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Towards Independence and Partition (1939-1947)

1. Reactions of the Congress and the Muslim League to the Cabinet Mission Plan

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2025, Sample 2023 · 4/8 marks

Briefly discuss any two reactions of each of the following to the proposals of the Cabinet Mission Plan.
(1) Congress
(2) Muslim League

2. MCQ: Identify the Quit India Movement from a clue ('Do or Die' / anniversary)

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

In 2017, the 75th Anniversary of a historic Indian Movement was commemorated. Identify the movement.
(a) The JP Movement
(b) The Quit India Movement
(c) The Civil Disobedience Movement
(d) The Movement for Women's Rights

3. Reasons for the acceptance of the Mountbatten Plan

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

State any four significant reasons for the acceptance of the terms of the Mountbatten Plan by the Congress.

4. State the proposals of the Cripps Mission

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

The Cripps Proposals for the first time proposed the formation of a Constituent Assembly. In the light of the above statement, enumerate any four proposals of the Cripps Mission.

5. Reasons for the rejection / failure of the Cripps Mission

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

Elucidate any four reasons that led to the failure of the Cripps' Mission and eventually, to the Quit India Resolution.

6. Name the Quit India Resolution (8 Aug 1942) and explain why Gandhi demanded immediate freedom

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

Name the resolution that the All India Congress Committee passed on the 8th August, 1942. Why did Gandhi demand complete freedom immediately?

7. Steps taken by Subhas Chandra Bose to revive and reorganise the INA

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 4 marks

Discuss any four steps taken by Subhash Chandra Bose to revive and reorganise the Indian National Army after taking over as its Supreme Commander.

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8. 1-mark: Key provision / change made by the Mountbatten Plan

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

The provinces of Punjab and Bengal were to be divided between India and Pakistan. Which one of the following Plans proposed this division?
(a) The Mountbatten Plan
(b) The Cabinet Mission Plan
(c) The Cripps Mission Plan
(d) The August Offer

9. State the proposals / features of the Cabinet Mission Plan (1946)

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4 marks

State any four major proposals of the Cabinet Mission Plan.

Establishment of Indian Democracy (1947-1966)

10. Potti Sriramulu and the demand for a separate Andhra state

Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2023 · 1/4 marks

Name the activist who died after a fifty-six day hunger strike demanding the creation of a Telugu-speaking state.

11. Fill in: the first general election (1952) was based on the principle of ___ (universal adult franchise)

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

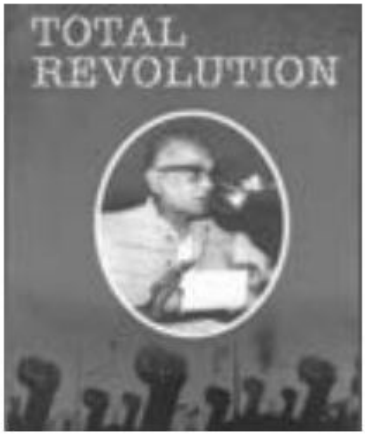
The first Lok Sabha election in India was held on the principle of _____.

Development of Indian Democracy (1964-1977)

12. 1-mark: Identify Jayaprakash Narayan as leader of the Total Revolution

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

[context: cover page of the book 'Total Revolution'] The image given below shows the cover page of the book Total Revolution. Name the author who spearheaded the Movement referred to on the cover page of the book.



(Source:www.exoticindiaart.com)

13. 1-mark: Identify Lal Bahadur Shastri (PM in 1964, 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan')

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

Who among the following Prime Ministers prioritised self-reliance and is still remembered for the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan"?
(a) Jawaharlal Nehru
(b) Indira Gandhi
(c) Morarji Desai
(d) Lal Bahadur Shastri

14. MCQ: Identify an opposition party (ideology / 1967 election)

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

One important feature of the General Elections of 1967 was the rise of opposition parties. Which one of the following parties emerged as the main opposition party in India?
(a) Socialist Party
(b) Swatantra Party
(c) Bharatiya Jan Sangh
(d) Communist Party of India (Marxist)

15. 1-mark: Charu Majumdar's Historic Eight Documents and the Naxal Movement

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

Who was the author of The Historic Eight Documents?

16. Rise of the Naxal Movement: causes and role of students

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4 marks

The Naxal Movement in India began in the 1960s as a left-wing extremist movement, primarily driven by socio-economic issues. In this context, explain any four causes for the rise of the Naxal Movement.

Changing Face of Indian Democracy (1977-1986)

17. Causes of the Assam agitation (1979-85)

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Sample 2023, Sample 2025 · 4 marks

In 1979, AASU and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) began a series of protests across Assam. The educational institutions in the state remained shut for a long time. Periodic strikes at times turned violent. This was the start of a six-year agitation led by students. (Source: Economic Times Archive) Based on the above report, state any four reasons for the agitation.

18. Reasons for the downfall of the Janata government

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Sample 2025 · 1/4 marks

[context: photograph of the trio of Janata government leaders awaiting the swearing-in at Rashtrapati Bhawan, 1977] Which one of the following BEST describes the reason for the Janata government's short-lived tenure?

(a) Struggle for power and control among the leaders of the Janata government

(b) Disagreements within the Janata government on foreign policy.

(c) Ideological differences within the Janata government over economic policies.

(d) Conflicting views on social welfare programmes.



(Source: www. timescontent.timesgroup.com)

19. Policies / measures of the Janata government (1977-79)

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

For the first time since independence, the Congress party was defeated in the elections of 1977 and a new party came into power at the Centre. In this context, discuss any four measures adopted by the newly established non-Congress government to restore the civil liberties of the people of India.

India's Foreign Policy

20. 1-mark: Dalai Lama's asylum in India (1959) - reason / impact

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

On 4th April 1959, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru announced in Parliament that the Dalai Lama had crossed into Indian territory and had been granted political asylum in India. State any one impact this event had on the Indo-Sino ties in 1959.

21. Causes of the first Indo-Pak War (1947-48) over Kashmir

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

[context: news extract 'Indian Troops Rolling Back Kashmir Rebels ... State's Accession to Union Accepted', October 1947] Which war is being referred to in the image of the news extract given below? Briefly explain any three causes of this war.



INDIAN TROOPS ROLLING BACK KASHMIR REBELS

'Save Kashmir From Invader'

LEADER'S CALL

"Coercion" Move Denounced

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27.

Delhi Rushes Military Aid By Air

STATE'S ACCESSION TO UNION ACCEPTED

From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, October 27.

KASHMIR has acceded to the Indian Dominion, and the Government of India have rushed troops to Srinagar to help the Kashmir Government restore peace and order in the State.

Source: www.timesnownews.com

22. 1-mark: Border dispute / territory (Aksai Chin) in the Sino-Indian War 1962

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

Mention the most important territorial gain made by China in the Sino-Indian war of 1962.

23. Consequences of the Indo-Pak War of 1971

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4 marks

Discuss any four consequences of the Indo-Pak War of 1971.

Movements for Women's Rights

24. 1-mark: Women's organisations of the anti-dowry movement and the evils they fought

Asked 4× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Sample 2023 · 1 marks

The Stree Sangharsh Organisation launched a campaign against the prevailing social evils of:
(P) Dowry
(Q) Gender Discrimination
(R) Child marriage
(S) Domestic violence
(a) Only (R) and (S)
(b) Only (Q) and (R)
(c) Only (P) and (Q)
(d) Only (P) and (S)

25. Features / findings of the Towards Equality Report (1974)

Asked 2× · Sample 2023, Sample 2025 · 4/8 marks

Discuss any eight features of the Towards Equality Report of 1974.

World War II

26. 1-mark: Turning-point battles of WWII (El Alamein, Stalingrad, Midway)

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

Which one of the following battles during the Second World War proved to be a turning point in the fight for control of the Pacific?
(a) Stalingrad
(b) El Alamein
(c) Midway Island
(d) Battle of Britain

27. MCQ: Objective / supreme example of appeasement (Munich)

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

Appeasement as a diplomatic policy was followed by Britain and France with the objective of:
(a) avoiding war with aggressive nations at any cost.
(b) encouraging economic cooperation for mutual benefit.
(c) checking the spread of communism in western Europe.
(d) establishing friendly relations with the neighbouring countries.

28. Anglo-French appeasement: meaning, reasons and examples

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2023 · 4 marks

One of the primary reasons for the outbreak of the Second World War was the policy of Appeasement followed by Britain and France. Give any four reasons to explain why these two nations adopted the policy of Appeasement.

29. 1-mark: How Pearl Harbour brought the USA into the war

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

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour brought the _____ into the War and made it worldwide in scope.

30. Steps by which Hitler made Germany a great power again

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4 marks

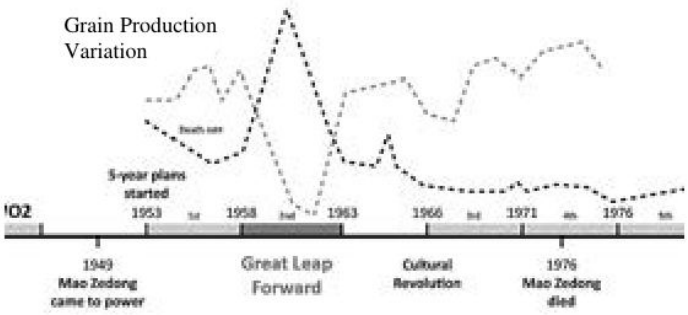
The union of Austria with Germany (March 1938) was among one of Hitler's greatest achievements before the outbreak of the Second World War. Discuss any four developments, other than the one referred to above, to show how Hitler achieved his objective of making Germany a great power again.

De-colonisation: China, Ghana and Kenya

31. Features and impact of the Great Leap Forward and the Communes

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 4/8 marks

[context: graph of grain production and death rate in China during the Great Leap Forward] The graph given below indicates the production of grain during the Great Leap Forward in China. With reference to the above graph, explain the main features of the Commune system during the Great Leap Forward. Why was there such a sharp spike in the death rate as indicated in the graph above?



(Source:www.beyondplanb.eu)

32. Reasons for Nkrumah's overthrow in Ghana (1966)

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 4 marks

'Kwame Nkrumah was both a visionary and a victim of his own ideals.' In this context, evaluate any four reasons for Nkrumah's overthrow by a military coup in 1966.

33. Role of Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya's struggle for independence

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 4/8 marks

Examine the role of Jomo Kenyatta with reference to any four steps taken by him during Kenya's struggle for independence.

Cold War (1945-1991)

34. 1-mark: Impact of the collapse of communism on Germany - reunification (Oct 1990)

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025 · 1 marks

State the immediate impact of the collapse of Communism in East Europe (October 1990) on the future of Germany.

35. 1-mark: Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia completed the Iron Curtain

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

Which country's takeover by the Communists destroyed the 'bridge' between the East and West Europe and completed the 'iron curtain'?

36. Events leading to the downfall of communism in East Germany

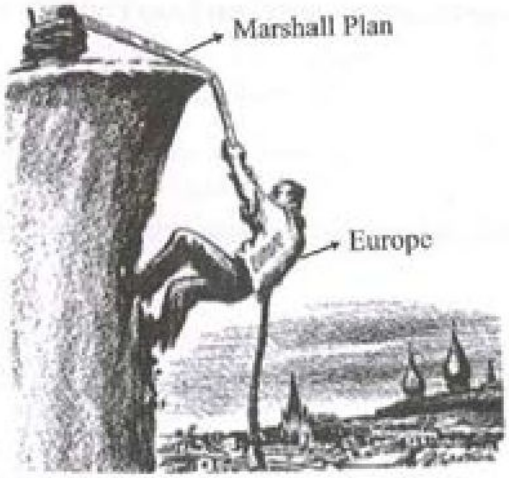
Asked 2× · Board 2026, Sample 2023 · 4 marks

In the brief period between August 1988 and December 1991, communism in Eastern Europe was dramatically swept away. In this context, discuss any four events leading to the downfall of communism in East Germany.

37. Features of the Marshall Plan

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2023 · 4 marks

[context: cartoon showing 'Europe' climbing a cliff on a rope labelled 'Marshall Plan'] Given below is a cartoon on the Marshall Plan. With reference to the cartoon, briefly discuss any four significant features of the Marshall Plan.



Source (edited): www.bridgemanimages.com

38. Gorbachev's reforms (perestroika) and why they failed

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2023 · 4 marks

Enumerate any four drawbacks of Gorbachev's policy of Perestroika that eventually led to the collapse of the Soviet Union (1985).

Protest Movements: Civil Rights, Anti-Apartheid and Feminism

39. Contributions of Martin Luther King Jr. to the Civil Rights Movement

Asked 3× · Board 2024, Board 2026, Sample 2025 · 4/8 marks

[context: photograph of a Civil Rights leader (Martin Luther King Jr.)] With reference to the Civil Rights Movement in the US, identify the activist leader shown below. Discuss any three contributions of this activist leader.

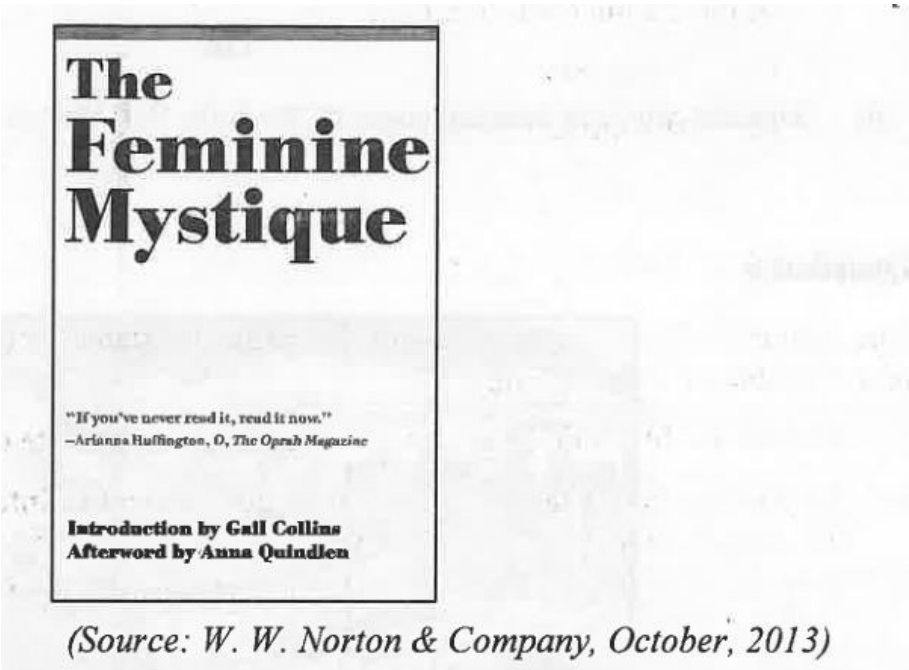


Source: www.thesun.co.uk

40. Identify Betty Friedan and explain how The Feminine Mystique sparked Second Wave Feminism

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

[context: cover of the book The Feminine Mystique] Name the author of the book shown above. Explain any three ways in which it sparked off the Second Wave of American Feminism in the 20th century.



(Source: W. W. Norton & Company, October, 2013)

41. 1-mark: Equal Pay Act 1963 / Civil Rights Act 1964 and American women

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

Mention any one provision of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that impacted the status of women in America.

42. Features of Apartheid in South Africa

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2025 · 4 marks

State any two features of Apartheid and its implementation by the South African government. Mention any two reasons to explain why it led to widespread protests by the black Africans in the country.

43. Steps taken by de Klerk to end Apartheid / transition to majority rule

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Sample 2023 · 4 marks

President F.W. Klerk decided to end Apartheid and gradually move South Africa towards black majority rule. In this context, discuss any four steps taken by Klerk to achieve his objectives peacefully.

44. 1-mark: Author of The Feminine Mystique (Betty Friedan)

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

The author of the book Feminine Mystique was:
(a) Gloria Steinem
(b) Maya Angelo
(c) Betty Friedan
(d) Angela Davis

45. Impact of the Second Wave Feminist Movement in the USA

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Sample 2023 · 4 marks

Evaluate the impact of the Feminist Movement on the status of women in the USA.

Middle East: Israeli-Palestine Conflict (1916-1993)

46. Causes (and consequences) of the Suez Crisis 1956 - Nasser's measures

Asked 2× · Board 2024, Board 2026 · 4/8 marks

The Egyptian President Colonel Nasser was aggressively in favour of Arab unity and independence. In this context, discuss any four hostile measures adopted by him to counter the increasing Anglo-French control of the Suez Canal.

47. Terms of the Camp David Accord (1979)

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2026 · 4 marks

To resolve the Israel-Palestine conflicts, some serious attempts were made towards peace settlements of contentious issues. In this context, discuss four significant terms of the Camp David Accord (1979).

48. 1-mark: Demand of the World Zionist Movement

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

The world Zionist Movement raised the demand for restoration of _____ to the Jewish people.

49. 1-mark: Meaning of Intifada

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

What is meant by the term Intifada in the context of the Israeli-Palestine conflict?

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