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List of high value topics for UPSC Prelims 2021 General Studies paper 1 specific.

The 20% topics that have 80% impact.

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Modern History

- Chronology of 3 major movements and phases
- Political-Economic-Social impact of British Rule
- Issues, leaders and trends in national movement
- Uprisings - civil/tribal

If they ask questions like Vital vidhvansak then sab Ram bharose.

Ancient/Medieval History

- Political-Economic-Social innovations
- Terms – baniyan, mirasidar, jagir, etc.
- Buddhism
- Jainism
- Indian philosophical systems
- Bhakti/sufi movements
- Gupta, Vijayanagara empires

Art & Culture

- UNESCO Lists – Cultural heritage, Intangible cultural heritage
- Dance, sculpture, architecture & paintings
- Current - GI tags, etc.

Economy

- Monetary policy (repo, RR, SLR, CRR, inflation)
- Banking - PSL norms, NPAs, BASEL III norms
- Taxation – deficits, GST, Fin Comm, data
- Trade – BoP
- Organisations (reports)
- Trends (trading partners)
- Agri+MSME – schemes

Polity

UPSC focusing more on theory than specifics.

80% theoretical questions and 20% specific provisions.

Focus on:

- FR – DPSP – FD
- Basic structure
- Separation of powers
- Citizenship
- Constitutional vs legal rights
- Current schemes

Geography - India

- Maps (places in news + general)
- Monsoon (static + current)
- Soil & forest types
- Crop patterns – trends
- Rivers - major only
- Mineral distribution

Geography - World

- Maps (places in news + general)
- Physical - Plate tectonics, mineral distribution, major rivers and landforms on each continent
- Oceans – currents, island chains
- Coral reefs - location, types
- Climate – regions cyclones, air cells, air masses

Environment

- Conventions – latest news
- Laws – WPA, EPA, EIA, NGT provisions etc
- Keystone species - elephant, tiger, Great Bustard etc
- NP/WLS – In news
- India data – water, air, soil, GW pollution

Science & Tech

- GM Crops
- Satellite ecosystems - launchers, types, orbits
- Basic science - class X level

Keep on top of latest developments in:

- Cybersecurity
- Internet of things
- Blockchains
- Biotechnology
- AI, big data and data protection

Current Affairs

- IR – deals and groups in news
- Agriculture - schemes + data
- Major schemes

This is a nebulous area where it's hard to pinpoint what's important. Because UPSC like to surprise you no matter how much you prepare.

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