



GENERAL STUDIES MAINS 2011

QUESTION PAPER I (29.10.2011)

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 300

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued you, which must be state clearly on the cover of the answer book in the space provided for the purpose . No Marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specific in the Admission Certificate.

Candidates should attempt all questions strictly in accordance with the instructions given under each question.

The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME

() Special Classroom Program () Distance Learning Program

[STUDY MATERIAL & MAINS TEST SERIES]

(Expert Guidance, Feedback & Discussion)

General Studies # Sociology # Public Administration
Geography # Philosophy # Psychology
Hindi Lit.

Essay Enrichment Programme
Interview Enrichment Programme

1. Answer any three of the following in about 250 words each

20x3=60

(a) 'Essentially all that is contained in Part IV-A of the constitution is just a codification of tasks integral to the Indian Way of Life' Critically examine this statement.

(b) 'The Exercise of executive clemency is not a privilege but is based on several principles, and discretion has to be exercised in public consideration.' Analyse this statement in the context of the judicial powers of the president of India.

(c). Discuss the extent, cause and implications of the 'nutrition transition' said to be underway in India.

(d). Bring out the salient feature of the PCPNDT Act, 1994 and the implications of its amendment in 2003.

2. Answer any one of the following in about 250 words:

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(a) Trace the salient sequence of events in the popular revolt that took place in February 1946 in the then 'Royal Indian Navy' and bring out its significance in the freedom struggle. Do you agree with the view that the sailors who took part in this revolt were some of the unsung heroes of the freedom struggle?

(b) Evaluate the influence of the three important women's organizations of the early twentieth century in India on the country's society and politics. To what extent do you think were the social objectives of these organizations constrained by their political objectives?

3. Answer any one of the following in about 250 words

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(a) Critically examine the design of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) scheme. Do you think it has a better chance of success than the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) in achieving its objectives?

(b) Highlight the structure, objectives and role of the Advertising Standard Council of India. In what way has the August 2006 government notification made it more effective?

4. Answer any five of the following in about 150 words

12x5=60

(a) Salient recommendation of the RBI appointed Damodaran Committee on customer service in banks.

(b) Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)

(c) Evolution of 'Green Benches' in our higher Judiciary.

(d) Distinction between 'Department Related parliamentary Standing Committee's and Parliament Forums'.

(e) Benefits and Potential drawbacks of 'Cash transfer' to 'Below Poverty Line' (BPL) households.

(f). New initiative during the 11th Five year Plan in the national programme for control of Blindness (NPCB).

5. Answer any three of the following in about 150 words each:

12x3=36

- (a) The Impact of climate change on water resources in India.
- (b) Measure taken by the Indian Government to combat piracy in Indian Ocean.
- (c) The Significance of counter urbanization in the improvement of metropolitan cities in India.
- (d) Problems specific to the denotified and nomadic tribes in India

6. In the context of the freedom struggle , write short notes (not exceeding 50 words each) on the following.:

5x3=15

- (a) 'Benoy – Badal – Dinesh' martyrdom
- (b) Bharat Naujawan Sabha
- (c) ' Babbar Akali Movement'

7. Comment on the following in not more than 50 words each:

5x6=30

- (a) Phase –IV of the tiger monitoring programme in India.
- (b) Why the Central Statistics office has notified a new series of Consumer price index from this year.
- (c) Composition and functions of the National Executive Committee of the National Disaster management Authority .
- (d) The Bihar Special Courts Act, 2009 and why it has been in the news recently.
- (e) The Telecommunication Ministry's proposed Spectrum management Commission
- (f) The Community – Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach to sanitation.

8. Attempt the following in not more than 50 words each :

5x4=20

(a) Distinguish either between the ' Moatsu' and ' Yemshe' festivals of Nagaland or the ' Losar' and 'Khan' festivals of Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) Write a sentence each on any five of the following traditional theatre forms.

- i. Bhand Pather
- ii. Swang
- iii. Maach
- iv. Bhaona
- v. Mudiyettu
- vi. Dashavatar

(c). What are the major different style of unglazed pottery making in India

(d). List the classical dance forms of India as per the Sangeet Natak Academy.

9. Comment on following in not more than 50 words each:

5x5=25

- (a). Nisarga Runa technology of BARC
- (b) The first aid that you can safety administer to a person standing next to you at the bus stop who suddenly faints.
- (c). The Kaveri K-10 aero engine.
- (d). Molecular Breast Imaging (MBI) technology
- (e) E-governance initiatives by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

10. Who are the following and why have been in the news recently? (Each answer should not exceed 20 words)

2x7=14

- (a) Lieutenant Navdeep Singh
- (b) Rahim Fahimuddin Dagar
- (c) Lobsang Sangay
- (d) P R Sreejesh
- (e) Nileema Mishra
- (f) V Tejeswini Bai
- (g) Aishwarya Narkar

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