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JKPSC CCE Mains (GS-I 2018-2024)

Syllabus	2018	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
01. Indian Culture -Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.	2	5	9	8	3	27
02. Modern Indian History -Mid-18th century - Present (significant events, personalities, issues);	3	1	1	2	4	11
03. Freedom Struggle -various stages, important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country	3	1	0	1	1	6
04. Post-Independence -consolidation and reorganisation within country	1	0	1	0	2	4
05. History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, etc.	1	1	0	0	1	3
06. Salient features of Indian Society; Diversity of India;	1	1	1	0	0	3
07. Role of women and women's organization , population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues.	1	3	1	0	0	5
08. Urbanisation : problems and remedies	1	1	0	1	0	3
09. Globalisation and its effects on Indian society	1	0	0	0	1	2
10. Social empowerment , communalism, regionalism & secularism.	2	1	0	0	0	3
11. Salient Features of World Physical Geography	0	2	2	3	1	8
12. Distribution of key Natural Resources (world, South Asia and Indian subcontinent)	2	1	2	3	2	10
13. Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).	1	0	1	1	4	7
14. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.,	1	2	2	1	0	6
15. Geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features... and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.	0	1	0	0	1	3
Grand Total	20	20	20	20	20	100

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Art and Culture

01. Indian Culture- Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Architecture	Write a note on Nagara style of temple architecture in India.	2021	10
	Discuss the salient features of stupa architecture.	2022	10
	Hampi is appropriately known as “the city etched in stone”. Explain this site’s architectural and historical significance.	2022	15
	Write salient features of Indo-Islamic architecture.	2022	15
	Distinguish, with illustrations, between the arcuate and trabeate system of Indian architecture.	2023	10
	Write a short note on Shankaracharya Temple of Kashmir.	2023	15
	To what extent has the urban planning and culture of the Indus valley Civilization provided inputs to the present day urbanization? Discuss.	2018	10
Sculpture & Art Forms	Gandhara Sculpture owed as much to the Romans as to the Greeks. Explain.	2018	10
	Write a note on pre-historic paintings with special reference to Bhimbetka rock shelters.	2021	10
	How do the paintings of Ajanta and the folk art of Kalighat reflect people’s emotions, beliefs and social life?	2024	10
Literature & Texts	Elaborate on the literary contributions of the Gupta dynasty.	2021	10
	Write a short essay on Purusharthas.	2023	10
	Write a short essay on the Nilamata Purana.	2023	10
	Vedangas are last treatises of Vedic literature. Elaborate.	2023	10
	Write a short note on Bharata Muni’s Natya Shastra.	2024	10
Heritage & Conservation	Which monument of India is the latest inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage list? Write down the significance of that monument.	2021	10
	What is intangible cultural heritage? Discuss it with special reference to recent inclusion of ‘Durga Puja in Kolkata’ in the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list.	2021	15
	Write a note on collective memory as India’s valuable intangible heritage.	2022	10
	Write a note on the significance of Dholavira, the World Heritage Site.	2023	10
Kingdoms & Highlights	Write a note on the local self government under the Cholas.	2022	10
	Aryan invasion is a myth or reality? Justify your answer.	2022	10
	Write a note on the Mansabdari System under the Mughal rulers.	2022	15
	Discuss Ashoka’s policy of dhamma as gleaned from his edicts.	2022	15
	Why is Samudragupta called ‘Napoleon of India’?	2023	15
Religion & Philosophy	Discuss the relevance of Guru Nanak’s teachings in 21st century.	2022	10
	Write an essay on Kashmir’s Sufi traditions with special reference to Sheikh Nooruddin Noorani.	2023	15
	Discuss Sufism in Kashmir with special reference to Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani.	2024	15

Modern History

02. Modern Indian History- Mid-18th century - Present (significant events, personalities, issues);

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Colonial Rule & Impact	Examine critically the various facets of economic policies of the British in India from mid-eighteenth century till independence.	2018	10
	Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.	2018	15
	Explain the impacts of Anglo-Sikh wars on Jammu and Kashmir.	2023	15
	What were the impacts of British de-industrialization of India on traditional artisanal industry and rural economy of India?	2024	15
Personalities	Discuss the relevance of Swami Vivekananda's thoughts in the 21st Century.	2021	15
	Discuss the role of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in the socio-religious awakening of 19th century India.	2022	10
	Highlight the contributions of Rabindranath Tagore in making of modern India.	2024	10
	'He was the first Indian Muslim who felt the need of a fresh orientation of Islam and worked for it'. Evaluate the contributions of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan in the light of this statement.	2024	15
Socio-Religious Reform	The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What are the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?	2018	15
	Examine the statement 'One Caste, One Religion, One God for All' in the context of socio-religious reform movements in late 19th Century.	2023	15
Movements	Discuss in brief the growth of trade union movement in India from 1920 to 1930.	2024	15

Modern History

03. Freedom Struggle- Various stages, important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Gandhi & Leaders	How different would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi? Discuss.	2018	10
	Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.	2018	10
Acts & Features	It would have been difficult for the Constituent Assembly to complete its historic task of drafting the Constitution for Independent India in just three years but for the experience gained with the Government of India Act, 1935. Discuss.	2018	10
Strategies & Stages	Indian freedom movement was not a conglomeration of different struggles or certain principles, but had a long term strategic perspective. Elaborate.	2021	15
	Write briefly on the strengths and shortcomings of moderates in the freedom movement.	2024	10
Contributors	Highlight the contributions of Aruna Asaf Ali during and after India's struggle for independence.	2023	10

Post Independence

04. Post-Independence- Consolidation and reorganisation within country

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Reorganisation	Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.	2018	15
	Evaluate the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the merger of the princely states of India.	2022	15
Consolidation & Policies	Write a short note on the achievements of Women's Self Defense Corps (WSDC) in Kashmir with special reference to Kanta Wazir.	2024	10
	To what extent did land reforms and the adoption of democratic institutions contribute to socio-political stability in post-independence India?	2024	15

World History

05. History of the world... industrial revolution, world wars... political philosophies...

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
World Wars	To what extent can Germany be held responsible for causing the two world wars? Discuss critically.	2018	10
Contemporary Events	Assess the functionality of Israel's Iron dome & how it works. <i>(Note: Mapped to World History/Contemporary context)</i>	2021	15
	Write a brief note on Suez crisis of 1956. What were its consequences?	2024	10

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Society

06. Salient features of Indian Society; Diversity of India;

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Diversity	Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.	2018	10
	Nation building depends on strengthening of pluralities in Indian Society. Comment. (250 words)	2021	15
	How far has linguistic diversity helped in strengthening Indian unity? [150 Words]	2022	10

Society

07. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues.

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Population & Migration	Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades.	2018	10
	"India is undergoing a demographic transition the implications of which are multipronged". Justify this statement and critically analyse. (250 words)	2021	15
Women & Associated Issues	How can you explore the changing landscape of the 'third gender' movement in contemporary India? (150 words)	2021	10
	The state needs to take the first step towards examining women's actual experiences in the contexts of unequal pay, allocation of inferior work and denial of rights over their minds and bodies. Discuss. (250 words)	2021	15
	Urbanization and migration are causing feminisation of agriculture sector in India. In the light of the statement, discuss the socio-economic impact of feminisation of agriculture sector? [250 words]	2022	15

Society

08. Urbanisation: problems and remedies

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Problems & Management	Major cities are becoming more vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.	2018	15
Planning & Reforms	Time has come to revisit, rethink and reshape Indian Cities. Discuss.	2021	10
	India's rapid urbanisation calls for sustainable and effective urban planning reforms to improve the process of urban planning in India. Discuss.	2023	15

Society

09. Globalisation and its effects on Indian society

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Impact on Sections	Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India.	2018	10
Social Divide	How has globalization impacted the rural urban divide in Indian society? Discuss.	2024	15

Society

10. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Empowerment	What are the two major legal initiatives by the state since independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs).	2018	15
Secularism	How the Indian concept of secularism is different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.	2018	15
	Secularism in India is not just the result of Constitutional provisions but also of its syncretic heritage. Discuss. (250 words)	2021	15

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Geography

11. Salient Features of World Physical Geography

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Geomorphology	Explain the geological and paleontological evidences of continental drift theory?	2021	10
	Our earth is a playfield of two opposite geomorphic processes. Discuss	2022	10
	Aeolian landscape evolution is primarily concerned with the formation and extension of pediments. Comment.	2023	10
Climatology	Explain cloud seeding and its associated forms, structure and environmental concerns associated with it.	2022	15
	Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.	2023	10
	What is temperature inversion? Explain its impact on local weather conditions with suitable examples.	2024	15
Oceanography	What are the major factors responsible for the origin of oceanic currents across the globe?	2021	10
	Spreading of 'Dead Zones' has serious consequences on marine ecosystems. Elaborate.	2023	15

Geography

12. Distribution of key Natural Resources (world, South Asia and Indian subcontinent)

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Water & Strategic Resources	The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain.	2018	15
	Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.	2018	15
	Discuss the significance of Indian Ocean as a geo-economic boundary for India. (150 words)	2021	10
	Why is Indian regional navigational satellite system needed? How does it work? [250 words]	2022	15
	What is One Water Approach? Discuss its advantages in tackling water crisis in 21st century. (250 words)	2023	15
Mineral & Energy	Discuss the multidimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral resources in the world. [150 words]	2022	10
	What are the significance and concerns regarding lithium discovery in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir? (150 words)	2023	10
	Despite India being one of the countries of Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in percentage terms. Discuss. (250 words)	2023	15
	India's renewable energy capacity has grown manifold in recent years. In this regard, discuss the key government initiatives that are accelerating the achievement of India's clean energy targets. (150 words)	2024	10
	Evaluate the hydroelectric potential of India and examine the factors responsible for its uneven spatial distribution. (250 words)	2024	15

Geography

13. Factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Industrial Location & Corridors	What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identify industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.	2018	15
	Discuss how recent policies on semiconductor manufacturing are influencing locational shifts in India's secondary sector industries. (250 words)	2024	15
Agro-Based & Primary	Explaining the problems faced by the sugar industry in India, account for the measures taken by the government to support it. [250 Words]	2022	15
	What are the challenges in millet production and consumption in India? Suggest steps to enhance millet production in India apart from current initiatives in place. (250 words)	2023	15
	Explain the geographical factors responsible for the predominance of vineyards in the Mediterranean region. (150 words)	2024	10
Tertiary & Transport	Evaluate the impact of improved road and rail connectivity on tourism and livelihoods in Jammu & Kashmir. (150 words)	2024	10
	Developing India's maritime sector is key to supporting the country's trade, economic growth and geopolitical ambitions. Discuss in light of recent developments in the maritime sector. (250 words)	2024	15

Geography

14. Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc.,

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Landslides	"The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides". Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.	2018	15
	Landslide Hazards are most prominent in the Himalayan region. Explain the geological factors of landslide hazard and its impact on the Himalayan ecosystem. (250 words)	2021	15
	Differentiate the causes of landslides between Himalayan region and Western Ghats. [150 words]	2022	10
Cyclones & Others	What is tropical cyclone? Why don't tropical cyclones form within 5° of the equator. (150 words)	2021	10
	What do you understand by seismic noise? Discuss its impact on the seismic activities on earth surface? [250 Words]	2022	15
	What are heat waves? Discuss the impact of heat waves on the energy sector in India? (150 words)	2023	10

Geography

15. Geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features... and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Environment & Changes	Explain the Bio-Physical significance of Eastern Ghats in India. Describe the steps that can be taken to conserve bio diversity in the region. (250 words)	2021	15
	Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries. (150 words)	2024	10
<i>(Note: "Dead Zones" from 2023 is placed under Oceanography in Section 11 as per standard convention, though it relates to environmental change)</i>			

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