

THE 20-POINT ANSWER AUDIT GRID

#	CRITERION	MAX SCORE	SELF-CHECK QUESTION	MISTAKES / IMPROVEMENTS TO NOTE
☐	1 Introduction Type (DART)	1	Did I use a specific Data/Quote/Case hook — not a generic definition?	1. _____
☐	2 Constitutional/Legal Hook	1	Did I cite a relevant Article, Act, or judgment?	2. _____
☐	3 Demand for Question	1	Did I answer exactly what was asked — not a general essay on the topic?	3. _____
☐	4 SPEAR Body Structure	1	Does each body point have Statement + Proof + Explanation?	4. _____
☐	5 Multi-Dimensionality	1	Did I cover at least 3 dimensions (PESTLE or equivalent)?	5. _____
☐	6 Data Points Cited	1	Are there at least 3 specific statistics, years, or quantified facts?	6. _____
☐	7 Thinker / Expert Reference	1	Did I name at least 1 expert/thinker relevant to the topic?	7. _____
☐	8 Scheme/Committee/Report	1	Did I reference a specific government scheme, committee, or report?	8. _____
☐	9 Current Affairs Integration	1	Is there at least 1 reference from the last 12 months?	9. _____
☐	10 Critical Analysis (Limitations)	1	Did I present at least one limitation, challenge, or counter-argument?	10. _____
☐	11 Keywords Underlined	1	Are 8–12 key terms underlined (not more, not fewer)?	11. _____
☐	12 Subheadings Used (250-word)	1	Are body sections clearly demarcated with underlined subheadings?	12. _____
☐	13 Diagram Included (20-mark)	1	Is there a relevant, labelled diagram for 20-mark answers?	13. _____
☐	14 Conclusion Type (SAMADHAN)	1	Did I use Action Plan + Vision/Quote in the conclusion?	14. _____
☐	15 Constitutional Value Link	1	Is there a link to a constitutional principle — rights, federalism, justice?	15. _____
☐	16 International Reference	1	Is there at least 1 global example, treaty, or comparison?	16. _____
☐	17 Word Count Discipline	1	Is the answer within $\pm 10\%$ of the expected word count?	17. _____
☐	18 Cross-Fertilisation	1	Did I use vocabulary/insight from another GS paper?	18. _____
☐	19 Handwriting & Presentation	1	Is the answer neat, legible, well-spaced, with no scribbling?	19. _____
☐	20 Overall Coherence	1	Does the answer flow logically from intro to body to conclusion?	20. _____

TOTAL SCORE (Out of 20): ____ / 20

PERCENTAGE: ____ %

YOUR SCORE

____ / 20

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17 – 20
EXCELLENT

13 – 16
GOOD

9 – 12
AVERAGE

0 – 8
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

HOW TO USE: Tick each criterion after writing your answer. Be honest in self-evaluation. Improve one area at a time.