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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 distribuition, 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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