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Topics covered: April 1 to April 30, 2020

DATA for ready reference on following topics

DATA on GS 1 Topics	DATA on GS 2 Topics	DATA on GS 3 Topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrants related • Gender Violence by UN WOMEN • Domestic Violence: NFHS • Gender Issues: NFHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID's economic impact • NGOs related • Digital Divide by NITI Aayog • PRESS freedom Index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer stock limits • Impact of COVID on jobs: ILO • Global and INDIA's growth post COVID: Goldman Sacs • RBI data on Inflation • FIEO data on export sector job losses • IMF's growth Forecast • Impact of COVID on Environment • Merchandise export • Remittance • Food insecurity by World food program (WFP) • Oil Price Shock: SPR

World History

Topic covered

1. Korean Conflict: Recent elections; History of conflict; Way forward

Indian Society

Topics Covered	Question Discussed
1. Corona Virus vs Communal Virus	1. "Poverty is lack of capability to use one's full potential"- Amartya Sen. Comment on the statement [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Migrant Crisis: Impact on States; Reasons for migration.	
3. Poverty in India	
4. Religious Freedom: USCIRF's report	

Geography – Physical features & Locational factors

Topic covered	Question Discussed
1. Sugar Industries: Issues; Prelims Question	1. "Discuss the problems faced by Sugar Industry in India" [15 marks, 250 words]

Constitutional provisions & features

Topics covered

1. Comparison of Constitution – Example
2. **Data Protection (Right to Privacy): Sprinklr issue; Why we need protection; A P Shah committee guideline; Data protection bill – provisions, merits and demerits; Europe's GDPR**

3. Privacy concerns during COVID: Diagrammatic presentation of concerns, Issues; Conclusion.

Indian polity – Legislature, Executive, Centre, State & Local Government

Topics covered	Questions Discussed
1. Interstate relations – Constitutional dimensions	1. Critically examine the relevance of Inter-state council in maintaining friendly interstate relations” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. MPLADs – Scheme, Critical Analysis	
3. Federalism – Need for decentralization, Recent Developments	
4. Anti-Defection Law: Previous instances; Issues; Reforms needed	2. Analyze the functioning of Local self-governance institutions in India” [15 marks, 250 words]
5. Local Self Governance: Examples – Pune & Kerala	
6. Centre – State issues: Example	3. What are the issues associated with the office of Governor? Also suggest the measures to overcome the issues, along with the recommendations of various committees” [15 marks, 250 words]
7. Ordinances: Recent news; Issues; Merits; Supreme court Judgments; Way forward	
8. Governor’s discretionary powers: Constitutional and Situational discretion; Related Judgements.	
9. Role of Women in PRS: Example of PRIYANKA MEDANKAR	
10. Reservation issue: Recent Andhra Pradesh’s Example	

Judiciary

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. E-technology example in Judiciary	1. “Discuss the Judicial reforms needed in INDIAN Judiciary” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Post retirement appointment of Judges: Examples; Issues; Data; Way forward	
3. E-Courts: Recent developments; Analysis of E-court Mission mode project; DATA; E-court services app	

Bodies: Constitutional, Statutory

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. Constitutional bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIA • National Commission of women 	1. “Critically analyze the role played by NHRC in protecting human rights in India” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Statutory Body – SHRC as an example	
3. Election Commission: Recent issue in Andhra Pradesh	
4. Role of Statutory bodies: NHRC’s Example	

Social Infrastructure – Health, Education, Skill development

Topics covered

1. COVID Analysis: Unique Steps being taken by government, authorities; Negative Impact of COVID; Lessons from CORONA fight; Best Practices.
2. Effectiveness of Lockdown: Germany's case study
3. Social Distancing & Social Prejudice
4. Health Care system – Challenges & solutions
5. Bilwara MODEL – TTT method
6. Digital Divide – Nature of the divide, Challenges, Pillars of DIGITAL INDIA
7. SHIELD Initiative: Delhi Government
8. Privacy Vs Public health: Surveillance state; Solution
9. Kerala MODEL for COVID: Lesson to be learnt
10. Immunization: UNICEF's Finding

Vulnerable sections & Welfare schemes

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. Tribal Issue – Examples.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Gender Equality in India is a myth. Critically analyze" [15 marks, 250 words] 2. "What are the issues facing the implementation of welfare schemes in India. Analyze." [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Technology for welfare – Example	
3. MGNREGA: Analysis, Concept of CILLAGE	
4. Welfare Scheme: NFSA as example	
5. Shadow PANDEMIC (Domestic Violence): Example of Pune ZILA Parishad; BELL BAJAO Campaign	

Governance, e- governance, NGO and Civil Societies

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. E-governance – Example	1. “What is the role of NGOs in a developing country like INDIA. Substantiate with examples” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Prison Reforms – Examples, IPS officer Kiran bedi’s Model	
3. Development model post COVID	
4. Role of NGOs- Examples	
5. E-Governance: Bihar example	
6. Efficacy of e- government initiatives: Example	
7. E-technology in Governance: Example of KISAN RATH	
8. E-technology Example: Education & Governance	

Civil Services

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. Role of Civil Servants – Example	1. “In the present socio-economic condition of India, role of Civil servants is very crucial. Discuss” (15 marks, 250 words)
2. Role of Police and Police reforms	
3. Role of Police: Example; Evolution of Police	
	2. “ Comment on the need for Police reforms in India ” [10 marks, 150 words]

International relations, Groupings and Organizations

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. India- China Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline history of relationship • Economic Relations • Science and Technology • Defense and Strategy • People to People Ties 	1. “Critically Analyze India-SAARC relations” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. South China Sea Dispute: Causes, Current Status	
3. India- Pakistan relations – Track record, Change of Attitude	
4. SAARC’s Virtual summit	
5. India-Gulf relations: current status, Importance, Opportunities	
6. COVID & Globalization: Aspects of Globalization; Impact on Globalization	
7. India and SAARC: Pak’s initiative	
8. Globalization: Role of International institutions (WTO, WHO, UNSC); Result; way forward; WTO’s data on trade	
9. India Pakistan relations: Hotspots of firing; Established mechanisms; data on ceasefire violations; way forward	

10.INDIA-US defense partnership: recent news and few previous measures

11.Role of WHO: Current funding issue; WHO & INDIA's partnership in the past

12.INDIA-CHINA relations: Ban on FDI

13.India and Indian Ocean: Recent news; Importance of Indian ocean, Nature of engagements; Issues; Way forward

14.South China Sea Dispute: Recent Developments; Prelims Geography mapping

15.Nuclear Arms Race: Measures Taken, Effectiveness; DATA; India's Nuclear Doctrine; Multilateral Export Control Regimes.

16.Geopolitical and Geo-economic fallout of COVID-19

17.Afghan Peace process: Recent developments; Why India not included in the talks; India-Afghan relation; Way forward

18.Future of Multilateralism

Indian economy

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. National Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose • Timeline of Planning in India • Planning commission vs NITI Aayog • Challenges • Competence of NITI Aayog • Other Initiatives by NITI Aayog • Way Forward • Guiding principles 	1. “Critically analyze the relevance of GDP in measuring country’s progress” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Financial Inclusion – Definition, Dimension and example.	2. “Analyze the reasons for Low Labour force participation rate of women in India” [10 marks, 150 words]
3. Measuring growth	
4. State vs Market debate: Current scenario; Analysis	
5. Measure taken by RBI: COVID Specific	
6. FDI: Reliance JIO & Facebook deal	
7. OPERATION Twist: Prelims Specific (Economy)	
8. Indian Economy Post COVID: Different Dimensions	
9. Labour issues: Current status; Need for Labour reforms; Labour CODES-Provisions & Issues.	

Infrastructure

Topics Covered

1. Energy Wars: Fall in demand; Impact on India – linking it with flow chart
2. **Crash of Oil Prices – Post COVID world, Steps for energy security**
3. National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP): ATANUCHAKRABORTY task Force’s recommendations; What is NIP?

Agriculture and Food Management

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. Impact of COVID on FOOD SECURITY & AGRICULTURE	1. “What is FOOD Security. What is its importance for INDIA? Analyze steps taken towards ensuring Food security in India” [15 marks, 250 words]
2. Micro-irrigation – Benefits, CHENNAI Model	
3. Decentralized Market: case study in Pune	2. “What are the issues faced in agriculture marketing in India? How successful is E-NAM?” [15 marks, 250 words]
4. Agriculture marketing: Issues; Ashok Gulati’s recommendations	
5. PDS Implementation hurdle: Example of Purulia district	3. “DBT can remove all the inefficiencies of PDS. Comment” [15 marks, 250 words]
6. PDS: Example of Corruption and Leakage	

Science and Technology

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. Indigenization of Technology – Example	1. “Critically analyze the usefulness of Robotics in the Socio-economic

2. **Geo fencing – Definition, application & example.**
3. **Use of Drones – Application and examples**
4. **Robotics – 2 Examples**
5. **Plasma Therapy: What is it**
6. **Technology: Bane or boon – examples**
7. **3D Printing: Example; Definition; Advantages; Disadvantages; Applications & Opportunities.**
8. **Application of Robotics: Example**

development of India” [15 marks, 250 words]

IPR

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. IPR issues: What is IP; Issues; Steps Taken;	1. “Critically analyze the National Policy on Intellectual Property,2016” [10 marks, 150 words]

Climate change and Environmental conservation

Topics Covered
1. Safe Forests, Safe people
2. Impact of COVID on Environment: Sources of pollution; suggestions

Disaster management

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
1. Forest Fires –Cases study of KAWAL TR- Reasons for fires.	1. “Critically Comment on INDIA’s Preparedness in Handling Biological Disasters” (15 marks, 250 words)

Security

Topics Covered

1. Defense and Security: Analysis; Reasons for decrease in defense imports; Steps taken for indigenization; Way forward
2. **Cyber Crimes – Phishing, Vishing, Smishing**
3. INDIA’s Military Spending: Data; Comparison with neighboring countries.
4. **Bodoland Issue: Recent Updates; What; Timeline; 3 peace Accords**

Ethics & Essay

Topics Covered	Questions Discussed
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ethics Example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darul Uloom • Insurance for Frontlines 2. Ethics Example : As a DC, what measures can be taken to handle Biological disaster 3. International ETHICS – Example 4. International Ethics: India-US example; Aspects of International Ethics 5. Tips for ESSAY writing: Using Anecdote [S Y Quraishi’s] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Violating medical Ethics, many state governments are publicizing the address, details and marking the homes of COVID affected people. What is the Ethical Dilemma involved? How Would you deal with the situation?”

Value Addition: Stories & Quotes

Stories	Quotes
1. Victor Frankl's Story of Freedom to make choice.	1. "Destiny of a nation is shaped in its classroom"
2. Unique Tea seller and his qualities and values.	2. "Your best teacher is your last mistake" – APJ Kalam
3. Chinese emperor's story	3. "Joy is the simplest form of gratitude"
4. What are you – Potato, egg or coffee bean?	4. Quote on the power of mind
5. Story of a wise old man	
6. No shortcut to Success	
7. Sonam Wangchuk's story	
8. Migrant worker's story	
9. Pappinisseri Gram Panchayat's Story	
10. The Weak Shark	



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**Personalities
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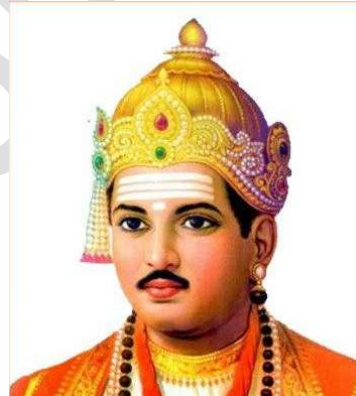
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Answer writing Tips

