

CC(M)
GENERAL STUDIES
(OPTIONAL)
PAPER - I
[03]

Time Allowed - Three Hours

Maximum Marks-250

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following Instructions carefully before attempting the paper.

- i) *There are Twenty questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- ii) *Answers to Questions No. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Questions No. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.*
- iii) *Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.*
- iv) *If you encounter any typographical error, please read it as it appears in the text book.*
- v) *Candidates are in their own interest advised to go through the general instructions on the back side of the title page of the Answer Script for strict adherence.*
- vi) *No continuation sheets shall be provided to any candidate under any circumstances.*
- vii) *No blank page should be left in between answers to various questions.*

[Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society]

1. Write a short essay on Purusarthas.(150 words) (10)
2. Write a note on the significance of Dholavira, the World Heritage Site.(150 words) (10)
3. Write a short essay on the Nilamata Purana.(150 words) (10)
4. Vedangas are last treatises of Vedic literature. Elaborate.(150 words) (10)
5. Distinguish, with illustrations, between the arcuate and trabeate system of Indian architecture.(150 words) (10)
6. Highlight the contributions of Aruna Asaf Ali during and after India's struggle for independence.(150 words) (10)
7. What are heat waves? Discuss the impact of heat waves on the energy sector in India? (150 words) (10)
8. Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.(150 words) (10)
9. What are the significance and concerns regarding lithium discovery in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir? (150 words) (10)
10. Aeolian landscape evolution is primarily concerned with the formation and extension of pediments. Comment. (150 words) (10)
11. Write a short note on Shankaracharya Temple of Kashmir. (250 words) (15)
12. Why is Samudragupta called 'Napoleon of India'? (250 words) (15)
13. Write an essay on Kashmir's Sufi traditions with special reference to Sheikh Nooruddin Noorani. (250 words) (15)
14. Examine the statement 'One Caste, One Religion, One God for All' in the context of socio-religious reform movements in late 19th Century. (250 words) (15)
15. Explain the impacts of Anglo-Sikh wars on Jammu and Kashmir. (250 words) (15)
16. What are the challenges in millet production and consumption in India? Suggest steps to enhance millet production in India apart from current initiatives in place. (250 words)(15)
17. Spreading of 'Dead Zones' has serious consequences on marine ecosystems. Elaborate. (250 words) (15)
18. India's rapid urbanisation calls for sustainable and effective urban planning reforms to improve the process of urban planning in India. Discuss. (250 words) (15)
19. What is One Water Approach? Discuss its advantages in tackling water crisis in 21st century. (250 words) (15)
20. Despite India being one of the countries of Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in percentage terms. Discuss.(250 words) (15)