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The Rise of Nationalism in Europe

1. Treaty of Vienna (1815) and the spirit of conservatism

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 5 marks

'The Treaty of Vienna was drawn up in 1815 with the object of undoing most of the changes that had come about in Europe during the Napoleonic wars.' Highlight the significant provisions of this treaty.

2. Formation of the British nation-state as a long process

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2026 · 5 marks

'In Britain the formation of the nation-state was not the result of a sudden upheaval or revolution but was the result of a long-drawn-out process.' Analyse this statement with suitable reasons.

3. Romanticism as a nationalist cultural movement

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2025 · 2/5 marks

'Romanticism, a cultural movement sought to develop a particular form of nationalist sentiment.' Justify the statement with suitable arguments.

4. Liberalism and national unity in early 19th-century Europe

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 5 marks

How was liberalism allied to national unity in Europe in the early decades of the 19th century ? Analyse.

Nationalism in India

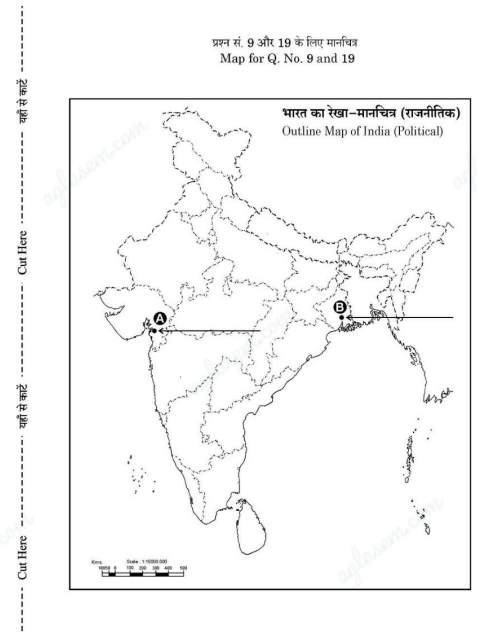
5. Map: identify INC session and Salt March/Satyagraha sites

Asked 7× · Board 2022, Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/2 marks

Two places 'A' and 'B' have been marked on the given political outline map of India. Identify them with the help of the following information and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them:

A. The place where Gandhiji broke the Salt Law.

B. The place where the session of Indian National Congress was held.



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6. Role of folklore and culture in Indian nationalism

Asked 3× · Board 2022, Board 2023, Sample 2026 · 3/5 marks

'A variety of cultural processes played an important role in developing a sense of nationalism in India'. Support the statement with suitable examples.

7. Chronological order of national-movement events

Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

Arrange the following events in chronological order and choose the correct option:

I. Second Round Table Conference

II. Formation of Depressed Class Association

III. Lahore Session of Indian National Congress

IV. Formation of Awadh Kissan Sabha

Options:

(A) I, II, IV, III

(B) I, II, III, IV

(C) IV, III, II, I

(D) IV, III, I, II

The Making of a Global World

8. Silk routes as pre-modern trade and cultural links

Asked 4× · Board 2024, Board 2026, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 2 marks

"Trade and cultural exchange went hand-in-hand during pre-modern times." Explain the statement with any two examples.

9. New crops and the difference between life and death

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 2 marks

'Sometimes the new crops could make the difference between life and death.' Explain the statement with any two examples.

10. Why Europeans migrated/fled to America (19th century)

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2026 · 1 marks

Thousands of people fled Europe for America in the 19th century due to - A. Widespread poverty and deadly diseases B. Frequent famines and poor living conditions C. Continuous wars and political instability D. Harsh climate and repeated natural disasters

Resources and Development

11. Match/classify soil with region or crop

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2026 · 1 marks

Identify the appropriate option to fill in the empty boxes: Classification of Soils -> Alluvial (Ideal for the growth of sugarcane, paddy, wheat and other cereal and pulse crops.) | ? (Ideal for growing cotton) | ? (suitable for crops like cashew nut). A. Black soil, Red and Yellow soils B. Laterite soil, Black soil C. Red & Yellow soils & Black soil D. Black soil & Laterite soil.

12. Identify soil from characteristics

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Read the given infographics carefully and choose the correct option that identifies the soil described:
(1) Sandy in texture → (2) Red to brown in colour → (3) Soil lacks humus due to dry climate
Options:
(A) Laterite soil
(B) Forest soil
(C) Arid soil
(D) Black soil

Forest and Wildlife Resources

13. Forest classification and its regions

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1 marks

Based on the classification of forests, which of the following statements would most likely apply to places like Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala etc.? A. These places mostly have forests managed as reserved or protected forests for conservation. B. They rely on unclassed forests and local community management for forest conservation. C. They have forest resources and primarily focus on industrial development. D. There are no classified forests and forest management is entirely left to private ownership.

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14. National park / reserve state

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Match Column – I with Column – II and choose the correct option:
Column – I (National Park) — Column – II (States)
a. Corbett b. Sunderban c. Sariska d. Periyar
i. Rajasthan ii. Uttarakhand iii. Kerala iv. West Bengal
Options:
(A) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii
(B) a-i, b-iii, c-ii, d-iv
(C) a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-i
(D) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii

Water Resources

15. Dam location / dam-river match

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 1 marks

Match Column I (Dam) with Column II (River) and choose the correct option : a. Hirakud b. Gandhi Sagar c. Nagarjuna Sagar d. Mettur ; i. Chambal ii. Krishna iii. Kaveri iv. Mahanadi. Options : (A) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii (B) a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii (C) a-iv, b-i, c-ii, d-iii (D) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv

Agriculture

16. Identify crop from clues/climate/season

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Which one of the following crops grows well in hot and humid climate?
(A) Sugarcane
(B) Peas
(C) Wheat
(D) Gram

Minerals and Energy Resources

17. Classify minerals (ferrous/non-ferrous/non-metallic)

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:
Minerals → Ferrous (Cobalt), Non-Ferrous (Lead), ---?--- (Sulphur)
Options:
(A) Non-metallic
(B) Metallic
(C) Precious
(D) Energy

Manufacturing Industries

18. Map: locate any three economic features

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025 · 3 marks

On the same political outline map of India, locate and label any three of the following with suitable symbols : (i) Leading state in production of Jute (ii) Atomic Power Plant located in Gujarat (iii) Iron and Steel Plant located in Jharkhand (iv) Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport.

19. Agriculture and industry complement each other

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 2/5 marks

"Agriculture and industries complement each other." Justify the statement.

20. Manufacturing is backbone of development

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 3/5 marks

"Manufacturing industries are considered the backbone of the economic development of a country." Justify the statement.

Power-sharing

21. Why power-sharing is desirable / its benefits

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1/2 marks

Why is power sharing desirable? Explain.

Federalism

22. Importance / justification of local self-government

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2025 · 1/2 marks

"Local Government is an effective way to uphold the democratic principle of decentralization." Justify this statement with valid points.

23. Match subjects to Union/State/Concurrent/Residuary lists

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

Match the Column I with Column II and choose the correct option: Column I (List): I. Union list subjects II. State list subjects III. Concurrent subjects IV. Residuary subjects. Column II (Jurisdiction Sphere): A. State Governments alone make laws on it. B. For uniformity Central Government Legislates on it. C. Subjects under Jurisdiction of Centre and State Governments. D. Central Government legislates on new subjects. Options: (a) I-A, II-B, III-C, IV-D (b) I-C, II-D, III-A, IV-B (c) I-D, II-C, III-B, IV-A (d) I-B, II-A, III-C, IV-D

Political Parties

24. Role / functions / need of political parties in a democracy

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 3/5 marks

Examine the role of political parties in a democracy.

25. Challenges to political parties

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 5 marks

Analyse how the issue of leadership succession poses a challenge to political parties in India.

26. Why India adopted the multi-party system

Asked 3× · Board 2022, Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 1/2/3 marks

Why did India adopt the multiparty system ? Explain with suitable arguments.

Outcomes of Democracy

27. Democracy leads to peaceful & harmonious life

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2026 · 3/5 marks

'Democracy leads to peaceful and harmonious life among citizens in every sphere.' Support this statement with suitable arguments.

28. Democracy better than other forms of government

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2024 · 5 marks

How are democratic governments better than other forms of government? Explain.

29. Reasons for overwhelming support for democracy

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2023 · 5 marks

"There is an overwhelming support for the idea of democracy all over the world." Support the statement with examples.

Development

30. Calculate average (per capita) income

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Study the given data carefully and answer the question that follows:
Monthly income of citizens (in Rs) — Country A: I=9,500; II=10,500; III=9,800; IV=1,000; V=10,200. Country B: I=500; II=500; III=500; IV=500; V=4,800.
Identify the average monthly income of citizens in 'country A'.
(A) 8,200
(B) 9,000
(C) 1,000
(D) 9,020

31. Importance / need for sustainable development

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2026 · 3 marks

Analyse the issues that necessitate sustainable development for the future.

32. Developmental goals differ across categories of people

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1/5 marks

"The development goals of different categories of people may differ." Evaluate the statement.

Sectors of the Indian Economy

33. Differentiate organised vs unorganised sector

Asked 3× · Board 2026, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 3/5 marks

How are organized sectors different from unorganized sectors? Explain with examples.

34. Classify an activity into primary/secondary/tertiary

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 1 marks

Look at the given picture (workers sorting/folding stitched garments in a textile unit) and answer the question that follows : The work being done in the picture falls under which sector of the economy ? (A) Primary (B) Quaternary (C) Secondary (D) Tertiary

(C) Tertiary (D) Quaternary

17. Look at the given picture and answer the question that follow :



The work being done in the picture falls under which sector of the economy ? *1*

(A) Primary (B) Quaternary (C) Secondary (D) Tertiary

35. Solve rural underemployment / raise rural income

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2025 · 2/3 marks

Mr.Y from a city in India visits a rural area and finds five people working in a small agricultural farm. More than two people are not required to work in the farm and removing the other three will not affect production. How can one solve this problem of underemployment in rural areas? Explain.

36. Differentiate public vs private sector

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2025 · 2/3 marks

Explain the difference between public and private sector of Indian economy with example.

37. Identify organised sector from an example

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 1 marks

Which one of the following is an example of organized sector activities? (a) A farmer irrigating his field. (b) A handloom weaver working in her house. (c) A headload worker carrying cement. (d) A teacher taking classes in a government school.

Money and Credit

38. Money eliminates double coincidence of wants

Asked 2× · Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/5 marks

Person Z tries to explain how the requirement of a double coincidence of wants in a barter system limits trade and exchange. Which of the following justification do you think will be used by him/her? A. It makes trade more complicated, as each person must have what the other person wants, limiting the pool of potential trade partners. B. The barter system allows trade to be conducted more efficiently since both parties already know what they need from the transaction. C. It increases the number of exchanges because each person can trade for exactly what they want. D. The system creates value for goods by ensuring that both parties have a direct need for each other's goods.

39. Group credit institutions raising rural income

Asked 2× · Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 2/5 marks

(36.3) Explain the role of cooperative societies in increasing the income of farmers.

40. Importance of credit for economic activities

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2025 · 1/3 marks

Mr. X has taken credit to make candles during the festive season. Choose the correct options that defines the importance of credit from the given options:
i. it plays a vital and positive role in meeting his target and accelerating his income
ii. the credit helps him to meet the ongoing expenses of production
iii. the credit helps him complete the production on time
iv. it helps him in exercising restraint and get into the habit of taking more credit
(A) Only 4
(B) 3 and 4
(C) 1, 2 and 3
(D) Only 2

41. Functions / role of the Reserve Bank of India

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 3 marks

Explain the role of Reserve Bank of India in the Indian economy.

42. Cooperative society as a formal source of credit

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 1 marks

[Source: Loans From Cooperatives — Besides banks, the other major source of cheap credit in rural areas are the cooperative societies (or cooperatives). Members of a cooperative pool their resources for cooperation in certain areas. There are several types of cooperatives possible such as farmers cooperatives, weavers cooperatives, industrial workers cooperatives, etc. Krishak Cooperative functions in a village not very far away from Sonpur. It has 2300 farmers as members. It accepts deposits from its members. With these deposits as collateral, the Cooperative has obtained a large loan from the bank. These funds are used to provide loans to members. Once these loans are repaid, another round of lending can take place. Krishak Cooperative provides loans for the purchase of agricultural implements, loans for cultivation and agricultural trade, fishery loans, loans for construction of houses and for a variety of other expenses.] (36.1) Cooperative societies come under which source of credit ?

43. Role of banks in accepting deposits and lending

Asked 2× · Board 2022, Board 2023 · 3 marks

Explain the role of banks with regard to money which they accept from the public.

Globalisation and the Indian Economy

44. Factors that enabled/facilitated globalisation

Asked 3× · Board 2022, Sample 2025, Sample 2026 · 1/3/5 marks

Highlight the significant three factors that have contributed to the growth of globalisation.

45. Technology as a driver of globalisation

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026 · 1/3/5 marks

"New technology has helped to connect the world." Justify the statement with suitable arguments.

46. Globalisation as integration/interconnection

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2025 · 1/5 marks

The result of greater foreign investment and greater foreign trade has been _____ across countries. Find the correct option from below.
(A) greater bifurcation of production and markets
(B) greater segregation of production and markets
(C) greater differentiation of production and markets
(D) greater integration of production and markets

47. Liberalisation = removing trade barriers

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

The removal of barriers on foreign trade and investment by the Indian government has been called as:
(A) Industrialisation
(B) Nationalisation
(C) Privatisation
(D) Liberalisation