

Subject II: General Awareness – National & International Context

Target Score: High Accuracy in Static GK & National Current Affairs.

Syllabus Coverage: Indian Polity, History (Modern), Geography, General Science, and National Current Affairs (2025).

1. Indian Polity and Constitution

Strategic Note: Questions here are direct. Memorize Articles and Schedules.

1.1 Key Facts about the Constitution

- **Adoption:** Adopted on **November 26, 1949** (Constitution Day).
- **Enactment:** Came into force on **January 26, 1950** (Republic Day).
- **Time Taken:** 2 Years, 11 Months, 18 Days.
- **Drafting Committee Chairman:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

1.2 Important Articles (Cheat Sheet)

Article	Provision
Art 1	India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States.
Art 14	Equality before Law.
Art 17	Abolition of Untouchability. (Very important for Police exams).
Art 19	Protection of 6 Rights (Speech, Assembly, Association, Movement, Residence, Profession).
Art 21	Right to Life and Personal Liberty.
Art 21A	Right to Education (6–14 years). Added by 86th Amendment.
Art 32	Right to Constitutional Remedies (Heart and Soul of Constitution).

Art 44	Uniform Civil Code (Directive Principle).
Art 51A	Fundamental Duties (Total 11). Added by 42nd Amendment (1976).
Art 52	The President of India.
Art 61	Impeachment of the President.
Art 72	Pardoning Power of the President.
Art 108	Joint Sitting of Parliament.
Art 280	Finance Commission.
Art 324	Election Commission.
Art 352	National Emergency.
Art 356	President's Rule (State Emergency).
Art 360	Financial Emergency (Never imposed in India).

1.3 Important Schedules

- **Schedule 7:** Division of powers (Union List, State List, Concurrent List). *Police is in the State List.*
- **Schedule 8:** Official Languages (22 Languages). English is **not** in Schedule 8.
- **Schedule 10:** Anti-Defection Law.

2. Indian History (Modern India Focus)

Strategic Note: Focus on the Freedom Struggle (1857–1947).

2.1 Timeline of Major Events

- **1857: Sepoy Mutiny** (First War of Independence). Started at Meerut. Mangal Pandey was a key figure.

- **1885:** Foundation of **Indian National Congress (INC)** by A.O. Hume. First session in Bombay (W.C. Banerjee).
- **1905: Partition of Bengal** by Lord Curzon. Swadeshi Movement launched.
- **1906:** Formation of **Muslim League**.
- **1911:** Capital shifted from Calcutta to **Delhi**.
- **1915:** Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa (Jan 9 – celebrated as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas).
- **1919: Jallianwala Bagh Massacre** (April 13) ordered by General Dyer. **Rowlatt Act** (Black Act).
- **1920: Non-Cooperation Movement** launched.
- **1922:** Chauri Chaura incident (Police station burnt). Gandhi called off Non-Cooperation Movement.
- **1930: Dandi March** (Salt Satyagraha). Started Civil Disobedience Movement.
- **1931:** Gandhi-Irwin Pact. Execution of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru (March 23).
- **1942: Quit India Movement.** Slogan: "Do or Die" (Karo ya Maro).
- **1947: Mountbatten Plan** (June 3 Plan) for Partition. India became independent on Aug 15.

2.2 Key Personalities & Titles

- **Father of the Nation:** Mahatma Gandhi.
- **Iron Man of India:** Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (First Home Minister).
- **Netaji:** Subhash Chandra Bose (Founded INA - Azad Hind Fauj).
- **Frontier Gandhi:** Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.
- **Grand Old Man of India:** Dadabhai Naoroji.

3. Geography (India & World)

3.1 Solar System

- **Largest Planet:** Jupiter.
- **Smallest Planet:** Mercury.
- **Hottest/Brightest Planet:** Venus (Morning/Evening Star).
- **Red Planet:** Mars.
- **Blue Planet:** Earth.

3.2 Indian Geography

- **Tropic of Cancer:** Passes through 8 states (Gujarat, Rajasthan, MP, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, WB, Tripura, Mizoram).
- **Standard Meridian (IST):** 82.5° E longitude. Passes through Mirzapur (UP).
- **Longest River:** Ganga (2525 km).
- **Highest Peak in India:** K2 (Godwin-Austen) in POK; Kanchenjunga is the highest in

undisputed India.

- **Southernmost Point:** Indira Point (Nicobar). Mainland southernmost point is Kanyakumari.

3.3 Important Boundaries

- **Radcliffe Line:** Between India and Pakistan.
- **McMahon Line:** Between India and China.
- **Durand Line:** Between Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- **Palk Strait:** Separates India and Sri Lanka.

4. General Science (Everyday Science)

Strategic Note: Class 10 level Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

4.1 Biology (Human Body & Vitamins)

- **Universal Blood Donor:** O Negative (O-).
- **Universal Blood Recipient:** AB Positive (AB+).
- **Longest Bone:** Femur (Thigh bone).
- **Smallest Bone:** Stapes (Ear).
- **Vitamins & Deficiency Diseases:**
 - **Vit A:** Night Blindness.
 - **Vit B1:** Beri-Beri.
 - **Vit C:** Scurvy (Bleeding gums).
 - **Vit D:** Rickets (Weak bones).
 - **Vit K:** Non-clotting of blood.
 - **Iodine:** Goitre.
 - **Iron:** Anaemia.

4.2 Chemistry (Common Names)

Common Name	Chemical Name	Formula
Table Salt	Sodium Chloride	NaCl
Baking Soda	Sodium Bicarbonate	NaHCO ₃
Washing Soda	Sodium Carbonate	Na ₂ CO ₃
Laughing Gas	Nitrous Oxide	N ₂ O

Vinegar	Acetic Acid	CH ₃ COOH
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4.3 Physics (Units & Measurements)

- **Light Year:** Unit of **Distance** (not time).
- **Force:** Newton.
- **Power:** Watt.
- **Current:** Ampere.
- **Frequency:** Hertz.
- **Sound:** Decibel (dB).

5. National Current Affairs (2025 Snapshot)

Recent events relevant for the 2026 exam cycle.

- **Republic Day 2025:**
 - **Chief Guest:** (Keep updated based on late 2025 announcements).
 - **Best Tableaux:** Often contested, keep an eye on winning states.
 - **Sports:**
 - **Olympics:** The next Summer Olympics is Los Angeles 2028. Paris 2024 winners (Manu Bhaker, Neeraj Chopra) are still asked.
 - **Cricket:** Winners of recent ICC tournaments.
 - **National Games:** 38th National Games (Uttarakhand) / 39th National Games hosts.
 - **Awards:**
 - **Dadasaheb Phalke Award:** Mithun Chakraborty (2024 recipient).
 - **Jnanpith Award:** Highest literary honor.
 - **Important Days:**
 - **Jan 12:** National Youth Day (Swami Vivekananda).
 - **Jan 15:** Army Day.
 - **Jan 25:** National Voters Day.
 - **Mar 8:** International Women's Day.
 - **June 5:** World Environment Day.
 - **June 21:** International Yoga Day.
 - **Dec 1:** World AIDS Day / Nagaland Statehood Day.
 - **Dec 10:** Human Rights Day.
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