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PSCSCC MAIN EXAMINATION, 2013

GENERAL STUDIES (PAPER-I)

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

- a) There are **TWENTY (20)** questions.
- b) **All questions are compulsory.**
- c) There are **FIFTEEN (15)** questions of 12 marks each. Word limit for each question is 200 words (maximum).
- d) There are **FIVE (5)** questions with two sub-parts, each sub-part of 7 marks i.e. each question is of 14 marks. Word limit for each sub-part is 100 words (maximum).
- e) Word limit in questions should be adhered to.
- f) Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer book. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
- g) Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer book must be clearly struck off.

Important: Whenever a Question is being attempted, all its parts/sub-parts must be attempted contiguously. This means that before moving on to the next Question to be attempted, candidates must finish attempting all parts/sub-parts of the previous Question attempted. This is to be strictly followed.

- Q.1 'Italian unification was achieved more by consent than by conquest'. Discuss (200 words)
- Q.2 Throw light on the urban character of the Indus Civilization based on the archaeological evidences. (200 words)
- Q.3 Critically discuss the similarities and differences between non cooperation movement and civil disobedience movement. (200 words)
- Q.4 To what extent did the socio-religious reform movements pave the way for the emancipation of women in the 19th Century? (200 words)
- Q.5 Estimate the contribution of Ranjit Singh in the history of Punjab. (200 words)
- Q.6 Explain the Primary and Secondary causes of earth quakes in India. Why the intense earth quakes occur mainly in Himalayan region and in Andaman region? Explain. (200 words)
- Q.7 It is generally perceived that cyclones are more prone in East coast of India. Explain the Hydrometeorological and physical geographical features responsible for their causes. (200 words)
- Q.8 Give a brief account of the food production and food security in the world. (200 words)
- Q.9 Give a brief account of the Rice-Wheat production and disadvantages of such a combination. (200 words)
- Q.10 Analyze the salient features of the World Plain areas and explain the favorable factors of their occupancy. (200 words)
- Q.11 "Indian society is a system of cognitive structures". How far do you agree with the statement? (200 words)

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- Q.12 Briefly analyze the problems of Urban Slums. (200 words)
- Q.13 Examine positive and negative impact of globalization on people belonging to poor and marginalized sections of society. Cite suitable examples. (200 words)
- Q.14 What do you mean by human values? Discuss the role of family and educational institutions in inculcating value in society. (200 words)
- Q.15 What is malnutrition? In what way poverty leads malnutrition? (200 words)
- Q.16 Write short notes on the following:-
- (a) Ashoka Pillar at Sarnath (100 words)
 - (b) Major characteristics of Mughal Paintings. (100 words)
- Q.17 Write short notes on the following:-
- (a) Namdhari (100 words)
 - (b) Lahore Singh Sabha (100 words)
- Q.18 (a) Which are the locations in India prone to Tsunami? Give the main causes for it. (100 words)
- (b) The major surface water bodies near the urban centers in India are extremely polluted. Explain the major culprits for this state. (100 words)
- Q.19 (a) Discuss the role of women and women's organization in context to poverty and development. (100 words)
- (b) Whether 'Secularism' is a myth or reality in the Indian Society? Critically examine. (100 words)
- Q.20 (a) Write a critical note on welfare schemes by the centre and state of Punjab. (100 words)
- (b) Critically examine the impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) on poverty eradication in rural areas of Punjab State. (100 words)
