

CC(M)
GENERAL STUDIES
(OPTIONAL)
PAPER - II
[04]

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.

[Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations]

1. "Finance Commission symbolizes Centre-State fiscal relations." Examine this statement in the light of the constitution of 16th Finance Commission. (150 words) (10)
2. "Social justice has become a catch-all term for welfare measures." Examine. (150 words) (10)
3. Critically analyse judicial activism in the light of the eventful month of May 2023 when the Supreme Court of India, in only two weeks of time, delivered more than 100 judgments, including 4 important Constitution Bench matters. (150 words) (10)
4. "The New Criminal Law Bill will discard colonial vestiges and instill an Indian spirit in India's criminal justice system." Discuss. (150 words) (10)
5. Critically analyse the relationship between India and Maldives in the light of the recent war of words between the two countries. (150 words) (10)
6. Find out the merits and demerits of caste survey in the light of the caste enumeration exercise by the provincial governments of Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. (150 words) (10)
7. Critically examine the powers of the Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), a government institution which has been in the limelight in the recent times. (150 words) (10)
8. Do you think the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor will be "a passage of possibilities"? (150 words) (10)
9. "Indo-Pacific will continue to remain the global flashpoint in the coming times." Critically analyse the above statement in the light of the recent Taiwan presidential elections. (150 words) (10)
10. Do you think India-Taiwan technological cooperation will be a boon for India's manufacturing ambitions? (150 words) (10)
11. The NITI Aayog has emerged as an important institution of the Union government in the last one decade. Elucidate. (250 words) (15)
12. "In the spirit of cooperative federalism, the Centre must exercise its powers within the boundaries created by the Constitution." Discuss. (250 words) (15)
13. Achieving the SDGs by 2030 could be a roadmap to Viksit Bharat @ 2047. Discuss. (250 words) (15)
14. "The Red Sea region has become a cauldron of conflict." Elucidate the statement in the light of the recent attacks by Houthi rebels of Yemen on the commercial ships. (250 words) (15)

15. Critically analyse India's role and contributions in resolving the recent Israel-Palestine conflict. (250 words) (15)
 16. India-Canada relationship has descended to a new low in the last few years. Elucidate in the light of the accusations made by Canadian Prime Minister and the counter accusations of India. (250 words) (15)
 17. Evaluate India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership in the light of Indian Foreign Minister's Moscow visit in the last week of December last year?(250 words)(15)
 18. Analyse India's decade-long bid to become a veto-wielding member of the UN Security Council in the light of UN General Assembly President's recent remarks on India as a "mature, highly respected member." (250 words) (15)
 19. While Bharat takes a quantum leap towards digitisation under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, prevention of cyber crimes is a key security challenge." Examine.(250 words) (15)
 20. French President as guest of India's Republic Day 2024 demonstrates the widening and deepening Indo-French strategic partnership. Discuss.(250 words) (15)
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