverty. (15 marks/250 words)

Learning poverty is the unavailability of quality, education, skill development etc.

Learning poverty threaten India's efforts to build human capital and achieve the SDGs



- ① India is having its once in a life time opportunity in its young demography. But due to learning poverty ~~the~~ it may turn to be a demographic disaster.
- ② ~~It is under~~
- ② Hindrance in development.
- ③ Learning poverty may bring superficial taught is society.
- ④ It may bring to sence of alienation which further may rise for successionist tendency.
- ⑤ Due to Learning poverty the economic opportunities are not accessible to the people.

- ⑥ People with learning poverty get easily triggered by political party.

### Measure to address learning poverty

- ① Awareness generation through government agencies or NGOs.
- ② Basic skill development training  
↳ Din Dayal Skill development scheme.
- ③ Free education and quality education:  
↳ Sarva shiksha abhiyan.
- ④ Use of technology to improve the quality of education.

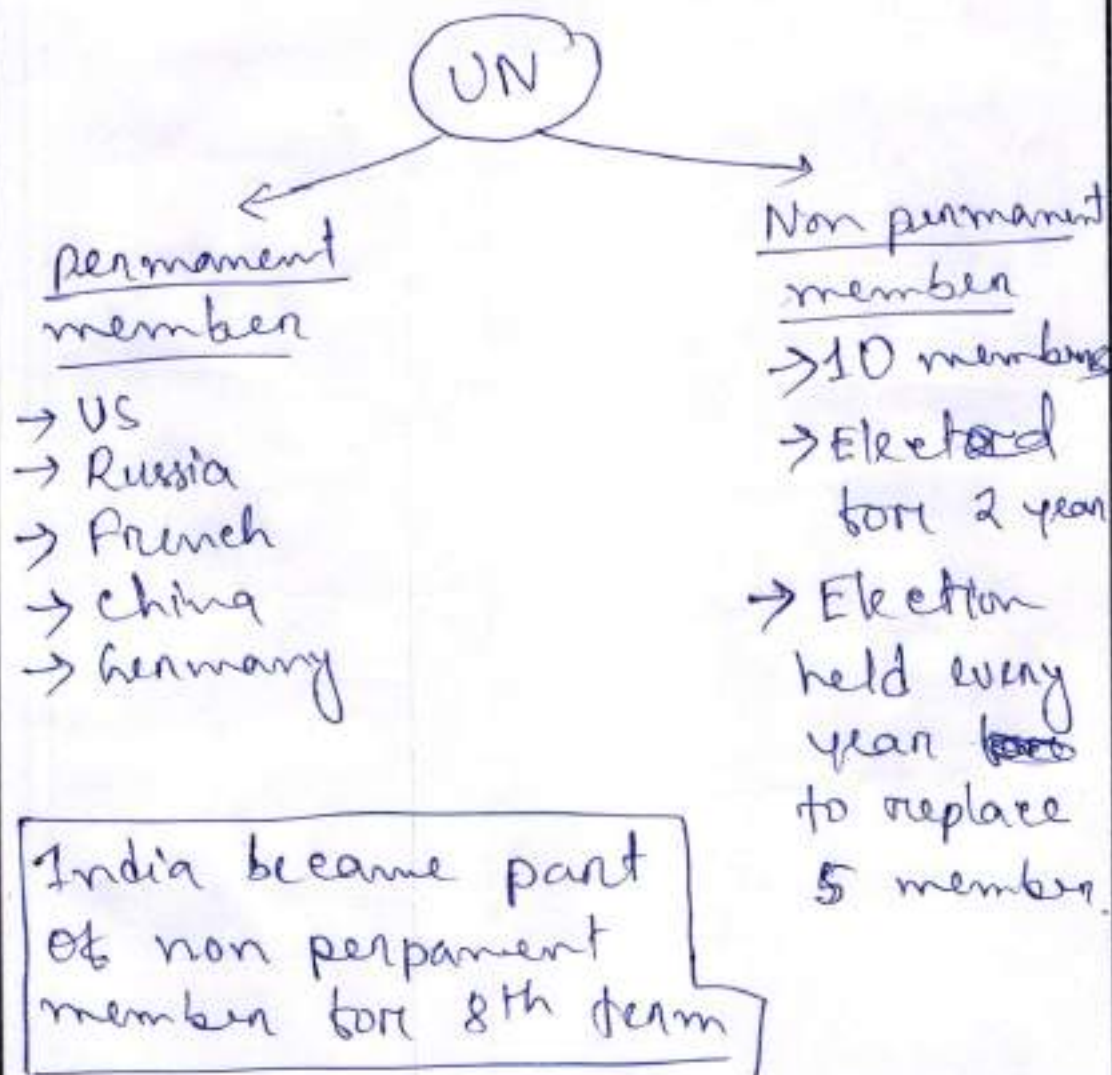
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Q12. The second decade of 21st century marks a collective failure of UN and its agencies. Examine this statement citing suitable examples. (15 marks/250 words)

UN was formed after the world war to prevent further wars. About 193 countries are member of UN including India.



UN till now successful ~~that~~ as there is no ~~war~~ world war. But the success in not absolute as it fail to maintain peace.

① Fail to prevent wars:

→ It fail to prevent Russia-Ukraine war.

② ~~It is said~~ ~~US through~~ ~~its 6 organs.~~ ~~an~~ influence

② It is said that UN is dominated by West countries.

↳ through their various organ West countries put their strategies.

③ Only few organs of UN is effective others are not.

↳ Eg: ~~UN~~ ~~NGO~~ ~~NJC~~





Q13. Do you agree with the view that time has come to revisit the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution? Discuss with suitable arguments.  
(15 marks/250 words)

The Seventh schedule of India constitution deals with the ~~sever~~ separation ~~power~~ of power. Which means separation of power between Judiciary and legislatures.

Judiciary in Indian constitution ~~are~~ ~~is~~ is independent unlike US. The independence is given to check ~~to~~ on the legislature so that they can not violate the ~~the~~ provisions of constitution. So the system is based ~~on~~ on check and balance.

Sometimes judiciary have to take initiative to make justice

① → During covid 19 pandemic judiciary ~~was~~ take active role ~~and~~ in which in general was ~~work~~ duty of legislatures.

↳ Sometimes ~~legis~~ Legislatures made un constitution laws so judiciary made it null and void

Eg: NJAC .

But Some time judiciary overreach their power

- ① Ban on liquor ~~in~~ near highway purview up to 500 m.
- ① Ban on electric rickshaw in NET of Delhi without providing alternative to them.

To run the Governance smooth it is very important to understand their own responsibility, power and duty. ~~for~~ for both Judiciary and legislatures.

If they does it properly the tussle between them will reduce. As the Directive policy ~~of~~ principal of state policy under part IV in ~~the~~ its Article 50 talks about separation of power. both should not interfere in each other unless it is necessary.



Q14. When the criminal elements enter the legislature, then securing any form of justice, be it social, economic or political, becomes a hollow promise. What makes criminal elements successful in politics? What reforms, in your opinion, are needed to decriminalize electoral politics? (15 marks/250 words)

According to a report more than 76% of members of ~~corruption~~ <sup>corruption/external</sup> legislation has criminal ~~charge~~ <sup>charge</sup> in India.

Now a days a general understanding is building that ~~politicisation~~ if a person is politician he might be a criminal or corrupt person.  
(Problems associated with it)

① ~~There were~~ Corruption : people started corruption in system.

② ~~people are~~ people are

③ Lack of education :

↳ Due to lack of education

people do not understand the vested interest.

- ③ communalism: Politicians now a days ~~to~~ trigger the communal, ~~regi-~~ religious aspect to greater vote.
- ④ friction policy.

### Reforms in the system

- ① Strict follow the provision provided by election commission of India.
- ② Disqualification of candidate engaging in any bribe, corruption etc.
- ③ Disqualification if candidate gives any communal statement.

- ④ ~~Cleanance~~ should be a ~~non~~ mandatory
- ④ Cleanance from criminal charge should be a mandatory provision for candidate.
- ⑤ The party itself should not give opportunity to contest such person.

Law breakers can never be a law makers.

Therefore these people should be eliminated from the politics to give India a good democratic government.



Q15. ASEAN is not only important for development of North-East but also it remains India's gateway to East Asia and beyond. Comment (15 marks/250 words)

ASEAN ~~are~~ is a group of East Asian country.

### Importance of ASEAN

- The ASEAN countries are very close to North-East India. Therefore it is important so that NE India remain safe from Insurgency.
- It provides gateways to East Asian countries.
- ASEAN countries will help in improving trade.
- It will bring strategic significance.







Q16. Although the New Education Policy brings with itself a commendable vision, its success will depend on its ability to effectively integrate with the government's other policy initiatives. Discuss. (15 marks/250 words)

New Education Policy was brought by Government of India in 2020. Assam is the 1st state to implement it.

### New Education policy

#### Vision

- Bring quality education.
- More concentration on research and development.
- vocational training
- Give students skill training along with education.

However success will depend on its effectively integrate with government's other policy.

↳ As New education policy focus to skill development, research and development etc. so government's skill development department and other department have to collaborate with it.

↳ Integrity in any scheme makes it more success. Therefore it is expected from New education policy also.





Q17. The Indian Ocean region is a key geostrategic theatre for India. Do you agree? What measures has India taken to safeguard its interests in the region? Examine. (15 marks/250 words)

India is a geographically rich country. It shares a wide coastal region in Indian Ocean.

The Indian ocean region is a key geostrategic theatre for India.

① It provides a wide Exclusive economic zone.

② For countries like China it is a main way for trade with ~~west~~ African and other Arab countries.

③ Islands like An namely Andaman and Nicobar provide India a very strategic

location .

②

Measures to Safeguard its  
interests in the region

① Maritime exercise such as Malabar , helps to show its influence in the region .

② Bay of Bengal research institution is an initiative taken by India in Bay of Bengal region .

③ ~~Strategic~~ Strategic allies with East Asian countries . Malaka dilemma for China is a result of it .

④ Integrated defence system .  
~~The~~ The Navy, Army and

air forced are combined to form integrated defence system.

- ⑤ Maintaining good ties with countries ~~sharing~~ related to Indian Ocean:  
 Eg: Maldives, Sri Lanka etc.

India spreading its ethos of Vasudeva Kutumbaka in G20 tries to improve relation with all global countries to safeguard the ~~strategic~~ strategic importance. Some approach is seen in case of Indian Ocean region.



**Q18. State the reasons behind the poor performance of cooperatives in India. Also, discuss the reforms undertaken by the government to overcome the shortcomings. (15 marks/250 words)**







Q19. Critically assess whether according statutory backing to the Model Code of Conduct will contribute towards free and fair elections in India. (15 marks/250 words)

To make election process fair the body called election commission of India has been created. It is a statutory body.



Model code of conduct is released by Election Commission of India After declaration of its election date.

- ↳ It prevent from under advantage to ruling party.
- ↳ It's provision retain candidate from giving tributes.
- ↳ It prevents ~~any~~ party giving ~~from~~ any communal / religious statement.

~~There~~

However some ~~time~~ it is criticised because —

- ① ~~of~~ Election Commission of India is appointed by the government.

- ② Their term and salaries are not charged.
- ③ They have influence of ruling party.



The election process is very important in a Democratic country. Therefore it should be free and fair.



Q20. Public-Private Partnership model, if harnessed properly, has the potential to bridge the gaps in India's healthcare system. Discuss. (15 marks/250 words)

Public - Private - Partnership  
 model is a new concept  
 for development. It is based  
 on inclusive development.

Potential of Public - Private  
 partnership

① Expertise : Most of the time  
 Private sector is seen to  
 have more expertise. It  
 will make the project more  
 efficient.

② Lack of fund : Government  
 some time fall on shortage  
 of fund.

Eg: In ~~many~~ ~~re~~ road  
 construction it is often

seen the ~~the~~ private party allowed to ~~road~~ construct the road and they collect toll tax affect it.

③ Efficiency : It is seen that private party more efficient in service delivery.

④ Accountable : ~~For~~ Private party are accountable to Government.

