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Grade III & Grade IV | Section-wise • Syllabus-wise • Multidisciplinary

Learning framework: Current event → static general knowledge → core concept → Assam relevance → examination question.

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CONTENTS & EXAM STRATEGY

Section I: Assam history and culture; II: Indian polity; III: Assam geography and infrastructure; IV: Economy and banking; V: General science and environment; VI: Education and computer awareness; VII: International affairs; VIII: Sports; IX: English; X: Quantitative aptitude; XI: Objective practice; XII: Rapid revision.

Use the material in three passes: first understand the narrative, then memorise the static facts, and finally solve the MCQs without looking at the notes. Numbers tied to 5–6 November 2026 are date-specific snapshots, not permanent facts.

SECTION I | ASSAM HISTORY, CULTURE & HERITAGE

1. Dr Bhupen Hazarika: music, identity and integration

Dr Bhupen Hazarika (1926–2011), popularly known as Sudhakantha, used music and cinema to express humanity, equality, dignity of labour, social solidarity and the shared civilisation of the Brahmaputra valley. His contribution is important not only for Assamese cultural history but also for the study of social reform and national integration.

• Born: 8 September 1926, Sadiya, Assam. Died: 5 November 2011, Mumbai.

• Recognition: Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1992), Padma Bhushan (2001), Padma Vibhushan (2012, posthumously) and Bharat Ratna (2019, posthumously).

• His songs connect geography (rivers), history (communities), sociology (inequality), and ethics (fraternity).

• Cultural preservation can involve school curricula, archives, research institutions, museums and memorials.

2. Public movements, justice and Assamese cultural identity

Mass public responses concerning cultural figures demonstrate the role of collective memory, civil society and public accountability. However, a demand for justice is not a judicial finding of guilt. Investigation, evidence, fair trial, bail and punishment operate under legal safeguards.

Exam linkage: Assamese personalities; citizenship; public order; the distinction between allegations and established facts.

SECTION II | INDIAN POLITY & GOVERNANCE

3. Fundamental rights and the right to protest

Article	Key protection
14	Equality before law and equal protection of laws; applies to persons.
19(1)(a)	Speech and expression; citizen-specific.
19(1)(b)	Peaceful assembly without arms; citizen-specific.
21	Life and personal liberty; applies to persons.
22(2)	Production before magistrate within 24 hours of arrest, excluding necessary journey time.
32	Constitutional remedies through the Supreme Court.

Peaceful protest derives from constitutional freedoms but is subject to lawful restrictions. The state must protect public order while respecting non-arbitrariness, due process and liberty.

4. Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI)

OCI status is governed by the Citizenship Act, 1955. OCI cardholders are foreign nationals, not Indian citizens. They do not receive voting rights or the entire set of citizen-specific constitutional rights. They remain protected by applicable safeguards for all persons, including Articles 14 and 21.

5. Arrest and detention: why time matters

The 24-hour safeguard prevents authorities from prolonging custody merely by delaying formal paperwork. The factual moment at which liberty is restrained is significant in assessing lawful custody. The time necessary for the journey to a magistrate is excluded from the constitutional calculation.

6. Urban local government

The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 gave constitutional status to urban local bodies through Part IXA. Article 243Q addresses the constitution of municipalities; Article 243W concerns powers and responsibilities. The Twelfth Schedule contains 18 subjects, including urban planning, sanitation, water supply and public health.

Urban body	Typical area
Nagar Panchayat	Transitional rural-to-urban area
Municipal Council	Smaller urban area
Municipal Corporation	Larger urban area

The development of municipal institutions in Silchar provides a practical example of decentralisation, local representation and urban service delivery.

SECTION III | ASSAM GEOGRAPHY, CONNECTIVITY & DEVELOPMENT

7. Northeast Frontier Railway and strategic connectivity

Railway upgrades in Assam include the Lumding–Furkating double-line corridor, Kamakhya–Guwahati third line and proposed Kokrajhar–Gelephu connectivity. Lumding and Furkating are important railway junctions; Kokrajhar is in the Bodoland Territorial Region; Gelephu is in Bhutan.

Causal chain: Rail capacity → reduced congestion and transport costs → better access to markets → investment and tourism → employment and regional integration. Cross-border rail links can also advance India–Bhutan economic cooperation.

8. Agarwood and Assam’s bioeconomy

Agarwood is resin-rich fragrant wood from trees of the genus Aquilaria, including Aquilaria malaccensis. It is valued for incense, perfume, essential oils and high-value exports. Resin formation, cultivation, processing and regulated trade are key concepts.

• Assam connection: cultivation and value addition, particularly in Golaghat; employment for growers, processors and traders.

• Environment connection: sustainable production and species conservation; international trade may be subject to wildlife-trade controls.

• Economic connection: export diversification, branding, rural entrepreneurship and logistics through airports.

Date-specific figures circulated in November 2026 included an estimated 81% share of Indian production, around 12 crore plants and more than 50,000 livelihoods. Treat these as reported estimates, not census-established constants.

SECTION IV | ECONOMY, BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

9. Stock markets and indices

Indicator	Meaning
BSE Sensex	Index tracking 30 major listed companies.
Nifty 50	Index tracking 50 major NSE-listed companies.
SEBI	Securities and Exchange Board of India: securities-market regulator.
Bull market / Bear market	Generally rising / generally declining prices.

On 5 November 2026, the cited market snapshot was Sensex 79,310.01 and Nifty 24,536.60. These are historical observations, not current quotations. Markets respond to earnings, interest rates, oil prices, capital flows and global risk.

10. UPI, NPCI and merchant payments

UPI (Unified Payments Interface) is a real-time digital payment framework operated by NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India). P2P denotes person-to-person payments; P2M denotes person-to-merchant payments; MDR denotes merchant discount rate. RBI regulates the broader payments ecosystem.

• Digital payments support inclusion, convenience, transaction records and business formalisation.

• Safety: never disclose OTP or UPI PIN; verify payment requests and merchant identity.

• Distinguish a charge imposed on a merchant from a charge directly collected from a consumer.

11. Gold, silver, inflation and value versus volume

Sales value equals unit price multiplied by quantity. Rising sales value need not mean rising quantity. Example: 100 units × Rs 1,000 = Rs 1,00,000; at Rs 1,200 per unit, sales become Rs 1,20,000 despite unchanged quantity. This illustrates price effects and inflation.

SECTION V | GENERAL SCIENCE, BIOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

12. Food safety, milk and paneer

Paneer is formed by acid-induced coagulation of milk proteins, particularly casein. Food quality may be affected by substitution, contamination, poor hygiene, incorrect composition and inadequate refrigeration. A failed quality test is not automatically proof of intentional adulteration.

• FSSAI = Food Safety and Standards Authority of India; principal legislation: Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

• BIS = Bureau of Indian Standards; AGMARK relates to agricultural produce quality grading.

• The November 2026 Assam sample report referred to approximately 70% of 60 paneer samples failing prescribed standards. At exactly 70%, this corresponds to 42 samples; the reported proportion was approximate.

13. Air Quality Index (AQI)

AQI	Category
0–50	Good
51–100	Satisfactory
101–200	Moderate

AQI	Category
201–300	Poor
301–400	Very Poor
401–500	Severe

A date-specific Assam AQI snapshot (5 November 2026): Guwahati 102, Nalbari 77, Nagaon 60, Sivasagar 65 and Silchar 56. These observations illustrate classification, not typical annual air quality.

• PM2.5 and PM10 are particulate matter size classes; fine particles can penetrate deeply into the respiratory system.

• Common pollutants: nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and ground-level ozone.

• Sources: traffic, construction dust, industrial emissions and biomass burning; weather influences dispersion.

14. Crocodilians, evolution and extinction

Crocodilians include crocodiles, alligators, caimans and gharials. They are ectothermic reptiles with evolutionary lineages extending deep into geological time. The Mesozoic sequence is Triassic → Jurassic → Cretaceous. The end-Cretaceous mass extinction occurred approximately 66 million years ago; the Chicxulub impact site is in Mexico’s Yucatán region.

The gharial, Gavialis gangeticus, is a fish-eating crocodilian of river ecosystems. Evolutionary survival reflects ecological adaptation, not the absence of environmental threats.

15. Combustion, fire safety and pollution

Fire requires fuel, oxygen and sufficient heat: the fire triangle. Combustion is generally an exothermic reaction. Firecrackers can cause thermal injury, noise pollution and particulate emissions. For minor thermal burns, cool under cool running water for about 20 minutes; avoid ice and home remedies; obtain medical care for severe burns.

SECTION VI | EDUCATION, SOCIETY & COMPUTER AWARENESS

16. Inclusive education

Equality means the same formal opportunity; equity means responding fairly to different needs; inclusion means meaningful participation; accessibility means removing barriers. NEP 2020 emphasises foundational literacy, holistic learning and equity.

Abbreviation	Expansion
SCERT	State Council of Educational Research and Training
NIEPA	National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration
NCERT	National Council of Educational Research and Training
NCTE	National Council for Teacher Education

17. Artificial intelligence and critical thinking

Artificial intelligence covers computational systems performing tasks associated with human intelligence. Machine learning uses patterns from data; generative AI creates content. Critical thinking requires verifying claims, assessing evidence and identifying errors. Digital literacy includes privacy, cybersecurity, safe payments and responsible use of online information.

SECTION VII | INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & ORGANISATIONS

18. Aviation safety

Aviation threat reports can lead to screening, flight diversion and coordinated emergency responses. A threat report must be investigated; it does not itself prove the presence of an explosive device.

Acronym	Expansion
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IATA	International Air Transport Association
DGCA	Directorate General of Civil Aviation
BCAS	Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
AAI	Airports Authority of India

19. US political institutions

The United States has a presidential system and a bicameral Congress: Senate (100 members) and House of Representatives (435 voting members). Senators normally serve six-year terms; House members serve two-year terms; presidents serve four-year terms. Midterm elections occur midway through a presidential term. India, by contrast, follows a parliamentary system at the Union level.

SECTION VIII | SPORTS & PERSONALITIES

20. Football and sports GK

Cristiano Ronaldo is associated with Portugal and international football. FIFA governs world football and is headquartered in Zürich, Switzerland; UEFA is the European football confederation. The Gopinath Bordoloi Trophy is an important football competition associated with Assam. Gopinath Bordoloi was Assam’s first Chief Minister after Independence and received the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1999.

For examinations, distinguish lasting facts about an athlete from changing career announcements and match results.

SECTION IX | ENGLISH LANGUAGE

21. Vocabulary and grammar

Word	Meaning
Commemoration	Remembrance or observance
Dissent	Expression of disagreement
Adulteration	Improper reduction of purity or quality
Resilience	Capacity to withstand or recover
Volatility	Frequent or substantial variation
Accountability	Obligation to explain actions
Conservation	Protection and responsible use

Grammar: Each of the candidates is eligible. The committee has submitted its report. Neither the teacher nor the students were absent. The accused was produced before the magistrate.

Practice: Synonyms — resilience: endurance; dissent: disagreement; equity: fairness; mitigate: reduce. Antonyms — inclusive: exclusive; lawful: unlawful; stable: unstable.

SECTION X | QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE & REASONING

22. Solved numerical examples

• Percentage: 70% of 60 = 70/100 × 60 = 42.

• Percentage increase: Rs 10,000 to Rs 12,500 = (2,500/10,000) × 100 = 25%.

• Average AQI: (102 + 77 + 60) / 3 = 79.67 (approximately).

• Value vs quantity: 20% higher price at unchanged volume produces 20% higher sales value.

• Reasoning chain: better transport → lower delivery cost → wider markets → potential employment; do not confuse association with proof of causation.

SECTION XI | ADRE OBJECTIVE PRACTICE: 30 MCQs

1. Sudhakantha refers to? Answer: Dr Bhupen Hazarika.
2. Bhupen Hazarika was born in? Answer: Sadiya.
3. Bharat Ratna awarded to Bhupen Hazarika in? Answer: 2019.
4. Dadasaheb Phalke Award to Bhupen Hazarika in? Answer: 1992.
5. First Chief Minister of Assam after Independence? Answer: Gopinath Bordoloi.
6. Freedom of speech and expression is under? Answer: Article 19(1)(a).
7. Life and personal liberty are protected by? Answer: Article 21.
8. Production before magistrate within 24 hours? Answer: Article 22(2).
9. Constitutional status to municipalities? Answer: 74th Amendment.
10. Subjects in Twelfth Schedule? Answer: 18.
11. OCI status is governed principally by? Answer: Citizenship Act, 1955.
12. Gelephu is located in? Answer: Bhutan.
13. Agarwood is associated with the genus? Answer: Aquilaria.
14. Agarwood-related Assam district highlighted? Answer: Golaghat.
15. UPI stands for? Answer: Unified Payments Interface.
16. NPCI stands for? Answer: National Payments Corporation of India.
17. MDR stands for? Answer: Merchant Discount Rate.
18. Sensex tracks how many companies? Answer: 30.
19. Nifty 50 tracks how many companies? Answer: 50.
20. Indian securities-market regulator? Answer: SEBI.
21. Indian food-safety regulator? Answer: FSSAI.
22. AQI of 102 belongs to? Answer: Moderate.
23. PM2.5 denotes? Answer: Fine particulate matter.
24. Scientific name of gharial? Answer: Gavialis gangeticus.
25. Period before Jurassic? Answer: Triassic.
26. End-Cretaceous extinction occurred about? Answer: 66 million years ago.
27. Fire triangle consists of? Answer: Fuel, oxygen and heat.
28. FIFA headquarters? Answer: Zürich.
29. US Senate has? Answer: 100 members.
30. Average of 102, 77 and 60? Answer: 79.67 approximately.

SECTION XII | ONE-PAGE RAPID REVISION & PRIORITIES

Priority	Study cluster
Very high	Assam personalities; Articles 14, 19, 21, 22; urban local bodies; AQI; food safety; percentages.
High	Rail corridors; agarwood; UPI and NPCI; indices; inclusive education; AI and cybersecurity.
Medium	International aviation bodies; US Congress; football and sports organisations.

Final memory method: (1) Identify the event. (2) Memorise 3–5 stable facts. (3) Explain the science, law or economics in one sentence. (4) Connect it to Assam. (5) Solve one MCQ and one short numerical question.

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