

GENERAL STUDIES (PAPER-I)

QUESTION PAPER

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

1. Analyze the importance of Ashokan inscriptions for reconstructing Mauryan history.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

2. Discuss the impact of Macaulay's Minute on colonial administration and education in India.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

3. The significance of the Gandhian movements lay in the masses they mobilized. Elucidate.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

4. What is the Fujiwhara effect? Explain its impact on the movement and intensity of tropical cyclones.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

5. "Tundra regions are ecologically fragile but economically important." Examine this statement critically.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

6. Discuss the role of aeolian processes in desertification and land degradation.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

7. "Water resources are both an asset and a source of conflict in South Asia." Examine this statement giving examples.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

8. Unity in diversity remains the defining feature of Indian society despite the challenges from communalism and regionalism. Comment.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

9. How do you understand disability? Substantiate the need for inclusive policy framework in India in this regard.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

10. Do you think digital technology promotes social empowerment? Explain with examples.

(Answer in 150 words) 10

11. Vijayanagara architecture exemplifies the amalgamation of past traditions with contemporary practices. Elucidate with examples.

(Answer in 250 words) 15

12. Linguistic reorganization of Indian States was driven by popular pressure from below. Comment.

(Answer in 250 words) 15

13. The model of planned economy was adopted in India to address the regional imbalances left behind by colonial rule. Comment.

(Answer in 250 words) 15

14. Compare the Loo, Chinook and Foehn winds with respect to their regions of prevalence, their nature and climatic impacts.

(Answer in 250 words) 15

15. Analyze the role of satellite-based technologies in achieving climate-smart agriculture and food security in India.

(Answer in 250 words) 15

16. "The centre of global trade is gradually shifting from the Atlantic region to the Indo-Pacific region." Examine this statement.

(Answer in 250 words) 15

17. Analyze the major drivers of human-induced land-use changes in India and their geographical consequences. *(Answer in 250 words) 15*
18. Is caste disappearing in urban India? Illustrate your answer with examples. *(Answer in 250 words) 15*
19. Critically examine the challenges of demographic transition in contemporary India. *(Answer in 250 words) 15*
20. Evaluate the impact of globalization on Indian youths with reference to social, political, economic and cultural spheres. *(Answer in 250 words) 15*