

SOMP Key Idea Approach for Mains Mentorship 2023

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Often when students write answers, despite knowing content and all nit-picks of answer writing they find themselves ranging in average and sometimes even below average marks. The answer writing is not just about writing the right content but also **about writing it in the right manner**. Now the question arises what is the right manner that SOMP speak off?

Students write with the knowledge that they acquire over hour readings and learning and try to produce it in their own language in answer sheets. But is writing in general language sufficient to **fetch that 1 marks extra**? Then how are you making our answer subject specific, by using the same words in every subject. That definitely doesn't seem right and surely is questionable. Therefore, it is essential to understand that while following norms of answer writing, its structure or presentation is essential, use of appropriate language which is subject specific is equally needed.

This study material prepared by SOMP is to fulfill this demand of answers and make them specific from general. It gives valuable key ideas which can be readily included in answers at suitable places to acquire specificity. Not only this, after going through this material an aspirant can quickly revise the key terminologies used to express critical ideas. While substituting them for a larger sentence will make answers enriched as well as well composed, sentencing the quotes in answers has the possibility of fetching more marks in this tug of war.

The purpose of the document is to provide key words used in every sub section of the syllabus of UPSC CSE and help ***SOMP Mains Mentorship 2023 students*** to understand their importance and use. To fulfill this objective the material contains Theme areas, Key ideas associated with it, Context of these key ideas and a statement which provides a glimpse of its use. Alongside it also consist of quotes related to themes which are general in nature and can be quoted in answers. The material also guides you about various specific areas in which these materials can be utilized to replace general casual words.

SOMP hopes to help and ensure that our students get through their tough journey and our support in this process eventually makes them realize it. So we hope that you will utilize this study material well and enrich your answers in the exam hall. All the best.

Quotes-

CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

Our Constitution is a moral education document: **CJI Chandrachud**

Judiciary answerable to 'Constitution and Constitution alone': **CJI Ramana**

"Our Constitution was designed not for people as they were, but what they ought to be. It is the flag-bearer of our fundamental rights. It guides us in our daily life" - **CJI Chandrachud**

The Constitution is a social contract between those in power historically and the marginalised who sought to govern themselves." - **CJI Chandrachud**

Basic structure of Constitution guides like North Star: **CJI DY Chandrachud**

"All the three organs of the state -- executive, legislature and judiciary -- are the equal repositories of the constitutional trust," **CJI NV Ramana**

The fundamental duties are not merely pedantic or technical. They were incorporated as the key to social transformation- **CJI NV Ramana**

Basic Structure Formula has been a face-saving formula – with these three words, Basic, Structure and Doctrine – for upholding the Constitution as it was intended to be in our Preamble- **F. S. Nariman**

SUPREME COURT

R. Rajagopal v State of Tamil Nadu- SC favoured the right to privacy over the right to freedom of expression of another person. There is a need for balance and 'mutual respect' between the fundamental rights of individuals.

Vishaka v State of Rajasthan- The SC imposed obligations on private employers to safeguard the fundamental rights of working women.

Justice Nagarathna stated "Article 21 casts a duty on the State to protect the life and liberty of a person from non-State actors".

B.R. AMBEDKAR

"Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment. It has to be cultivated".

"However good a Constitution may be, if those who are implementing it are not good, it will prove to be bad. However bad a Constitution may be, if those implementing it are good, it will prove to be good".

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“Democracy is not merely a form of Government. It is primarily a mode of associated living, of conjoint communicated experience. It is essentially an attitude of respect and reverence towards our fellow men”.

“The Constitution is not a mere lawyer's document; it is a vehicle of life and its spirit is always the spirit of age”.

“If things go wrong in the new Constitution, the reason will not be that we had a bad Constitution, what we will have to say is that Man was vile”.

“So long as you do not achieve social justice, whatever freedom is provided by the law to you will be of no avail”.

SUB THEME: FEDERALISM/CONSTITUTION

Key Idea: Asymmetric Federalism

Context: Asymmetric federalism or asymmetrical federalism is found in a federation or other types of union in which different constituent states possess different powers: one or more of the states has considerably more autonomy than the other states, although they have the same constitutional status.

Statement: The Asymmetric federalism of special category states created tensions in centre state relations and some states felt being discriminated against as well.

Key Idea: Cooperative Federalism

Context: Cooperative federalism is a concept of a stable relationship between the centre and state governments to coordinate on issues of common interests

Statement: The GST is a prime example of how integrating a cooperative federalism can set a benchmark for the future.

Key Idea: Competitive Federalism

Context: Competitive federalism is a concept where the centre competes with states and vice-versa, and states compete with each other. It refers to relations between regional governments (horizontal competition) and between central and regional governments (vertical competition).

Statement: The Schemes like Smart Cities mission promote competitive federalism spirit and push states to achieve higher growth rate.

Key Idea: Grassroot Democracy

Context: Grassroot democracy is a people/community driven contribution in elections, governance and decision making. Grassroot democracy can be seen as a propensity towards designing political processes where as much decision making authority as practical is shifted to the lowest level of organization.

Statement - Gram Panchayat and Local Bodies are forebearers of grassroot democracy in Indian Constitution.

Key Idea: Asymmetric Power

- **Context:** Asymmetrical power refers to a relationship between two state bodies in which one, the powerful Body, has control over the outcomes of the other, the subordinate, but not vice versa.
- **Statement:** The Asymmetric power relations between centre and state create rift and tussle, recent example is Delhi Services bill.

Key Idea: Checks and Balances

- **Context:** Checks and balances usually ensure that no one person or department has absolute control over decisions, clearly define the assigned duties, and force cooperation in completing tasks.
- **Statements:** The 3 organs of state is created to keep check and balances on each other

Key Idea: Dynamic Equilibrium

- **Context:** Dynamic equilibrium when the forward and reverse processes occur at the same rate, resulting in no observable change in the system.
- **Statement:** The constitution is continuously evolving along with society creating dynamic equilibrium of living documents.

Key Idea: Constitutional Values

- **Context:** The values expressed in the Preamble are expressed as objectives of the Constitution. These are sovereignty, socialism, secularism, democracy, republican character of Indian State, justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, human dignity and the unity and integrity of the Nation.
- **Statement:** Constitutional Values are the heart of the Constitution which our forefathers envisioned for our country.

Key Idea: Heart and Soul of Constitutionality

- **Context:** Article 32 of the Indian Constitution is called the Heart and soul of the Constitution according to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: Because this constitutional provision provides citizens or people to hold accountable to the state.

Key Idea: Data Led Governance

- **Context:** Data-driven governance is a new approach to governance, one where data is used to drive policy decisions, set goals, measure performance, and increase government transparency.
- **Statement:** The schemes like PMAY with target based output has highlighted need of Data Led governance

Key Idea: Vigilant india Prosperous India

- **Context:** It means where people are careful about their actions and are thoughtful. They make wise decisions such as electing one political party. They don't follow people and have their own views.
- **Statement:** The awareness of citizens is equally essential to follow Vigilant India Prosperous India

Key Idea:KYC-know your constitution

- **Context:** Constant awareness campaigns about the Constitution, Debate and Discussions around it to make people aware about their rights and duties, So that misuse and misinterpretations of laws do not happens to common citizens
- **Statement:** PM discussed the importance of knowing provisions of the Constitution to common citizens and coined the term KYC-Know your constitution.

Key Idea: ART-Access, Responsible & Transparent

- **Context:** ART implements a Design for Values approach, to ensure that human values and ethical principles, and their priorities and choices are explicitly included in the design processes in a transparent and systematic manner.
- **Statement:**

Key Idea: Sabka Sath, Sabka Gaon, Sabka Vikas

- **Context:** Creating a development ecosystem to bring out development in villages and taking inclusive growth as a road forward.
- **Statement:** The mantra of bottom up growth is essential to carry Sabka Sath, Sabka Gaon, Sabka Vikas.

Key Idea: P4-People public private partnership

- **Context:** Used in context of Partnership with all the stakeholders in consultation process of policy making and implementations
- **Statement:** The stakeholder participation in terms of policies need to follow the P4 model.

Key Idea: Red tape to Red Carpet

- **Context:** Cutting red tapism and overarching bureaucracy to enhance ease of doing business and increasing the participation of stakeholders in policy making.
- **Statement:** Reforms like Mission Karmyogi, Honoring the Honest have been directed towards Red Target to Red Carpet.

Key Idea: Voice of Unheard Masses

- **Context:** Providing venues for people to voice their own opinions and and creating a collaborative atmosphere for participation in governance
- **Statement:** Civil society organizations play an important role in putting Voice of Unheard Masses in front of authorities.

Key Idea: Cooling off Period

- **Context:** Used in context of public authorities after retirement employment. The word signifies the vacuum period where supposed personnel need to be away from government employment to maintain impartiality and biases in decision making
- **Statement:** The case of appointment of former CJI Ranjan Gogoi highlights the need of Cooling off period post retirement.

Key Idea: Constitutional Tort

- **Context:** If a government official violates the constitutional rights of an individual, then a civil action can lie against him. As the government official is a functionary of the state such wrongs are considered to be committed under the colour of state law. Such civil wrongs are called constitutional tort.
- **Statement:** Constitutional Tort is necessary to make state functionaries accountable in terms of violating rights of individuals.

Key Idea: Toothless Tiger

- **Context:** Term used for statutory institutions without required powers to hold accountability or deliver the function deliberated to e.g. NHRC power to inquire but not punish.
- **Statement:** The limitations on power of NHRC to punish makes them Toothless Tiger.

Key Idea: Gatekeeper of Access to justice

- **Context:** Key term used for judicial authorities like NGT, Courts etc. which act as the first line to access justice.
- **Statement:** The pendency of cases in courts makes the purpose of making them gatekeepers to Access of Justice.

Key Idea: Criminal Jurisprudence

- **Context:** System of justice in criminal matters. A fundamental postulate of criminal jurisprudence is the presumption of innocence, meaning thereby that a person is believed to be innocent until found guilty. This is applicable in all criminal cases and Laws except certain exceptional ones like UAPA, Sedition etc.
- **Statement:** The existence of draconian clauses in IPC Section 124A pose a significant question to Criminal Jurisprudence of the Indian Justice System.

SUB THEME: POLICY/GOVERNANCE

Key Idea: Collective Bargaining

- **Context:** This word is used in context of strength of mass to demand for their need from organization/state in terms of benefits or incentives.
- **Statement:** Organization of Marginalized sections provide institutional mechanisms to fight for their demand and enhance their collective bargaining power.

Key Idea: Evidence based Policy making

- **Context:** Evidence-based policy is a concept in public policy that advocates for policy decisions to be grounded on, or influenced by, rigorously established objective evidence. This concept presents a stark contrast to policymaking predicated on ideology, 'common sense,' anecdotes, or personal intuitions.
- **Statement:** Evidence based policy making provides better results in terms of targeting the beneficiary.

Key Idea: Induced Innovation-Policy making

- **Context:** Used in context of policies applying innovation and creative policy making to address substantial challenge in society e.g. Jan Dhan Yojana, DBT
- **Statement:** The new ideas and evidence induced innovation in Policy Making might provide intended output in schemes.

Key Idea: Vibrant Arena

- **Context:** Used in context of Diversified ideas, views and debates in terms of political views or region.
- **Statement:** The Vibrant Arena of parliamentary discussion ensures that every proposal is widely scrutinised and thoroughly revised before implementation for general people.

Key Idea: Village Prosperity

- **Context:** Used in terms of bringing overall prosperity in rural and marginalized area of country
- **Statement:** The country cannot progress without inclusive development leading to village prosperity

Key Idea: Participation for prosperity

- **Context:** Participation of people to voice their demands for overall prosperity. eg. surveys and grievance redressal mechanism.
- **Statement:** The engagement of people in debates and discussion create an ecosystem in governance that enhances participation for prosperity.

Key Idea: Collective Decision Making & Sharing responsibilities

- **Context:** Reciprocal relationship with people and state where both involve in decision making together and share the responsibility of development together
- **Statement:**

Key Idea: Minimum Government Maximum Governance

- **Context:** The idea of minimum government presence and enhancing quality of governance through building trust and digital footprint of it.
- **Statement:** The inducement of Jan Dhan Yojana is one of the initiatives for Minimum Governance and Maximum Governance.

Key Idea: Women Centric Development to Women Led Development

- **Context:** The phrase is used in the context of shifting focus from policy around women to policy decisions led by women for women.
- **Statement:**

Key Idea: SMART-Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time bound

- **Context:** The acronym can be utilised in context of services delivery from authorities to general people e.g. citizen charter, scheme implementations
- **Statement:** The presence of government in policy domains need to be SMART.

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Key Idea: Strength voice, choice and agency of women

- **Context:** Providing venues to women of society to voice their opinion, taking individual decisions and creating institutions to increase collective bargaining.
- **Statement:** Policy decision should be focussed upon strengthening voice, choice and agency of women.

Key Idea: 3D principle of Democracy-Debate, discussion and dialogue

- **Context:** Essence and core principles of democracy, reminder of freedom of speech, can be used in context of media censorship, blocking of parliament discussions, internet blockades
- **Statement:** The internet shutdown are in conflict with the essence of democracy i.e. Debate, discussion and dialogue.

Key Idea: Open and Constructive Communication

- **Context:** Used in context of debates in parliament or any public dialogues, handling of criticism and arguments e.g. media and clarifications
- **Statement:** Open and constructive communication is needed to ensure the conflicts between state and centre are resolved.

Key Idea: India 3D Model- Demography, Democracy, Dividend/ Diversity, diaspora, diplomacy

- **Context:** Can be used in conclusions for providing a hopeful way forward in governance.
- **Statement:** India's 3D model of Demography, Democracy and Dividend is the best way to look forward to resolving issues in Governance.

Key Idea: Delayed Development is Denied Development

- **Context:** used in the context of Aspirational or backward areas like NorthEast, Bihar and Odisha for developmental and governance deficit.
- **Statement:** The delayed development in resource rich regions created a sense of justice denied.

Key Idea: Virasat Bhi Vikas Bhi

- **Context:** Used in context of governance inclusive of Heritage Values and balancing development along with it e.g. Adopt a Heritage scheme, Vocal for local
- **Statement:** The approach to keep traditional Values along with Modern development is in sync with Virasat Bhi Vikas bhi

Key Idea: BIMARU Pradesh- SAKSHAM Pradesh

- **Context:** Used in context of BIMARU states turning the wheel and growing substantially and project a bright future forward e.g. MP, UP, Rajasthan
- **Statement:** The transformation of Madhya Pradesh and its path from BIMARU states to SAKHSAM pradesh is an example of good Governance.

Key Idea: Massification of Laws but Deficiency of Justice

- **Context:** The word is coined to notify the abundance of laws leading to confusion and complexity in implementation e.g. labour laws
- **Statement:** The multiplicity of laws in Labour laws are complex therefore create Massification of Laws but Deficiency of Justice.

Key Idea: Policy Log-jam to Policy Promotion

- **Context:** Signifies the delayed and paralysis in policy making changing its course to prompt and active policy making and spreading awareness about it e.g. Digital Data Protection Bill
- **Statement:** Policy Log-jams create roadblocks in wheels of development therefore the approach needs to be towards Policy promotion.

**Key Idea: Democracy-Dialogue, Discussion, Debate & Deliberation/
Disruption, Disturbance**

- **Context:** Benefits of democracy and down side of it. Can be used in terms of violence, disturbance and protest e.g. kisan protest, agniveer protest
- **Statement:** Democracy is based on its basic principles of Dialogue, Discussion and Debate however it there is always a chance for Disruption and Disturbances



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