

GENERAL STUDIES (PAPER-I)

QUESTION PAPER

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

Note: Answers to Question Nos. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Question Nos. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.

1. Analyze the importance of Ashokan inscriptions for reconstructing Mauryan history.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
2. Discuss the impact of Macaulay's Minute on colonial administration and education in India.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
3. The significance of the Gandhian movements lay in the masses they mobilized. Elucidate.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
4. What is the Fujiwhara effect? Explain its impact on the movement and intensity of tropical cyclones.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
5. "Tundra regions are ecologically fragile but economically important." Examine this statement critically.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
6. Discuss the role of aeolian processes in desertification and land degradation.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
7. "Water resources are both an asset and a source of conflict in South Asia." Examine this statement giving examples.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
8. Unity in diversity remains the defining feature of Indian society despite the challenges from communalism and regionalism. Comment.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
9. How do you understand disability? Substantiate the need for inclusive policy framework in India in this regard.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
10. Do you think digital technology promotes social empowerment? Explain with examples.
(10 Marks, 150 words)
11. Vijayanagara architecture exemplifies the amalgamation of past traditions with contemporary practices. Elucidate with examples.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
12. Linguistic reorganization of Indian States was driven by popular pressure from below. Comment.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
13. The model of planned economy was adopted in India to address the regional imbalances left behind by colonial rule. Comment.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
14. Compare the Loo, Chinook and Foehn winds with respect to their regions of prevalence, their nature and climatic impacts.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
15. Analyze the role of satellite-based technologies in achieving climate-smart agriculture and food security in India.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
16. "The centre of global trade is gradually shifting from the Atlantic region to the Indo-Pacific region." Examine this statement.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
17. Analyze the major drivers of human-induced land-use changes in India and their geographical consequences.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
18. Is caste disappearing in urban India? Illustrate your answer with examples.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
19. Critically examine the challenges of demographic transition in contemporary India.
(15 Marks, 250 words)
20. Evaluate the impact of globalization on Indian youths with reference to social, political, economic and cultural spheres.
(15 Marks, 250 words)