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## **Practice Questions: Contemporary Global and National Issues**

**Course:** BA(JMC)-DSC-101 (Current Affairs)

### **Section A: Short Answer Questions (30 Questions)**

#### **Unit 1: International News and Global Perspectives; UN Structure and Role; Major Conflicts**

1. Name three reputable international news sources.
2. What is the primary responsibility of the UN Security Council?
3. List the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.
4. What is the main role of the UN General Assembly?
5. Name two UN principal organs other than the Security Council and General Assembly.
6. Briefly describe the current status of the War in Ukraine (as of mid-2025).
7. What is one major international impact of the Israel-Hamas conflict (as of mid-2025)?
8. Where is the International Court of Justice (ICJ) located?
9. What is the significance of the "veto power" in the UN Security Council?
10. Name one global issue that the UN actively works to address, apart from peace and security.

#### **Unit 2: Political Landscape; National Challenges**

11. Name two national political parties in India.
12. What is one significant challenge related to "internal democracy" within Indian political parties?
13. Who is the current President of India?
14. What is India's approximate unemployment rate as of June/July 2025 (for persons aged 15 and above)?
15. Name two major non-communicable diseases (NCDs) currently prevalent in India.
16. Which Indian state recently declared a "drought-like situation" (as of July 2025)?
17. What is one major reason attributed to the increasing frequency of flash floods in India (as of July 2025)?
18. Mention one challenge faced by marginalized tribal communities in India regarding land.

19. What is the primary objective of the PM-KISAN scheme?
20. Name one recent government policy or project aimed at improving infrastructure in India (as of 2024-2025).

### **Unit 3: Emerging Trends and Future Challenges in Media**

21. What does "MoJo" stand for in journalism?
22. Name two mobile applications a journalist might use for video editing on the go.
23. What is the primary goal of media literacy campaigns?
24. Name one organization or initiative actively involved in media literacy campaigns in India.
25. What is one ethical concern related to the increasing use of AI in journalism?
26. According to recent reports (July 2025), what technology are Indians increasingly turning to for news consumption, alongside influencers?
27. What is one challenge faced by journalists regarding their safety and security in the current media landscape?
28. How has social media changed the way political parties communicate with voters in India?
29. What is "disinformation" in the context of media?
30. Name one type of content that is increasingly dominant on online platforms, especially for younger audiences.

### **Section B: Long Answer Questions (20 Questions)**

#### **Unit 1: International News and Global Perspectives; UN Structure and Role; Major Conflicts**

1. Discuss the structure and functions of the UN Security Council in detail. How does its decision-making process impact international peace and security?
2. Elaborate on the role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security. Provide examples of its various approaches.
3. Analyze the current status and international impacts of the Israel-Hamas Conflict (as of mid-2025). What diplomatic efforts are being made to address it?
4. Describe the structure and key functions of the UN General Assembly. How do its resolutions differ from those of the Security Council?
5. Explain the concept of "global perspective" in consuming international news. Why is it important to refer to diverse sources, and what are some examples of such sources?
6. Discuss the ongoing civil war in Sudan (as of mid-2025). What are its major humanitarian consequences, and how is the international community responding?
7. Analyze the role of the UN's other principal organs (ECOSOC, ICJ, Secretariat, Trusteeship Council). Choose two and explain their significance in global governance.

#### **Unit 2: Political Landscape; National Challenges**

8. Discuss the major challenges faced by political parties in India. How do issues like dynastic succession and the use of money/muscle power impact the democratic process?

9. Analyze the current state of unemployment in India (as of mid-2025). What are its key aspects (e.g., youth unemployment, rural vs. urban trends), and what government initiatives are in place to tackle it?
10. Elaborate on the significant health issues currently prevalent in India (as of mid-2025). Discuss both communicable and non-communicable diseases and the broader challenges faced by the healthcare system.
11. Discuss the impact of natural disasters (floods and droughts) on India, referencing recent news from 2025. What are the long-term trends and challenges related to these events?
12. Analyze the challenges faced by marginalized and displaced tribal communities in India. What government schemes and legal frameworks exist to support them, and what are their limitations?
13. Explain the role of media in shaping public opinion and influencing elections in India. How has the advent of social media transformed this dynamic?

### **Unit 3: Emerging Trends and Future Challenges in Media**

14. Define Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the context of journalism. Discuss its various applications in newsrooms and the ethical considerations that arise from its increasing integration.
15. Discuss the significance of media literacy campaigns and initiatives in India. Provide examples of how these programs aim to combat misinformation and foster critical thinking among citizens.
16. Analyze the "mobile-first" trend in journalism. How has it changed content creation, distribution, and audience consumption patterns?
17. Discuss the financial sustainability challenges faced by news organizations in the digital age. What new business models are being explored to address these?
18. Elaborate on the concept of "disinformation" and "fake news" in the Indian media landscape. What are their impacts, especially during elections, and how are they being addressed?
19. What are the "emerging trends" in media and journalism for 2025 and beyond? Discuss at least three key trends, such as AI integration, shifting business models, or audience engagement.
20. Discuss the future challenges for journalists and the media industry. How can they maintain credibility and adapt to rapidly changing technological and social environments?