

UPSC Mains 2026: Diagrams to Master

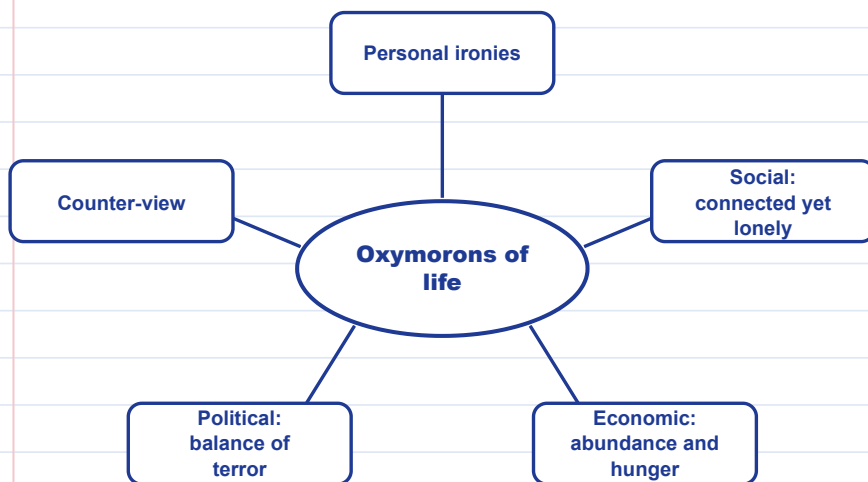
One simple sketch for each of the 87 questions, with the steps to draw it in about one to five minutes.
Practise drawing each one from memory.

Essay (Paper I)

Essay Q1: Essay Plan: Oxymorons of life

Essay Plan: Oxymorons of life

UPSC Mains 2026 · Essay · Question 1



Draw it in about 5 min

- 1 Write the topic in the centre
- 2 Five dimension spokes
- 3 One example per spoke
- 4 Keep one spoke for the counter-view

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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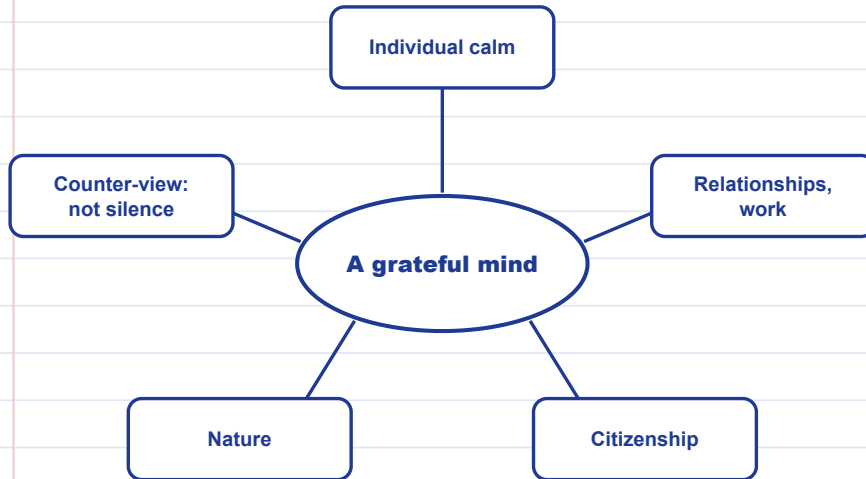
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Essay Q2: Essay Plan: A grateful mind

Essay Plan: A grateful mind

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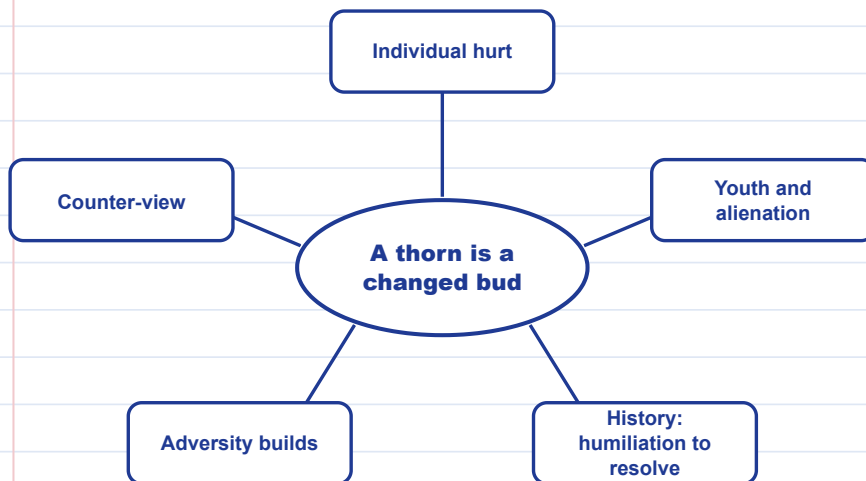
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Essay Q3: Essay Plan: A thorn is a changed bud

Essay Plan: A thorn is a changed bud

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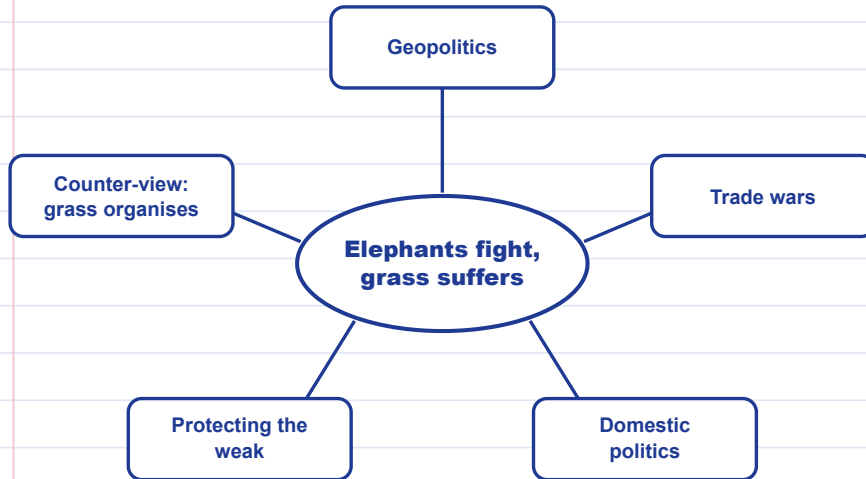
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Essay Q4: Essay Plan: Elephants fight, grass suffers

Essay Plan: Elephants fight, grass suffers

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- 3 One example per spoke
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Essay Q5: Essay Plan: Nature as spirit

Essay Plan: Nature as spirit

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- 3 One example per spoke
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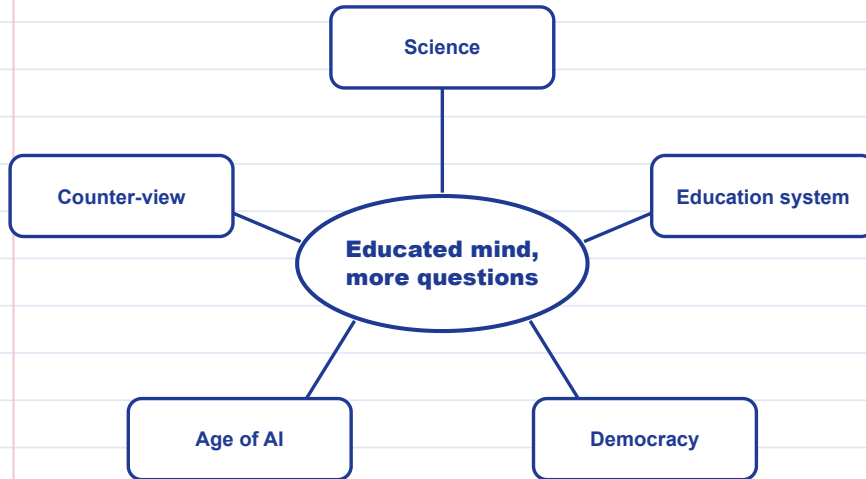
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Essay Q6: Essay Plan: Educated mind, more questions

Essay Plan: Educated mind, more questions

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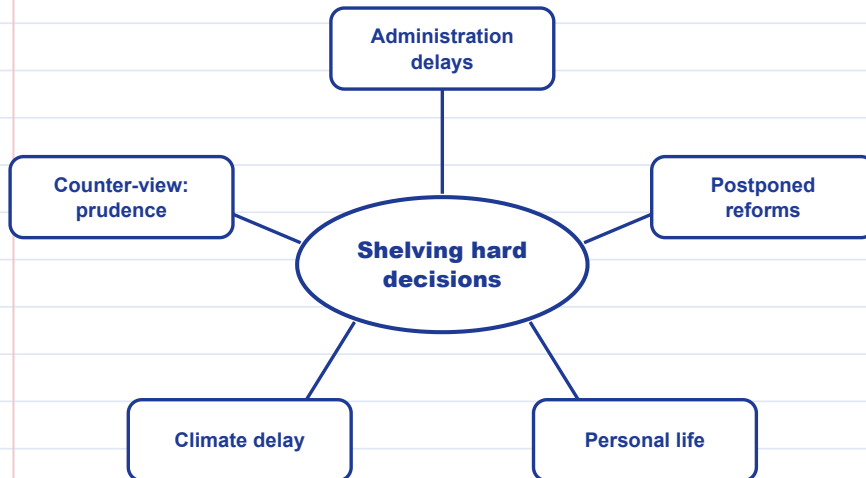
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Essay Q7: Essay Plan: Shelving hard decisions

Essay Plan: Shelving hard decisions

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- 3 One example per spoke
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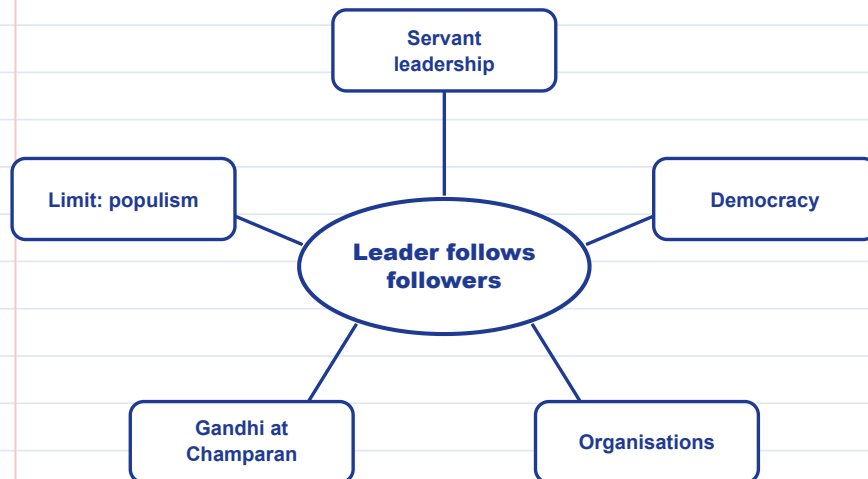
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Essay Q8: Essay Plan: Leader follows followers

Essay Plan: Leader follows followers

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- 2 Five dimension spokes
- 3 One example per spoke
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General Studies Paper I

GS I Q1: Ashokan Edict Sites to Mark on a Map

Ashokan Edict Sites to Mark on a Map

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a rough outline of the subcontinent
- 2 Mark Kandahar and Shahbazgarhi in the north-west
- 3 Add Girnar, Dhauri, Maski, Sarnath
- 4 Label the script beside two sites

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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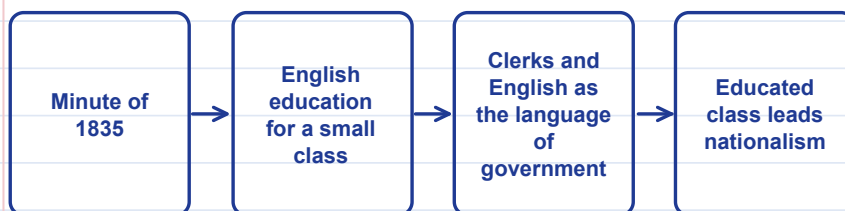
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GS I Q2: Macaulay's Minute and Its Effects

Macaulay's Minute and Its Effects

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw four boxes in a row
- 2 Link them with arrows
- 3 Write the last box as the unintended result

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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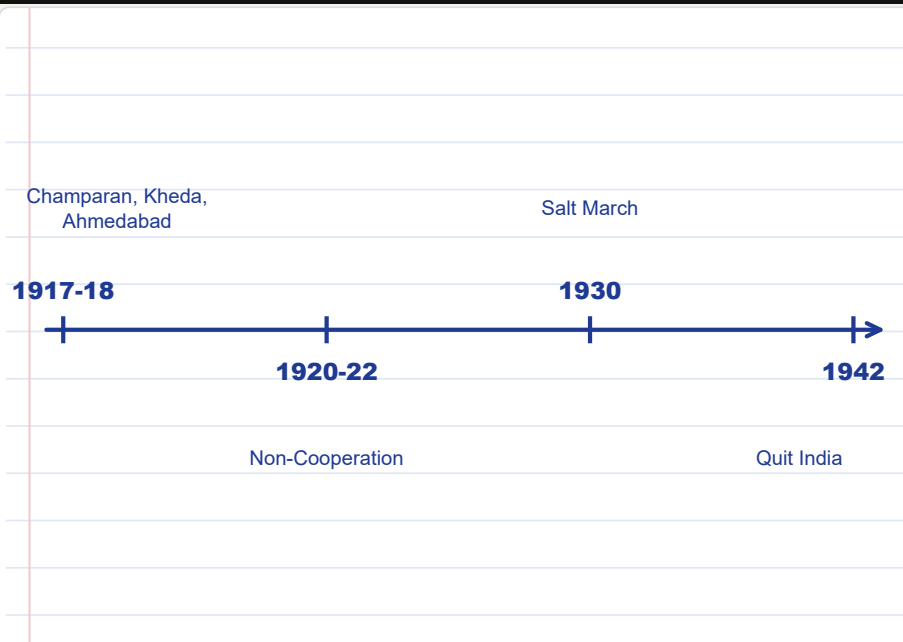
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GS I Q3: Gandhian Mass Movements, 1917 to 1942

Gandhian Mass Movements, 1917 to 1942

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a line with four ticks
- 2 Write the year above each tick
- 3 Write the movement and who joined

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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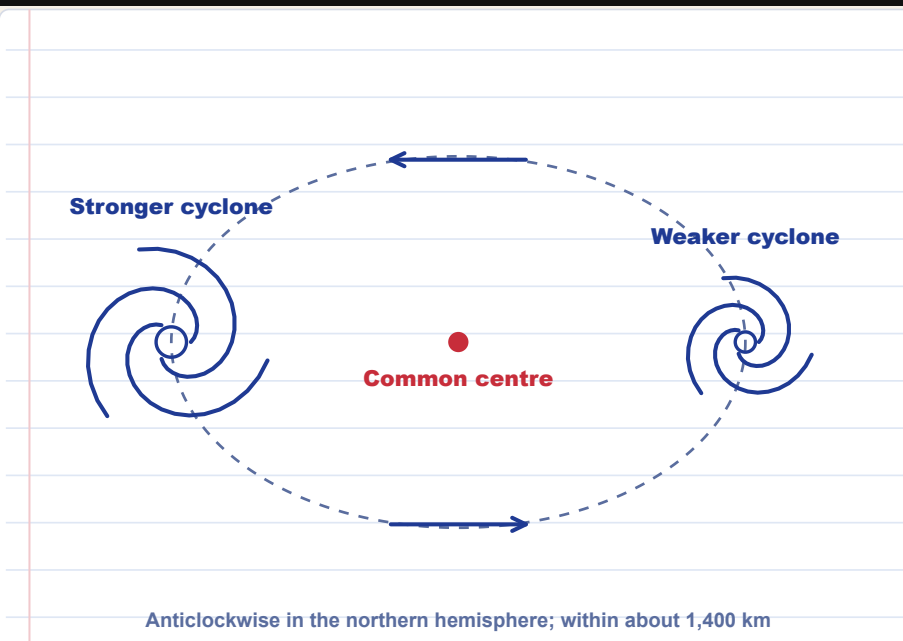
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GS I Q4: Fujiwhara Effect: Two Cyclones Circling

Fujiwhara Effect: Two Cyclones Circling

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw two spirals side by side
- 2 Mark the common point between them
- 3 Add curved anticlockwise arrows
- 4 Note the three outcomes

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q5: Tundra: Resources and the Sea Route

Tundra: Resources and the Sea Route

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Sketch the Arctic coasts roughly
- 2 Shade the treeless band along the coasts
- 3 Mark Yamal, Norilsk, North Slope
- 4 Dash the Northern Sea Route

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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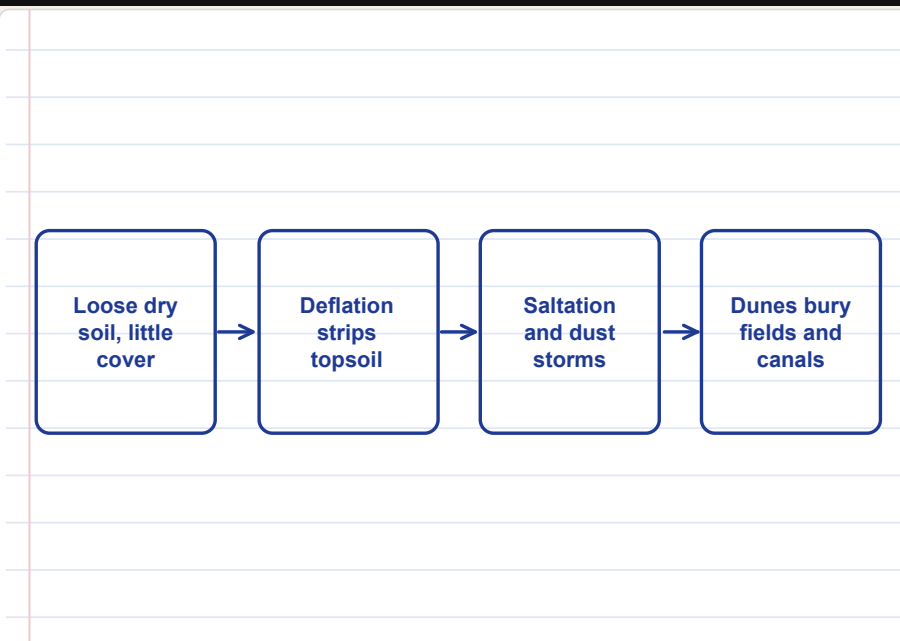
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GS I Q6: How Wind Degrades Dry Land

How Wind Degrades Dry Land

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw four boxes
- 2 Show deflation, then transport
- 3 End with dunes burying fields
- 4 Add a loop: less cover, more erosion

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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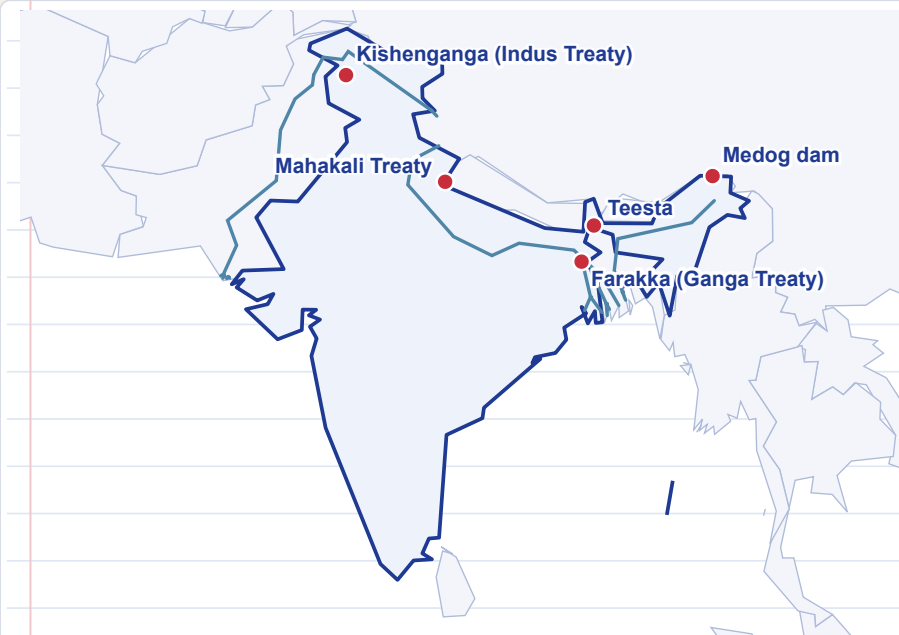
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GS I Q7: Shared Rivers of South Asia

Shared Rivers of South Asia

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Outline India and neighbours
- 2 Draw Indus, Ganga, Brahmaputra
- 3 Mark the treaty and dispute points

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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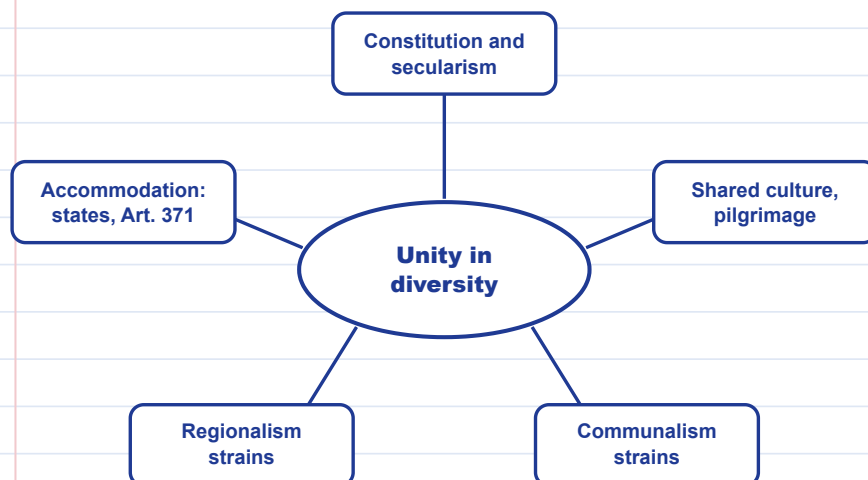
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GS I Q8: Unity in Diversity: Key Ideas at a Glance

Unity in Diversity: Key Ideas at a Glance

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Circle the theme in the centre
- 2 Draw five spokes
- 3 Put bonds on top, strains below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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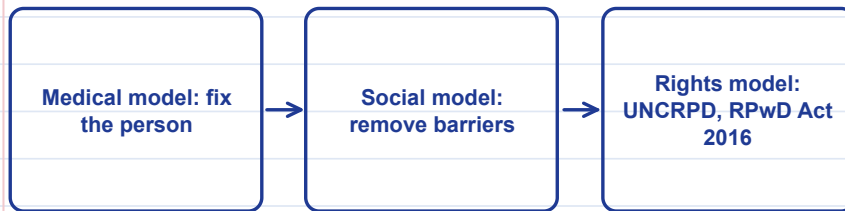
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GS I Q9: Three Ways to Understand Disability

Three Ways to Understand Disability

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw three boxes in a row
- 2 Arrows show the shift over time
- 3 End with the rights model

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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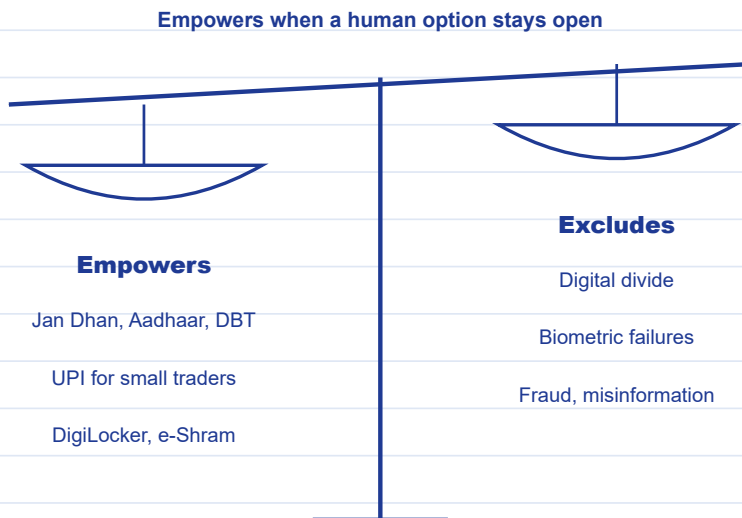
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GS I Q10: Digital Technology: Empowers or Excludes

Digital Technology: Empowers or Excludes

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a balance scale
- 2 List gains on one pan
- 3 List risks on the other
- 4 Write your verdict on top

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q11: Vijayanagara Temple: Old and New Features

Vijayanagara Temple: Old and New Features

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Inherited (Dravida)

- Sanctum and vimana
- Pillared halls
- Chalukya, Hoysala carving

Added or blended

- Raya gopurams
- Kalyana mandapa
- Yali pillars
- Lotus Mahal arches

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a T-chart
- 2 List inherited features on the left
- 3 List new and Indo-Islamic ones on the right

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q12: Linguistic Reorganisation: The Timeline

Linguistic Reorganisation: The Timeline

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Congress
linguistic
PCCs

Potti
Sriramulu dies

SR Act: 14
states

Punjab,
Haryana

1920

1952

1956

1966

1948

1953

1960

Dar Commission
says no

Andhra State

Bombay split

Draw it in about 3 min

- 1 Draw a line with seven ticks
- 2 Put years above
- 3 Mark pressure events and state responses

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q13: Planning and Regional Balance: Steel Plants

Planning and Regional Balance: Steel Plants

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw the outline of India
- 2 Mark the three colonial port cities
- 3 Mark Bhilai, Rourkela, Durgapur inland

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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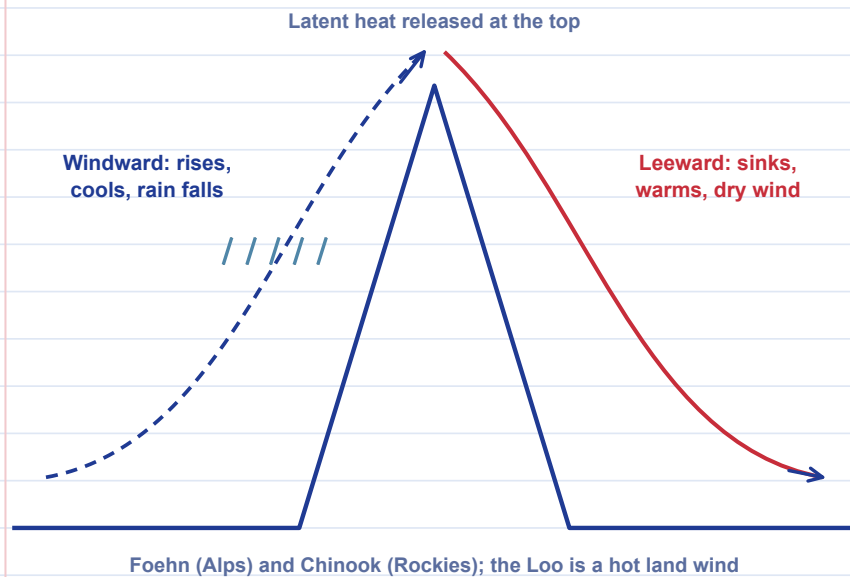
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GS I Q14: Foehn Effect Across a Mountain

Foehn Effect Across a Mountain

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a triangle for the mountain
- 2 Dashed arrow up with rain
- 3 Solid arrow down the lee side
- 4 Label Foehn (Alps), Chinook (Rockies)

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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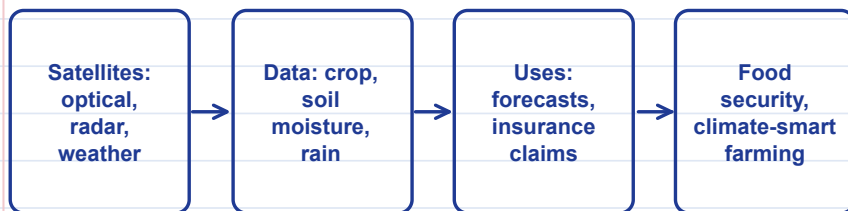
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GS I Q15: From Satellite to Farmer

From Satellite to Farmer

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a satellite at the start
- 2 Chain four boxes
- 3 End with food security

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q16: World Trade Moving to the Indo-Pacific

World Trade Moving to the Indo-Pacific

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Rough world outline
- 2 Dash the Atlantic and Indo-Pacific routes
- 3 Mark Malacca, Hormuz, Bab-el-Mandeb

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q17: Land-Use Change: Drivers and Effects

Land-Use Change: Drivers and Effects

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Drivers	Effects
• Farming and irrigation • Cities spread • Roads, corridors, dams • Mining in forest areas	• Forest loss, wildlife conflict • Wetlands lost, urban floods • Soil degraded • Hill subsidence (Joshimath)
Plan land use; protect wetlands and slopes	

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw two columns
- 2 Drivers left, effects right
- 3 Arrow across; write the way forward below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS I Q18: Caste in Urban India: Changing Form

Caste in Urban India: Changing Form

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Weakening	Persisting
• Purity rules fade in public • Jobs less tied to caste • More inter-caste marriage	• Marriage within caste • Bias in housing and jobs • Sanitation work by Dalits
From ritual hierarchy to identity group	

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a T-chart
- 2 List weakening and persisting signs
- 3 Write the change of form below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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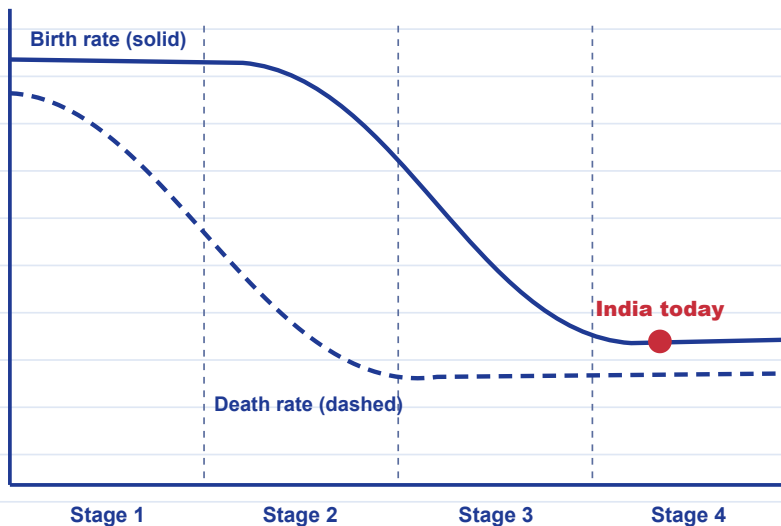
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GS I Q19: Demographic Transition: India's Stage

Demographic Transition: India's Stage

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw axes and four stages
- 2 Solid line: birth rate falls late
- 3 Dashed line: death rate falls first
- 4 Mark India at stage 4 (TFR 2.0)

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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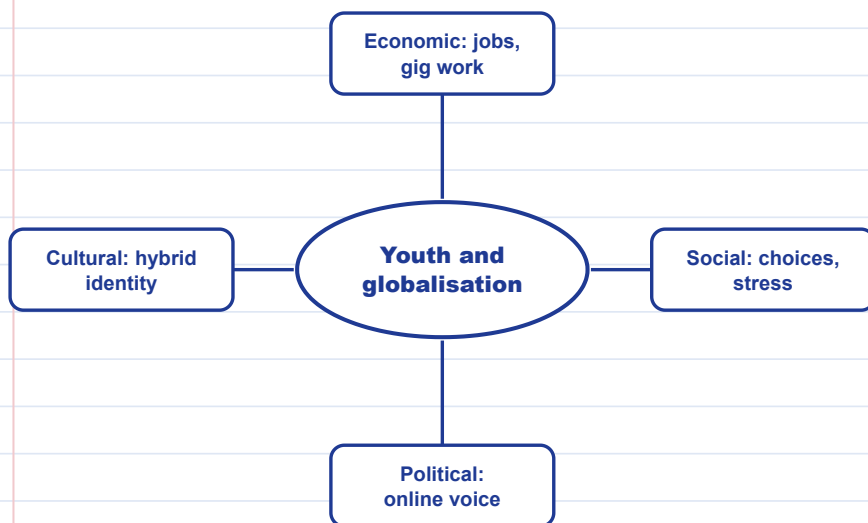
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GS I Q20: Globalisation and Indian Youth

Globalisation and Indian Youth

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Circle the theme
- 2 Four spokes for the four spheres
- 3 One gain and one risk on each

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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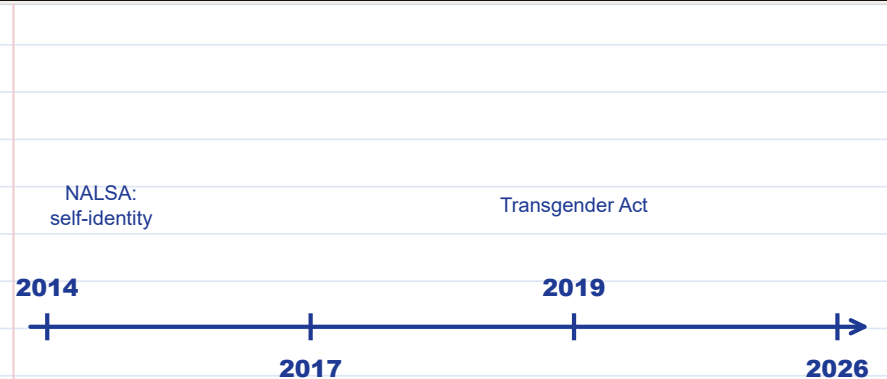
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General Studies Paper II

GS II Q1: Gender Identity Law: The Timeline

Gender Identity Law: The Timeline

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a line with four ticks
- 2 Write the year and ruling or law
- 3 Circle 2026 and note the change

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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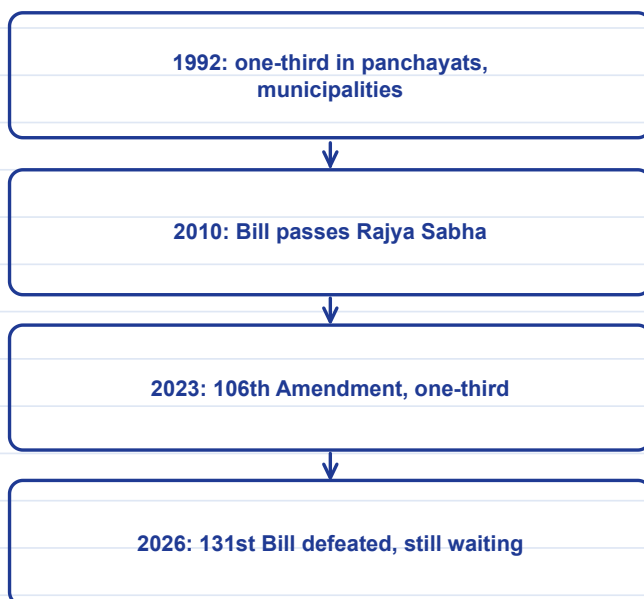
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GS II Q2: Women's Reservation: From Panchayat to Parliament

Women's Reservation: From Panchayat to Parliament

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a staircase of four steps
- 2 Write the year on each step
- 3 Note why the last step is pending

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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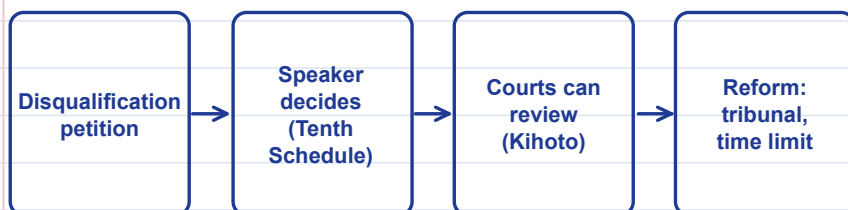
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GS II Q3: Anti-Defection: Who Decides

Anti-Defection: Who Decides

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes in a row
- 2 Arrows from petition to review
- 3 Last box: the reform

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS II Q4: Voter Rolls and Citizenship: Two Lanes

Voter Rolls and Citizenship: Two Lanes

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Election Commission	Citizenship authorities
• Art. 324: superintends rolls • RP Act 1950, s.21 revision • Decides eligibility to vote	• Citizenship Act process • Decide who is a citizen • Due process, appeal

SIR upheld on 27 May 2026

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw two lanes
- 2 ECI powers on the left
- 3 Citizenship on the right

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS II Q5: NCSC and NCST: Powers Held and Missing

NCSC and NCST: Powers Held and Missing

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS II · Question 5

Have	Lack
• Civil-court powers to inquire • Report to the President • Consulted on policy	• Binding recommendations • Timely action reports • Own staff and budget

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a T-chart
- 2 Powers on the left
- 3 Gaps on the right; add one reform

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS II Q6: Tribal Policy: Instruments and Gaps

Tribal Policy: Instruments and Gaps

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Instruments	Gaps
• Fifth and Sixth Schedules • PESA 1996: gram sabha • Forest Rights Act 2006 • PM-JANMAN	• PESA rules not framed • Consent bypassed • Claims rejected • Health gap persists

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw two columns
- 2 Laws on the left
- 3 Gaps on the right

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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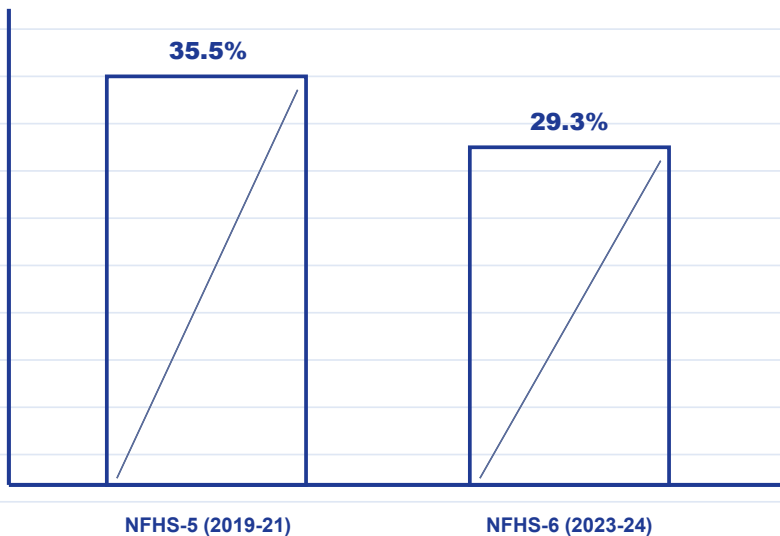
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GS II Q7: Child Stunting: NFHS-5 to NFHS-6

Child Stunting: NFHS-5 to NFHS-6

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Children stunted (per cent)



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw two bars
- 2 Label 35.5 and 29.3 per cent
- 3 Add one line on equity

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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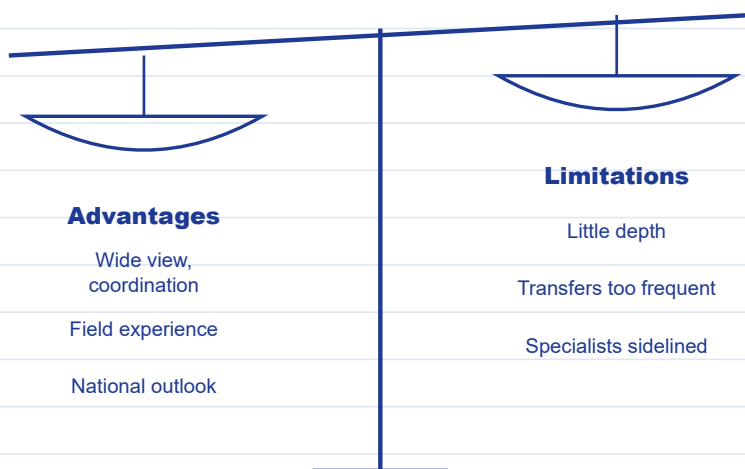
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GS II Q8: Generalist Civil Service: Weighed

Generalist Civil Service: Weighed

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Answer: domain assignment, lateral entry, Karmayogi



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a scale
- 2 Strengths on one side
- 3 Limits on the other
- 4 Reforms on top

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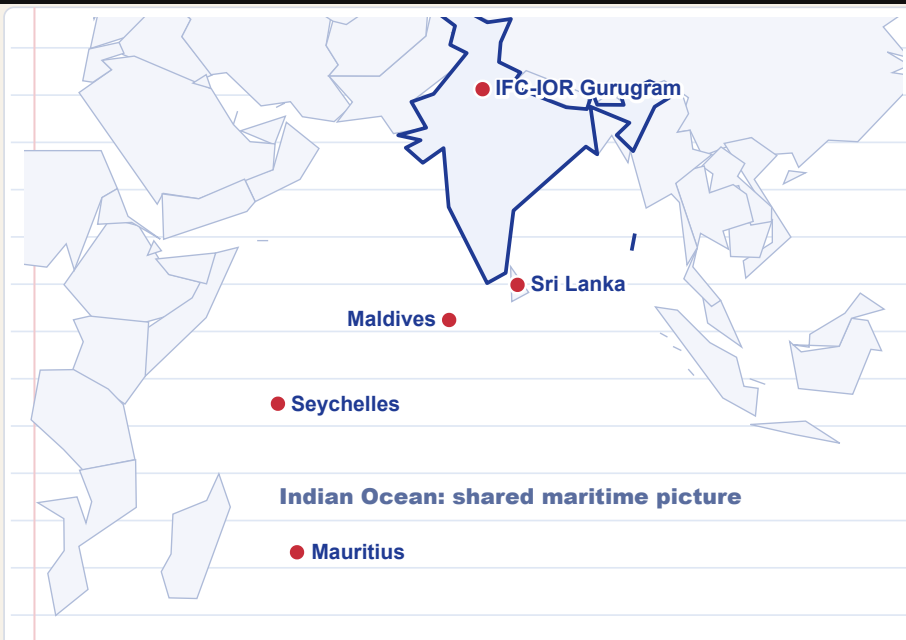
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GS II Q9: IPMDA and SAGAR in the Indian Ocean

IPMDA and SAGAR in the Indian Ocean

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Sketch India and the ocean
- 2 Mark Gurugram fusion centre
- 3 Mark partner islands
- 4 Arrows: data shared outward

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS II Q10: BRICS Members on the World Map

BRICS Members on the World Map

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Rough world outline
- 2 Mark the five founders
- 3 Add the five new members
- 4 Note: New Development Bank

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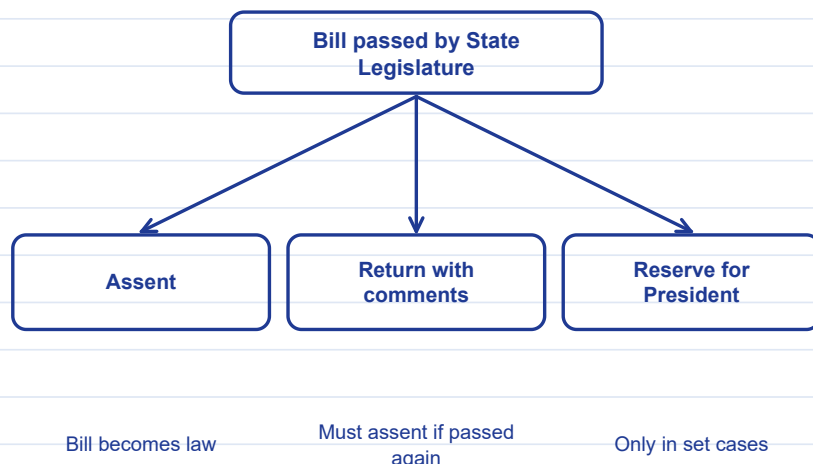
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GS II Q11: Article 200: What a Governor Can Do

Article 200: What a Governor Can Do

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Box for the Bill at the top
- 2 Three branches below
- 3 Add: act within reasonable time

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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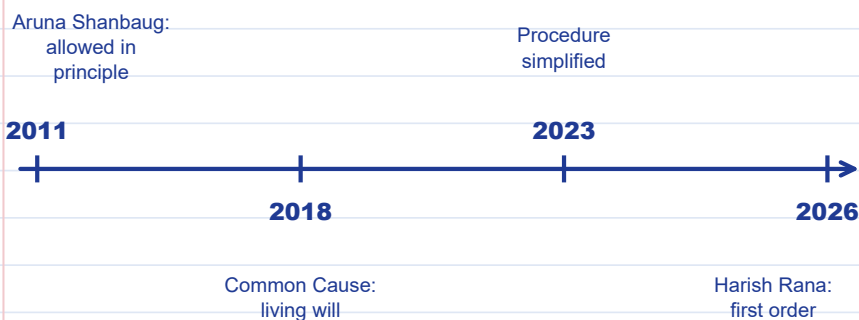
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GS II Q12: Euthanasia Law Made by Courts

Euthanasia Law Made by Courts

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Line with four ticks
- 2 Year and case at each
- 3 Note: no law by Parliament yet

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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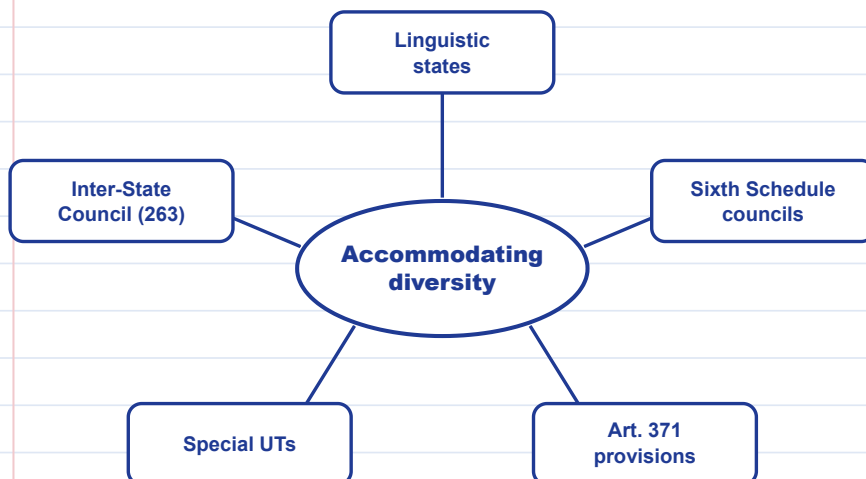
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GS II Q13: Asymmetric Federalism: The Tools

Asymmetric Federalism: The Tools

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Circle the theme
- 2 Five spokes for the tools
- 3 Add one dispute forum

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS II Q14: India and USA: Separation of Powers

India and USA: Separation of Powers

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS II · Question 14

India (parliamentary)	USA (presidential)
• Ministers sit in Parliament • Govt needs Lok Sabha confidence • PM strong with a majority	• President elected separately • Fixed four-year term • Checks: veto, Senate, courts

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a T-chart
- 2 India on the left
- 3 USA on the right; compare PM and President

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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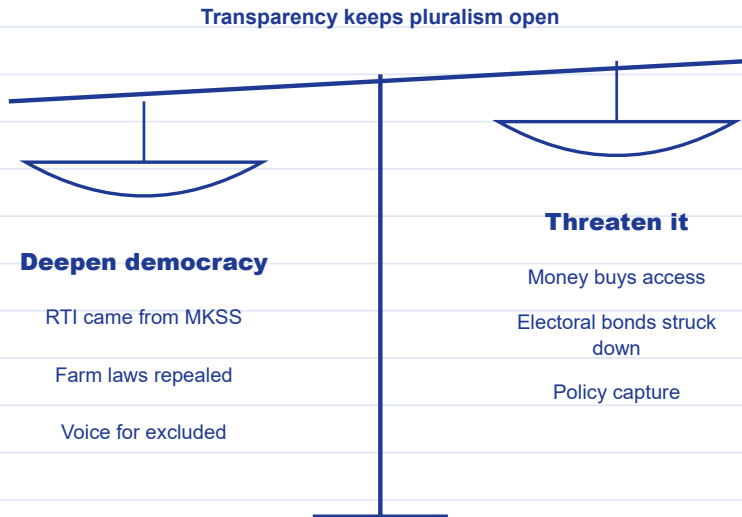
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GS II Q15: Interest Groups and Democracy

Interest Groups and Democracy

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw a scale
- 2 Gains on one side
- 3 Risks on the other
- 4 Your answer on top

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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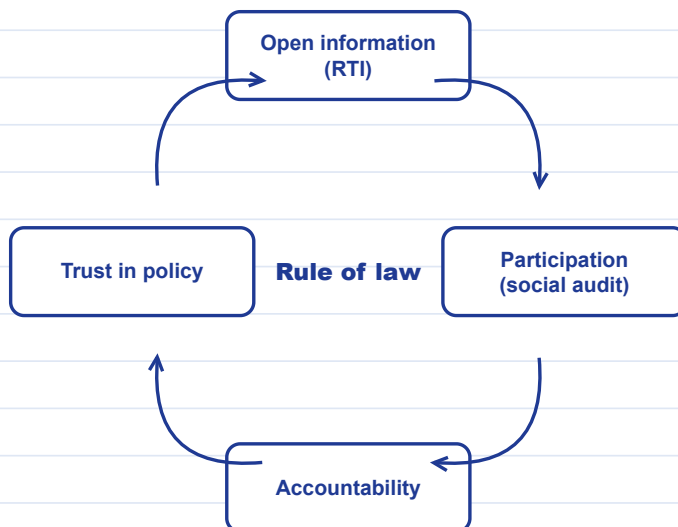
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GS II Q16: Transparency to Trust: The Cycle

Transparency to Trust: The Cycle

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw four boxes in a circle
- 2 Arrows clockwise
- 3 Write rule of law in the centre

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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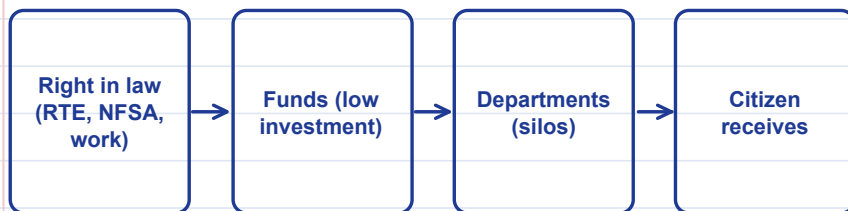
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GS II Q17: Welfare Rights: Where the Chain Breaks

Welfare Rights: Where the Chain Breaks

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes in a chain
- 2 Mark two weak links
- 3 Write the fix below each

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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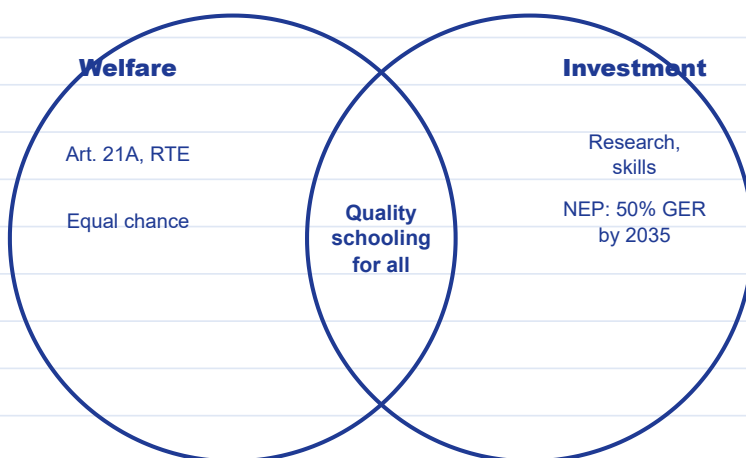
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GS II Q18: Education: Welfare and Investment

Education: Welfare and Investment

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS II · Question 18



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw two circles overlapping
- 2 Welfare left, investment right
- 3 Write the common ground in the middle

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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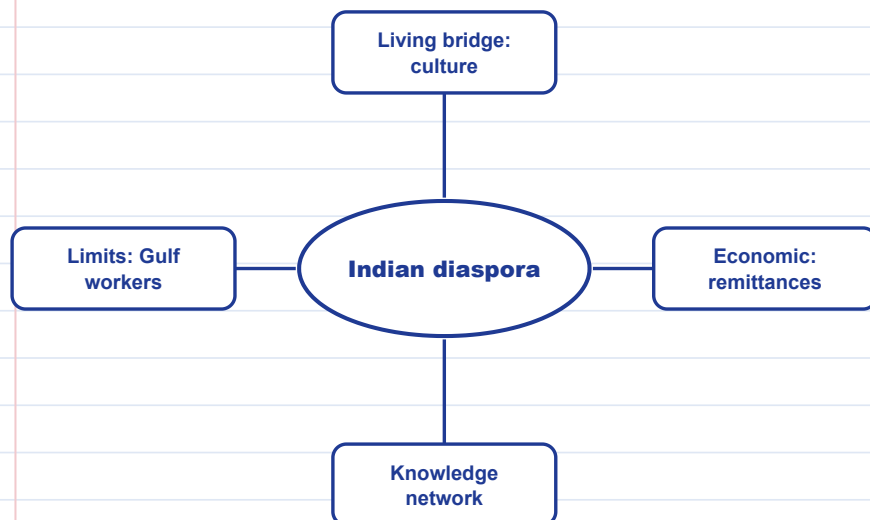
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GS II Q19: The Indian Diaspora: Three Roles

The Indian Diaspora: Three Roles

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Circle the theme
- 2 Three role spokes
- 3 One spoke for limits

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS II Q20: BRI in South Asia and India's Response

BRI in South Asia and India's Response

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS II · Question 20



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Outline India and neighbours
- 2 Dash CPEC through Gilgit-Baltistan
- 3 Mark Gwadar, Hambantota, Chabahar

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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General Studies Paper III

GS III Q1: Digital Rupee: Two-Tier Model

Digital Rupee: Two-Tier Model

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 1



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Three boxes top to bottom or in a row
- 2 Arrows from RBI to users
- 3 Note: wholesale and retail forms

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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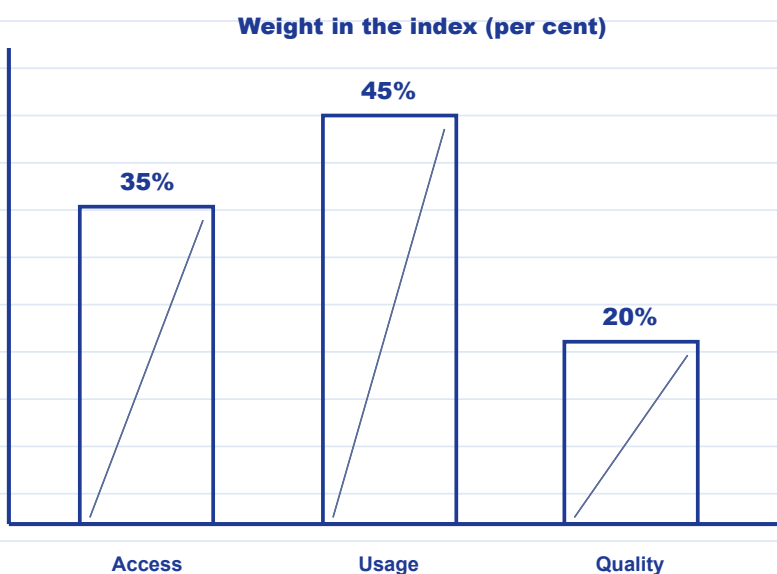
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GS III Q2: Financial Inclusion Index: The Weights

Financial Inclusion Index: The Weights

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 2



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Draw three bars
- 2 Label 35, 45, 20
- 3 Note: index 67.0 in March 2025

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q3: Technology Missions in Agriculture

Technology Missions in Agriculture

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Oilseeds mission:
Yellow Revolution

Horticulture
mission (MIDH)

1990s

2014-15

2007

2024

National Food
Security Mission

Edible Oils
mission

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Line with four ticks
- 2 Mission name at each
- 3 One food-security gain each

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q4: Farm Produce: Long Chain vs Short Chain

Farm Produce: Long Chain vs Short Chain

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 4

Today

- Farmer
- Commission agent
- Trader, wholesaler
- Retailer
- Consumer

With e-NAM and FPOs

- Farmer via FPO
- Online bidding (e-NAM)
- Retailer or processor
- Consumer

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Two columns
- 2 Long chain left
- 3 Short chain right

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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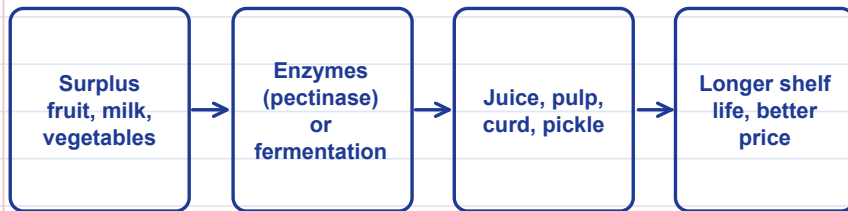
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GS III Q5: Biotechnology in Processing Perishables

Biotechnology in Processing Perishables

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 5



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes in a row
- 2 Middle box: the biotech step
- 3 End with farmer income

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q6: India's Three-Stage Nuclear Programme

India's Three-Stage Nuclear Programme

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 6



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Three boxes in a row
- 2 Arrow: plutonium from stage 1
- 3 Arrow: uranium-233 from thorium

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q7: Fragile Zones: Disasters to Cite

Fragile Zones: Disasters to Cite

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 7



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Outline India
- 2 Mark three case sites
- 3 Write the lesson beside each

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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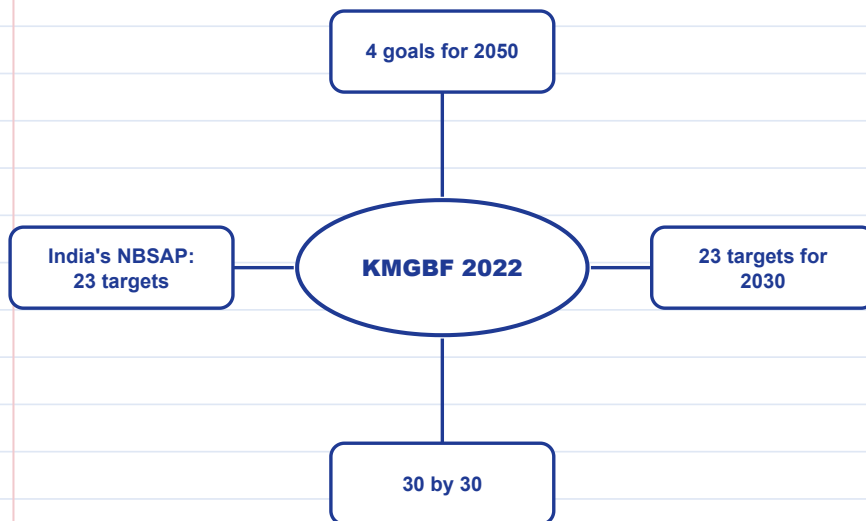
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GS III Q8: Kunming-Montreal Framework in Brief

Kunming-Montreal Framework in Brief

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 8



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Circle the framework
- 2 Four spokes
- 3 Underline 30 by 30

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q9: IT Rules: How They Changed

IT Rules: How They Changed

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Line with five ticks
- 2 Year and change at each
- 3 Circle the 2026 rules

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q10: Ladakh: Borders and Settlements

Ladakh: Borders and Settlements

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 10



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Rough outline of Ladakh
- 2 Mark Leh and Kargil
- 3 Write China east, Pakistan west

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q11: Energy Security: Risks and Remedies

Energy Security: Risks and Remedies

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 11

Risks	Remedies
• Crude imported, via Hormuz • Price shocks, sanctions • Coal-heavy power • Critical minerals abroad	• Diversify, strategic reserves • 500 GW non-fossil by 2030 • Nuclear, ethanol, efficiency • Critical minerals mission

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Two columns
- 2 Risks left
- 3 Remedies right

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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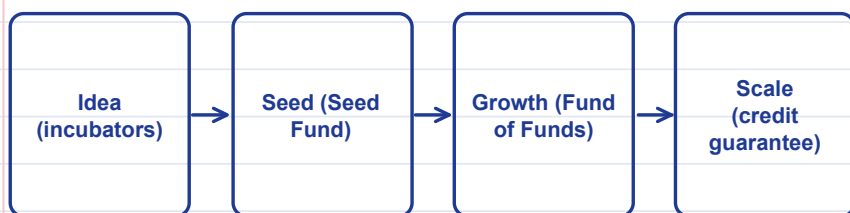
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GS III Q12: Start-up Journey and Support

Start-up Journey and Support

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 12



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes
- 2 Stage name in each
- 3 Support scheme under each

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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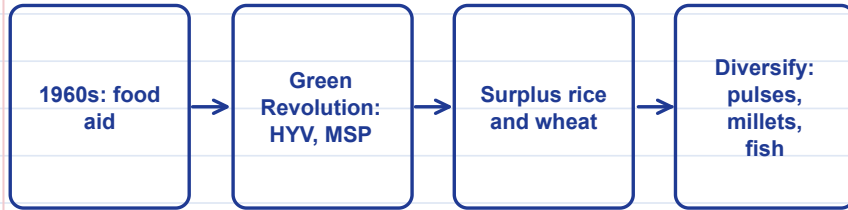
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GS III Q13: From Scarcity to Surplus to Diversity

From Scarcity to Surplus to Diversity

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes in a row
- 2 Arrows forward
- 3 Last box: diversification

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q14: WTO Boxes of Farm Support

WTO Boxes of Farm Support

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Three boxes
- 2 Colour or label each
- 3 Place MSP in amber, PM-KISAN in green

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q15: Optical, Radar and OptoSAR

Optical, Radar and OptoSAR

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Optical

- Easy-to-read images
- Needs daylight
- Blocked by cloud

Radar (SAR)

- Sees through cloud
- Works day or night
- Harder to read

Drishti (2026) fuses both on one satellite

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Two columns
- 2 Strengths and limits of each
- 3 Write OptoSAR below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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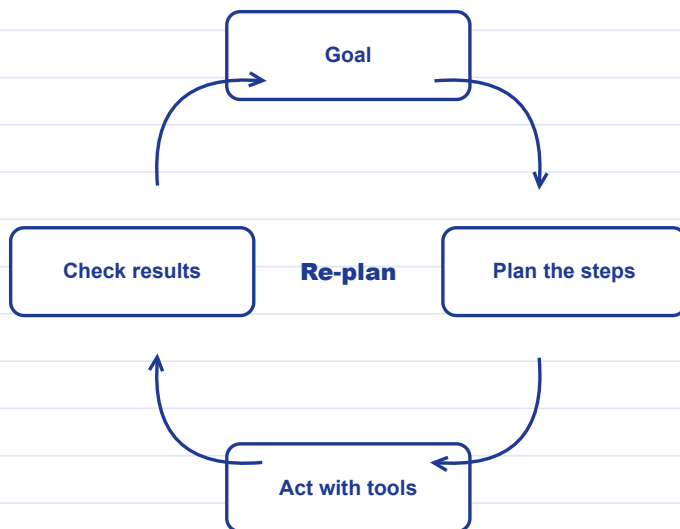
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GS III Q16: How an AI Agent Works

How an AI Agent Works

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes in a circle
- 2 Arrows clockwise
- 3 Re-plan in the centre

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q17: Solid Waste: Indore and Delhi

Solid Waste: Indore and Delhi

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Indore	Delhi
• Segregation at source • Bio-CNG from wet waste • Legacy dump cleared • Citizen participation	• Little segregation • Ghazipur, Bhalswa, Okhla • Landfill fires • Mixed waste burnt

SWM Rules 2026: four-stream segregation

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Two columns
- 2 Indore left, Delhi right
- 3 Rule of 2026 below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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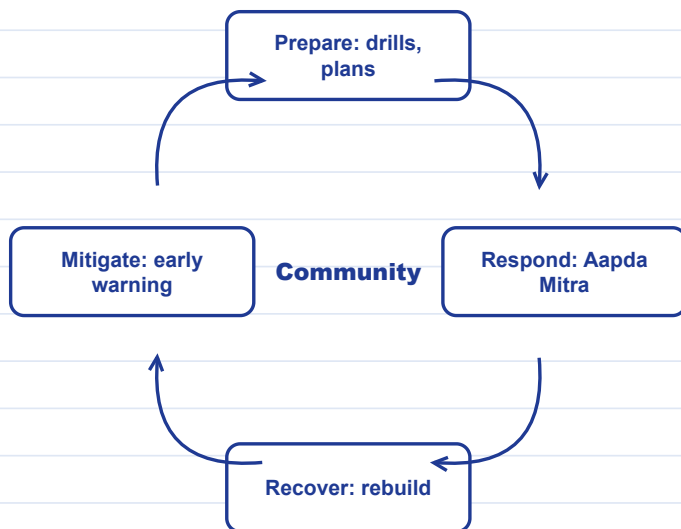
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GS III Q18: Disaster Cycle and the Community

Disaster Cycle and the Community

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Four boxes in a circle
- 2 Arrows clockwise
- 3 Community in the centre

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q19: Jammu and Kashmir: Key Dates

Jammu and Kashmir: Key Dates

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Line with five ticks
- 2 Year and event
- 3 Note one effect of 2019

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS III Q20: Terror Financing and the Response

Terror Financing and the Response

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS III · Question 20

Channels	Response
• Fake currency • Hawala • Trade mis-invoicing • Charities, crypto	• PMLA 2002, UAPA • FIU-India, ED, NIA • FATF 40 recommendations • UNSC Res. 1373

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Two columns
- 2 How money moves
- 3 Who stops it

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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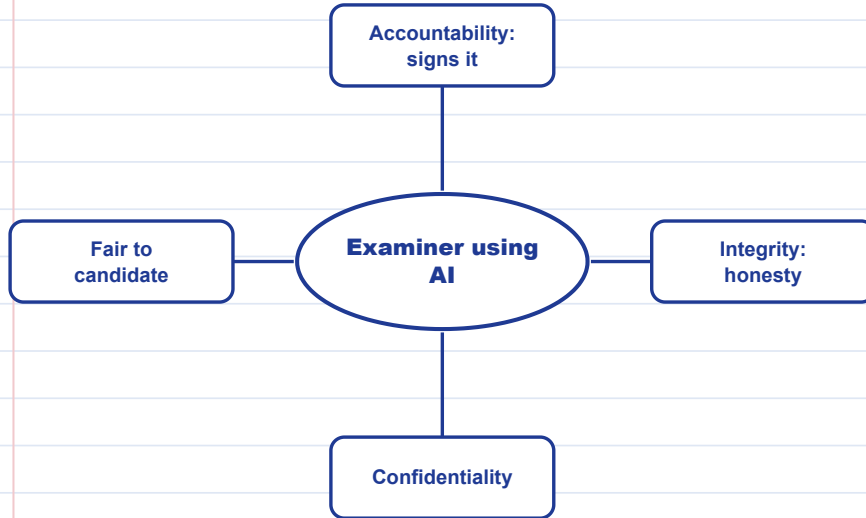
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General Studies Paper IV (Ethics)

GS IV Q1(a): AI-Written Evaluation: The Ethics

AI-Written Evaluation: The Ethics

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 1(a)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Circle the act
- 2 Four value spokes
- 3 Your verdict below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS IV Q1(b): Displacement Case: Challenges

Displacement Case: Challenges

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 1(b)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Officer in the centre
- 2 Stakeholder spokes
- 3 Mark the conflict

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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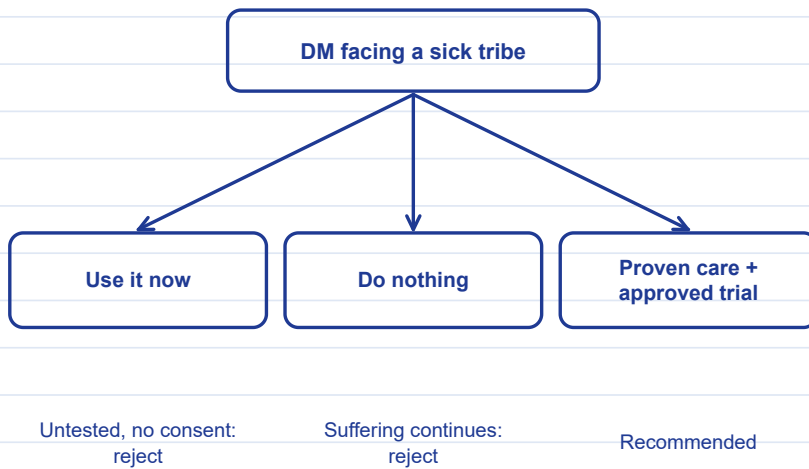
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GS IV Q2(a): Untested Supplement: The Decision

Untested Supplement: The Decision

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Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Root: the dilemma
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the recommended one

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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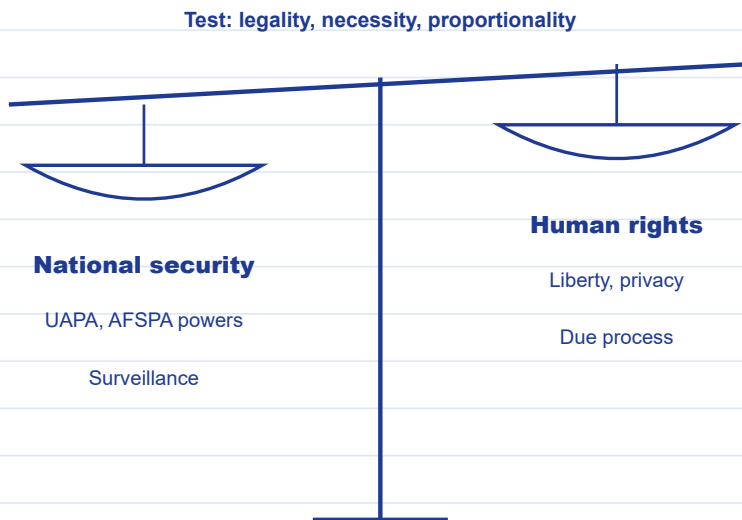
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GS IV Q2(b): Security and Rights: Balance

Security and Rights: Balance

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Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Draw a scale
- 2 Security and rights
- 3 Write the test on top

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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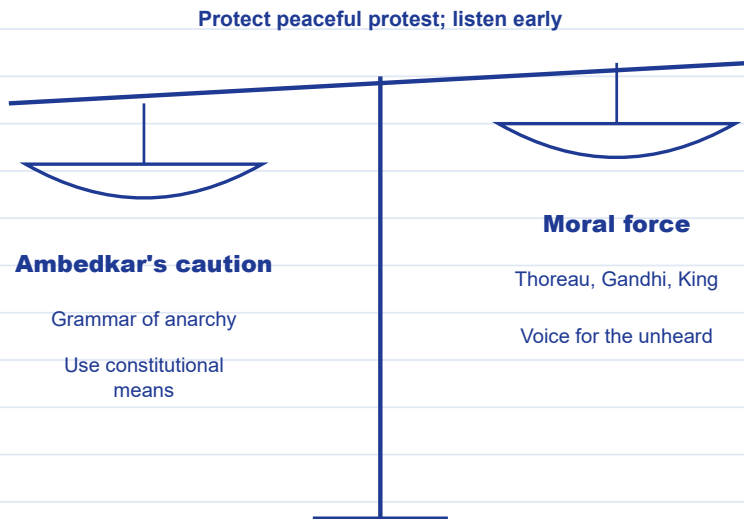
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GS IV Q3(a): Civil Disobedience in a Democracy

Civil Disobedience in a Democracy

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 3(a)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Draw a scale
- 2 Two views
- 3 Balanced answer on top

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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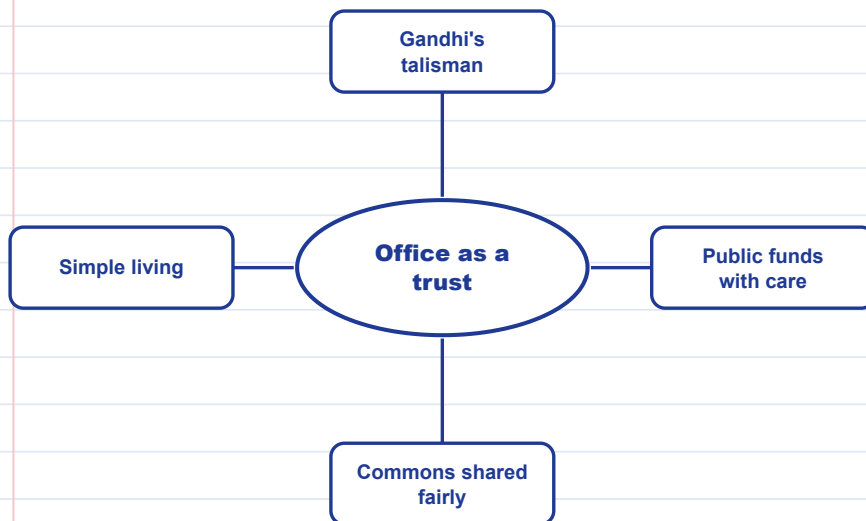
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GS IV Q3(b): Trusteeship in Administration

Trusteeship in Administration

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 3(b)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Circle the idea
- 2 Four practice spokes
- 3 One example each

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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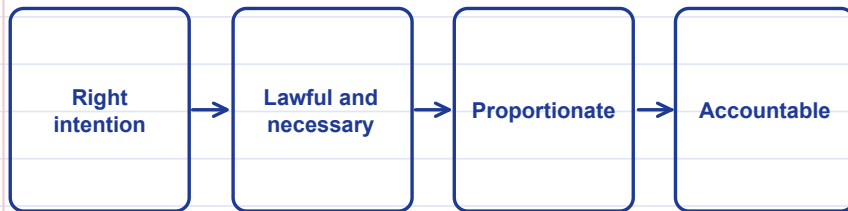
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GS IV Q3(c): Just Intent Is Not Enough

Just Intent Is Not Enough

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Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Four boxes
- 2 Tests for any use of force
- 3 Governance example below

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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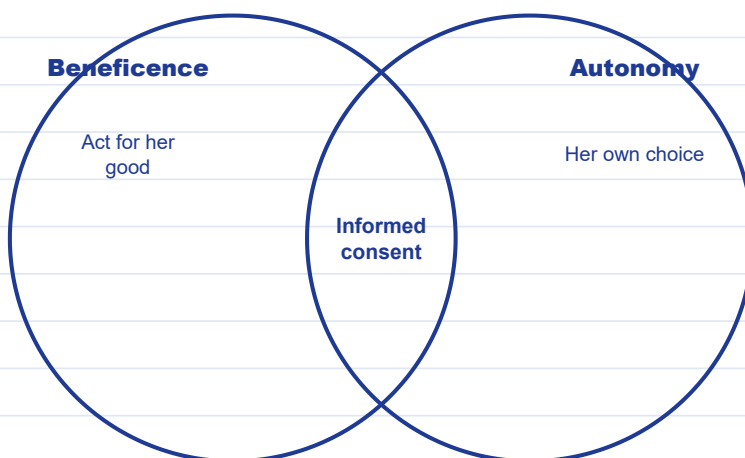
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GS IV Q4(a): Beneficence vs Paternalism

Beneficence vs Paternalism

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 4(a)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Two circles
- 2 Overlap: informed consent
- 3 Paternalism: overriding her

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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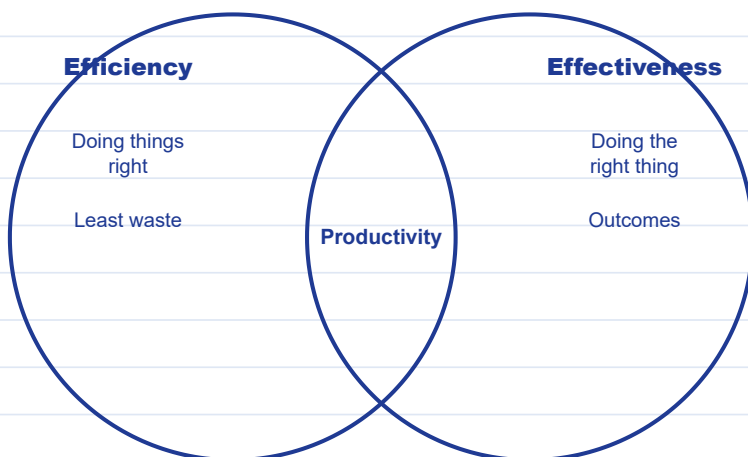
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GS IV Q4(b): Efficiency and Effectiveness

Efficiency and Effectiveness

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 4(b)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Two circles
- 2 One idea in each
- 3 Productivity in the overlap

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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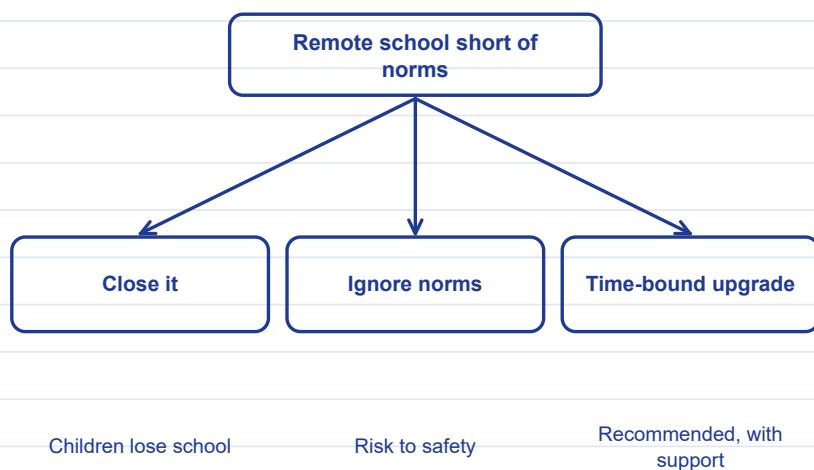
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GS IV Q5(a): School Rules vs Right to Learn

School Rules vs Right to Learn

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 5(a)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Root: the dilemma
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the middle path

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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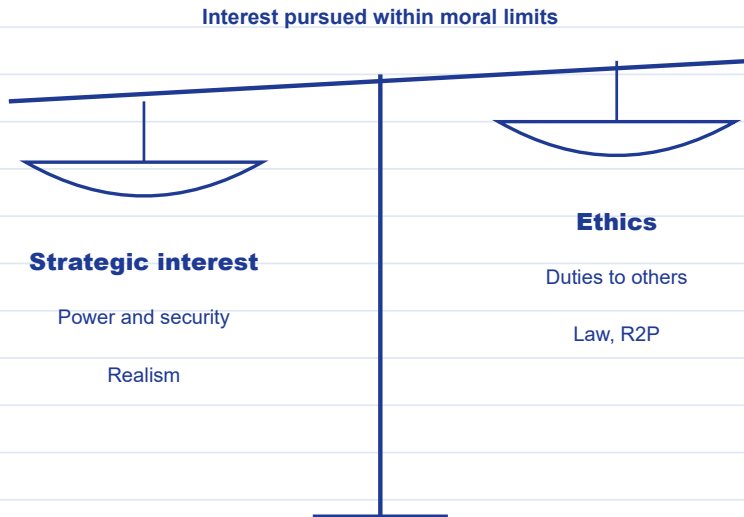
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GS IV Q5(b): Ethics and Interest Abroad

Ethics and Interest Abroad

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 5(b)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Draw a scale
- 2 Interest vs ethics
- 3 Synthesis on top

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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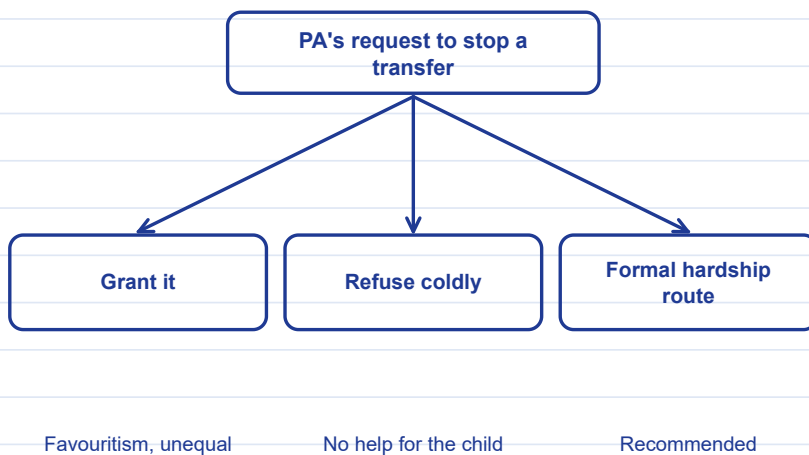
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GS IV Q6(a): Empathy or Favouritism?

Empathy or Favouritism?

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 6(a)



Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Root: the request
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the fair route

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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GS IV Q6(b): Duty and Charity

Duty and Charity

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Charity	Duty (Singer)
• Praiseworthy • Optional • Not wrong to skip	• Obligatory • Drowning-child example • Wrong to skip if cheap to help

Draw it in about 1 min

- 1 Two columns
- 2 Charity vs duty
- 3 Singer's example

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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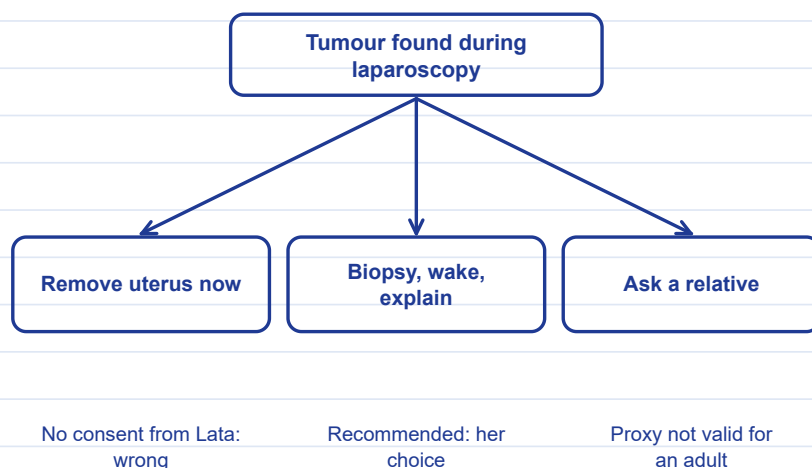
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GS IV Q7: Consent in Surgery: The Case

Consent in Surgery: The Case

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 7



Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Root: the finding
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the one that respects consent

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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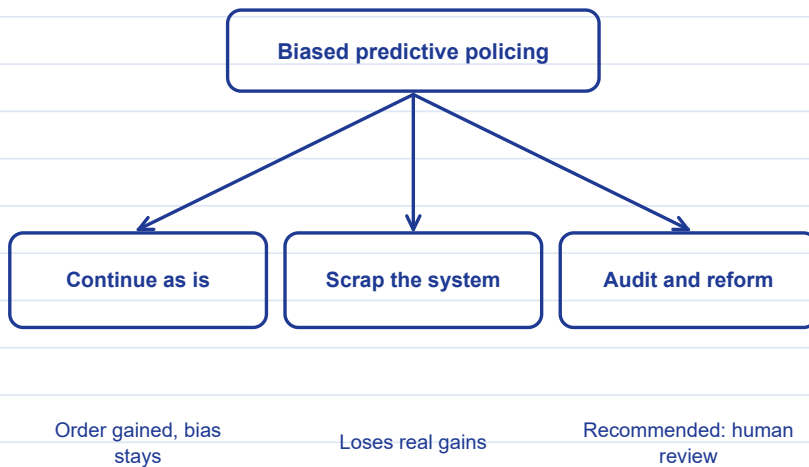
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GS IV Q8: AI Policing: Options for the SP

AI Policing: Options for the SP

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Root: the problem
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the reform option

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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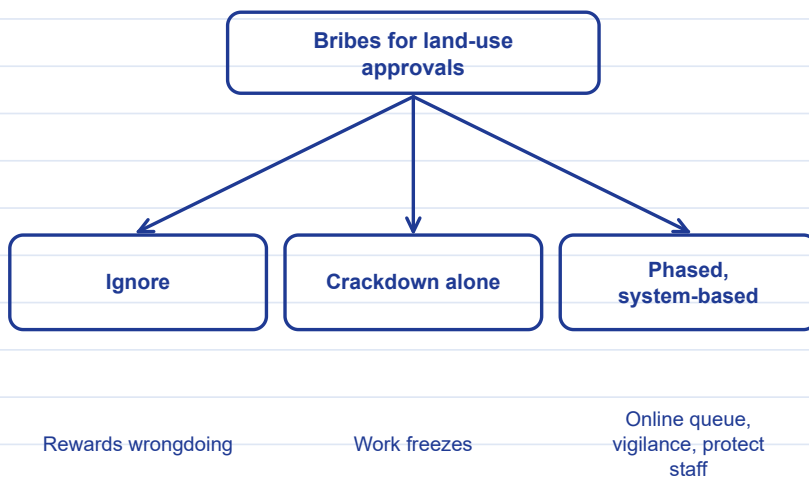
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GS IV Q9: Corruption Racket: Options for the DC

Corruption Racket: Options for the DC

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Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Root: the racket
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the phased plan

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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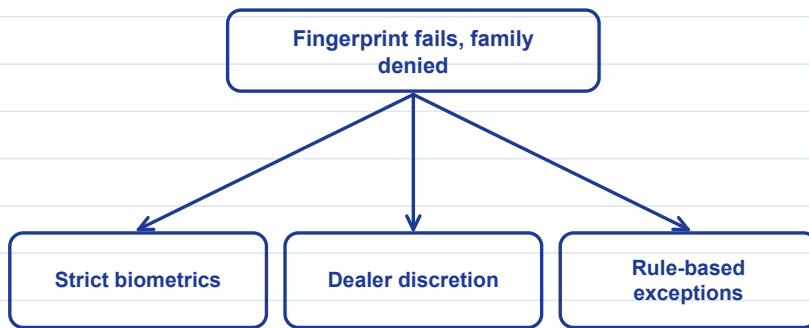
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GS IV Q10: Biometric Failures at the Ration Shop

Biometric Failures at the Ration Shop

UPSC Mains 2026 · GS IV · Question 10



Denies food: reject

Leakage risk

Recommended: OTP,
iris, audit

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Root: the failure
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the exception system

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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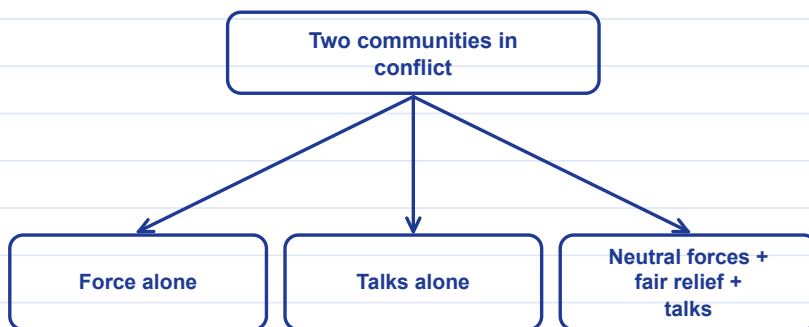
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GS IV Q11: Ethnic Violence: Options for the DM

Ethnic Violence: Options for the DM

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Control, not trust

Unsafe to start

Recommended

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Root: the conflict
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick the combined course

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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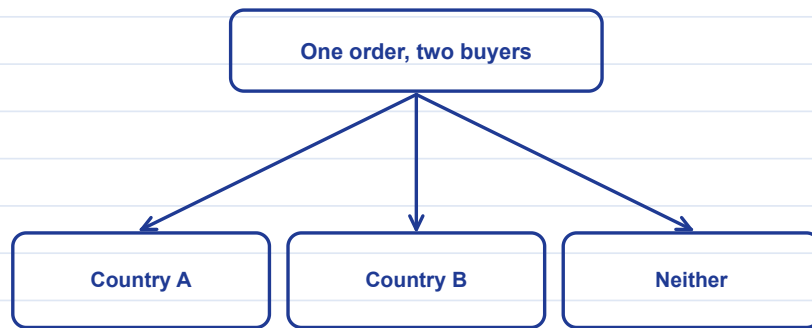
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GS IV Q12: Arms Sale: Country A or B

Arms Sale: Country A or B

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Self-defence, R&D
partner: recommended

Arms guerrillas,
outside NPT

Loses a fair partner

Draw it in about 2 min

- 1 Root: the choice
- 2 Three options
- 3 Tick A with reasons

Exam sketch. Draw this in your answer

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