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GS- II MAINS 2018-24

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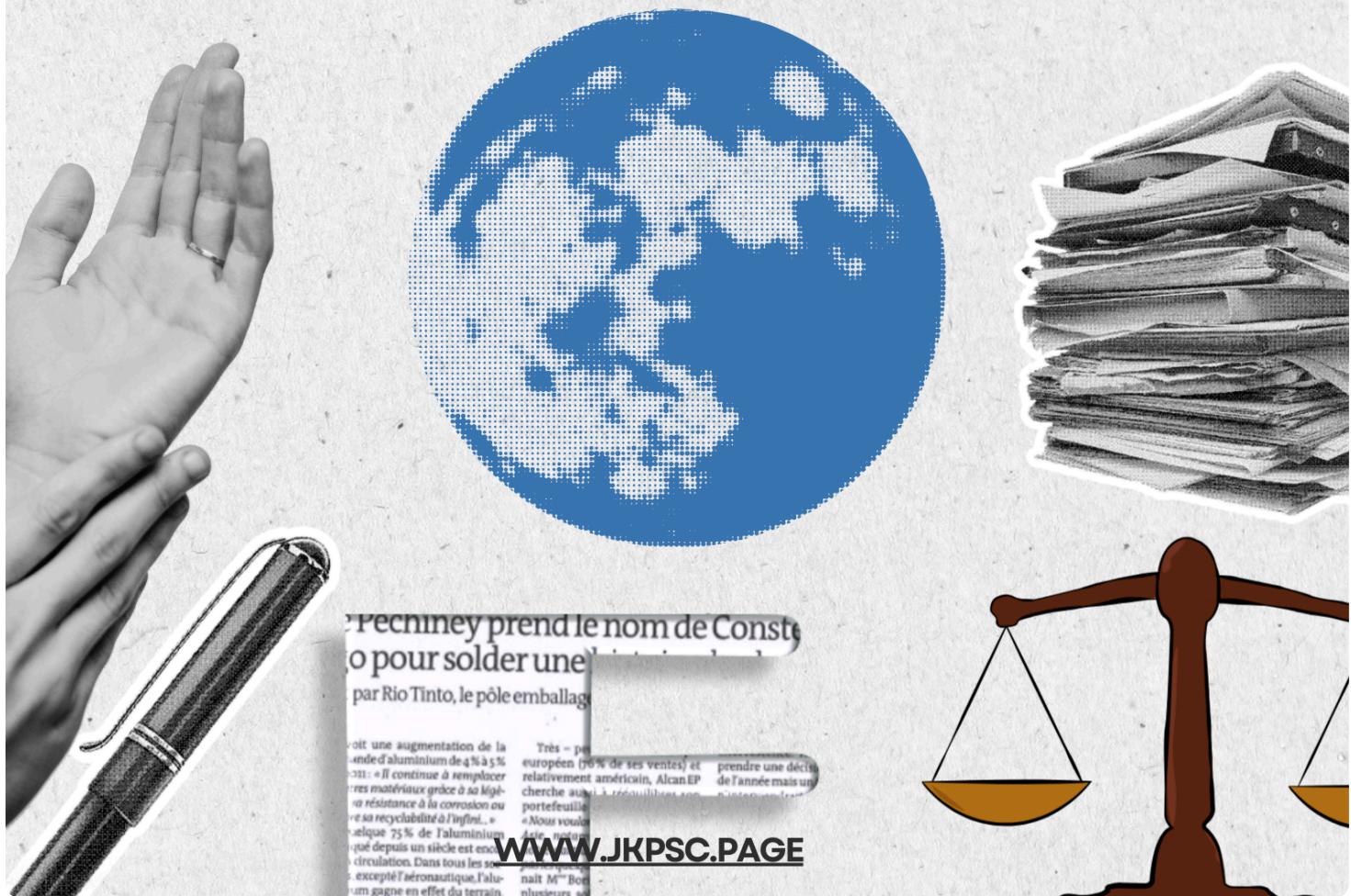
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Syllabus Microthemes List

- 01. Indian Constitution**-Historical underpinnings & evolution; Features, amendments, significant provisions, basic structure of Constitution
- 02. Functions & responsibilities of the Union and the States**; issues and challenges of federal structure;
- 03. Separation of Powers** between different organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions
- 04. Devolution of powers** and finances up to local levels and challenges therein
- 05. Comparison of Indian constitutional scheme** with other countries'
- 06. Parliament and State Legislatures** (structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges; issues therein)
- 07. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary**—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups...
- 08. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.**
- 09. Appointment to various Constitutional posts**; Constitutional Bodies; Statutory, Regulatory and Quasi-judicial bodies
- 10. Government Policies & Interventions** for development of various sectors
- 11. Development processes and the development industry** —the role of NGOs, SHGs, donors, charities.
- 12. Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections** of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws...
- 13. Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services** (Health, Education, HR).
- 14. Issues relating to poverty and hunger**
- 15. Transparency and accountability** (institutional and other measures); Citizens Charter, E-Governance
- 16. Role of Civil Services in a democracy.**
- 17. India and its neighborhood- relations.**
- 18. Bilateral, regional and global groupings** and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- 19. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries** on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- 20. Important International institutions**, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.

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GS 2 Year-wise PYQ Analysis (JKPSC KAS)

Syllabus Topic	2018	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
1. Indian Constitution	2	2	1	-	-	5
2. Functions of Union/States & Federalism	1	2	1	1	2	7
3. Separation of Powers	-	-	-	1	-	1
4. Devolution of powers (Local Govt)	-	-	-	-	-	0
5. Comparison of Constitution	1	-	-	-	-	1
6. Parliament and State Legislatures	1	1	-	-	-	2
7. Structure of Executive and Judiciary	1	1	1	-	-	3
8. Representation of People's Act	-	1	1	-	1	3
9. Constitutional & Statutory Bodies	1	1	-	3	-	5
10. Government Policies & Interventions	1	1	-	2	1	5
11. Development Industry (NGOs/SHGs)	2	-	-	-	-	2
12. Welfare Schemes & Vulnerable Sections	-	-	1	2	4	7
13. Social Sector (Health, Edu, HR)	-	-	-	-	-	0
14. Poverty and Hunger	2	-	-	-	-	2
15. Transparency, Accountability & E-Gov	1	-	1	1	2	5
16. Role of Civil Services	2	2	-	-	1	5
17. India and its neighborhood	-	3	2	1	4	10
18. Bilateral, regional & global groupings	3	4	7	4	3	21
19. Effect of policies of other countries	1	2	4	4	2	13
20. Important International institutions	1	-	1	1	-	3
Grand Total	20	20	20	20	20	100

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Microthemes in JKPSC CCE Mains

Polity

01. Indian Constitution-Historical underpinnings & evolution; Features, amendments, significant provisions, basic structure

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Features & Amendments	Discuss the importance of amendment procedure in Indian constitution in the light of the Peoples' Interest Litigation that challenges the first amendment of the constitution in 1951.	2022	10
	Do you think there is a need to review and update the constitution at the present juncture?	2021	10
	Critically examine the statement, "India has well established principles of civic nationalism, which seek to present electoral majority in the guise of a religious majority, and monopolise political power."	2021	15
	"The Supreme Court of India keeps a check on arbitrary powers of the Parliament in amending the constitution". Discuss critically.	2018	10
Fundamental Rights	What do you understand by the concept "freedom of speech and expression"? Does it cover hate speech also? Why do the films in India stand on a slightly different plane from other forms of expression? Discuss.	2018	10

02. Functions & responsibilities of the Union and the States; issues and challenges of federal structure

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Federalism & Governor	Is India's federal structure in jeopardy? Give your reasons in the light of Centre-State relations in India at present.	2024	15
	Constitution, not political expediency, should guide Governor of an Indian state. Elucidate.	2024	10
	"In the spirit of cooperative federalism, the Centre must exercise its powers within the boundaries created by the Constitution." Discuss.	2023	15
	Keeping in view the recent inter-state disputes between few Indian states, there is a clarion call for a vigorous institutional mechanism. Discuss.	2022	10
	What are the concerns of several state governments on Government of India's proposed move to amend the IAS service rules?	2021	15
	Discuss the importance of India's social justice paradigm amidst the recent call for an All India Federation for	2021	10

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
	Social Justice.		
	Though the federal principle is dominant in our constitution and that principle is one of its basic features, but it is equally true that federalism under the Indian Constitution leans in favour of a strong centre...	2018	10

03. Separation of Powers between different organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Judicial Activism	Critically analyse judicial activism in the light of the eventful month of May 2023 when the Supreme Court of India, in only two weeks of time, delivered more than 100 judgments...	2023	10

05. Comparison of Indian constitutional scheme with other countries

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Comparison	India and USA are two large democracies. Examine the basic tenets on which the two political systems are based.	2018	15

06. Parliament and State Legislatures

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Parliamentary Functioning	Critically examine how disruption of parliament has hampered the productivity of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in recent years?	2021	10
	The role of individual MPs (Member of Parliament) has diminished over the years and as a result healthy constructive debates on policy issues are not usually witnessed...	2018	10

07. Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Judiciary	Examine the importance of Collegium system in the light of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's assertion that "the executive must show constitutional statesmanship and avoid public grandstanding."	2022	10
	Critically analyse the statement, 'Civil services, judiciary and media are performing at below optimum levels.'	2021	10

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Executive	The size of the cabinet be as big as governmental work justifies and as big as the Prime Minister can manage as a team. How far is the efficacy of a government then inversely related to the size of the cabinet? Discuss.	2018	10

08. Salient features of the Representation of People's Act

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Elections & Delimitation	"Delimitation must go beyond counting of citizens to making their voices count." Discuss.	2024	10
	'Competitive elections are a necessary condition for the functioning of democracy.' Discuss the journey of India's electoral democracy in the light of the above statement.	2022	10
	Highlight the main features of the draft proposals of the Jammu and Kashmir delimitation commission.	2021	15

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Governance

09. Constitutional Bodies; Statutory, Regulatory and Quasi-judicial bodies

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Constitutional Bodies	“Finance Commission symbolizes Centre-State fiscal relations.” Examine this statement in the light of the constitution of 16th Finance Commission.	2023	10
Statutory/Regulatory Bodies	The NITI Aayog has emerged as an important institution of the Union government in the last one decade. Elucidate.	2023	15
	Critically examine the powers of the Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), a government institution which has been in the limelight in the recent times.	2023	10
	Discuss the importance of Lok Ayukta amidst the recent bid by Kerala government to amend the Lok Ayukta Act.	2021	10
	Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize and tackle the problems that women face at both public and private spheres? Give reasons in support of your answer.	2018	15

10. Government Policies & Interventions for development of various sectors

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Policies & Reforms	Discuss the six major provisions of the Waqf Amendment Bill 2025.	2024	15
	“The New Criminal Law Bill will discard colonial vestiges and instill an Indian spirit in India’s criminal justice system.” Discuss.	2023	10
	Achieving the SDGs by 2030 could be a roadmap to Viksit Bharat @ 2047. Discuss.	2023	15
	Aspirational districts are not only becoming accelerators of economic growth, but also are eliminating barriers to India’s progress. Elaborate	2021	10
	Has the Indian governmental system responded adequately to the demands of Liberalization, Privatisation and Globalization started in 1991? What can the government do to be responsible to this important change?	2018	15

11. Development processes and the development industry (NGOs, SHGs)

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
NGOs	How can be the role of NGOs be strengthened in India for development works relating to protection of the Environment? Discuss throwing light on the major constraints.	2018	10
	Examine critically the recent changes in the rule governing foreign funding of NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976.	2018	10

12. Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Welfare & Inclusion	"Gender equality brings more inclusiveness, less violence and lasting peace." Elucidate the statement.	2024	15
	Elucidate the statement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "The foundation of Viksit Bharat rests on four key pillars - poor, farmers, youth and women."	2024	15
	What is caste census and what are its merits and demerits?	2024	10
	Examine President Droupadi Murmu's statement that "Benefits of development should reach all sections of society, especially the disadvantaged and marginalized."	2024	10
	Find out the merits and demerits of caste survey in the light of the caste enumeration exercise by the provincial governments of Bihar and Andhra Pradesh.	2023	10
	"Social justice has become a catch-all term for welfare measures." Examine.	2023	10
	Critically examine how the forceful expansion of reservation in recent decades has been fed by an increasing politics of caste assertions.	2022	10

14. Issues relating to poverty and hunger

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Poverty & Hunger	How far do you agree with the view that the focus on lack of availability of food as the main cause of hunger takes the attention away from ineffective human development policies of India.	2018	15
	"Poverty Alleviation Programmes in India remain mere showpieces until and unless they are backed by political will". Discuss with reference to the performance of the major poverty alleviation programmes in India.	2018	15

15. Transparency and accountability; E-Governance

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
E-Gov & Accountability	Discuss the vision, objectives and mission of the Citizen's Charter by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).	2024	15
	Inclusive and meaningful digital access to e-governance and welfare delivery system is a fundamental right to life and liberty. Discuss.	2024	10
	While Bharat takes a quantum leap towards digitisation under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, prevention of cyber crimes is a key security challenge." Examine.	2023	15
	"Good governance is to devise instruments to ensure hundred percent delivery of welfare measures directly to the intended beneficiaries without any pilferage." Elucidate	2022	10
	In the integrity index of Transparency International, India stands very low. Discuss briefly the legal, political, economic/social and cultural factors that have caused the decline of public morality in India.	2018	10

16. Role of Civil Services in a democracy

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Civil Services	Narendra Modi's government in the last one decade has encouraged bureaucrats to think big and break down silos. Discuss.	2024	15
	Discuss how Mission Karmayogi has the potential to turn Indian bureaucracy into futuristic, people centric and accountable, aligned with vision of New India.	2021	10
	Find the difference between 'regular areas' and 'hard areas' in the AGMUT cadre.	2021	10
	Initially civil services in India were designed to achieve the goals of neutrality and ineffectiveness which seems to be lacking in the present context. Do you agree with the view that drastic reforms are required in civil services? Comment.	2018	15
	"Traditional bureaucratic structure and culture have hampered the process of socio-economic development in India". Comment.	2018	15

International Relations

17. India and its neighborhood- relations

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Neighborhood	Critically analyse how India's decision to keep the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance will have serious repercussions on Pakistan.	2024	15
	Do you think Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project will be a game changer in maintaining trade and transactions in India's Northeast?	2024	10
	Terrorism is the biggest threat the humanity faces today. Discuss it in the light of terrorist attack in Pahalgam in April 2025.	2024	10
	Critically analyse the relationship between India and Bangladesh in the light of the recent developments in our neighbourhood.	2024	10
	Critically analyse the relationship between India and Maldives in the light of the recent war of words between the two countries.	2023	10
	Since the threat across the Line of Actual Control has not diminished, India may continue its aggressive posture towards China. Comment.	2022	10
	China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) encroaches upon India's sovereignty. Elaborate	2022	10
	Myanmar has become a vital cog in India's neighbourhood first policy, Discuss it in the light of growing Chinese influence in the region.	2021	15
	Do you think India has been at the centre of gravity as far as cyber terrorism in South Asia is concerned?	2021	15
	Do you think Pakistan's first National Security Policy brought out in 2021 is an endeavour to have peace with India?	2021	10

18. Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Bilateral Relations	Evaluate India-USA Partnership after Donald Trump began his second tenure as US President?	2024	15
	Evaluate how Saudi Arabia could be key to India's Act West policy.	2024	15
	French President as guest of India's Republic Day 2024 demonstrates the widening and deepening Indo-French strategic partnership. Discuss.	2023	15

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	Evaluate India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership in the light of Indian Foreign Minister's Moscow visit in the last week of December last year?	2023	15
	Do you think India-Taiwan technological cooperation will be a boon for India's manufacturing ambitions?	2023	10
	Evaluate India-USA relationship in the changing global order?	2022	15
	India's outreach to African countries is going to augur well for the country's foreign policy. Discuss it in the context of Egyptian President's visit to India in January 2023.	2022	15
	There is potential to lift India and the UK into a higher orbit of beneficial growth. Elucidate in light of impending India-UK free Trade Agreement.	2022	15
	India and France have achieved a robust strategic partnership. Discuss it in the light of the recent joint exercises between the two countries.	2022	10
	Discuss the need for India and Israel to strengthen and deepen their bilateral relationship in the light of the completion of three decades of formal diplomatic ties between the two countries.	2021	15
	The first India-Central Asia Summit held recently is the culmination of the efforts of both the regions to strengthen the three decade old partnership. Discuss.	2021	15
	India and Oman showing mutual interest for joint ventures to enhance defence industry cooperation is important for India's bid to expand its footprint in the Indian Ocean Region. Elucidate.	2021	15
	The strategic intents and logic behind India's sale of Brahmos missiles to Philippines mark an assertive Act East policy. Discuss.	2021	15
	The question of India's Energy Security constitutes the most important part of India's economic progress. Analyze India's energy policy cooperation with West Asian Countries.	2018	15
	Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India's Look East Policy in the context of the post Cold War International scenario".	2018	15
	Increasing interest of India in Africa has its pro and cons. Critically Examine.	2018	10
Groupings (Regional/Global)	BRICS could be a powerful voice for the Global South. Explain.	2024	15
	Do you think the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor will be "a passage of possibilities"?	2023	10

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	India must capitalize on ASEAN's eagerness to engage. Elaborate	2022	15
	Inclusivity and cooperation for common good will be the core of India's mission as President of Group of 20 (G-20). Discuss.	2022	15
	"The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is envisaged as a way to bolster trading ties among nations across Asia-Pacific." Elaborate.	2022	10

19. Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Geopolitics & Global Order	"The international order is undergoing changes of a magnitude not seen since 1945." Discuss.	2024	10
	Turkey's overtures in South Asia are poised to increase India's troubles in coming times. Elucidate.	2024	10
	India-Canada relationship has descended to a new low in the last few years. Elucidate in the light of the accusations made by Canadian Prime Minister and the counter accusations of India.	2023	15
	Critically analyse India's role and contributions in resolving the recent Israel-Palestine conflict.	2023	15
	"The Red Sea region has become a cauldron of conflict." Elucidate the statement in the light of the recent attacks by Houthi rebels of Yemen on the commercial ships.	2023	15
	"Indo-Pacific will continue to remain the global flashpoint in the coming times." Critically analyse the above statement in the light of the recent Taiwan presidential elections.	2023	10
	Do you agree that Asian continent has become the hub of geopolitics, geostrategy and geoeconomics.	2022	15
	India can play the role of "peacemaker" in the Russia Ukraine conflict justify this statement in light of Indian foreign minister's visit to Russia in the first week of November 2022	2022	15
	Analyse five important lessons of the Covid-19 pandemic that has brought about a paradigm shift in global economic and strategic order.	2022	15
	"Asia must not become arena for 'big power contest'. Elucidate the statement in the light of power rivalry among world powers in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific.	2022	15
	Describe how the outbreak of covid-19 pandemic has ushered in a new world order with new economic and strategic dimensions.	2021	15

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	Do you think the crisis in Ukraine may add worries for India?	2021	10
	In what ways the ongoing US Iran Nuclear Pact Controversy affect the national interest of India? How should India respond to this situation?	2018	15

20. Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate

Microthemes	JKPSC PYQs	Year	Marks
Institutions & Fora	Analyse India's decade-long bid to become a veto-wielding member of the UN Security Council in the light of UN General Assembly President's recent remarks on India as a "mature, highly respected member."	2023	15
	Discuss the need to tighten the noose against terror financing in the light of the 3rd "No Money for Terror Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing."	2022	15
	Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit for a permanent seat in UN Security Council.	2018	10

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