

CSM – 3/15
General Studies
Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. Answer any **three** of the following questions :

10×3 = 30

- (a) Discuss the salient features of the Govt. of India Act, 1858.
- (b) Assess the role of Mahatma Gandhi in the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- (c) Trace the circumstances leading to enactment of Indian Independence Act, 1947 and discuss its provisions.
- (d) What is 'Drain of Wealth' and what were its effects ?

2. Write notes on any **four** of the following topics :

5×4 = 20

- (a) Contributions of Subhash Chandra Bose to India's Freedom Movement
- (b) Role of Gopabandhu Das during Non-cooperation Movement in Odisha
- (c) Contributions of Madhusudan Das to social, political and economic development of Odisha
- (d) Prarthana Samaj
- (e) Sarvodaya Movement

3. Give an account of architecture, sculpture and painting of the Gupta Age. 20

OR

Focus light on the contributions of Swami Dayananda Saraswati as a social reformer.

4. Discuss the main features of Kalinga style of temple architecture with examples. 20

OR

Write short notes on any **ten** of the following :

- (a) Nuakhai
- (b) Fatehpur Sikri
- (c) Jnanpith Award (Gyanapeeth Award)
- (d) Natyashastra
- (e) Kumbha Mela
- (f) The Golden Temple
- (g) Golkonda
- (h) Raja Festival
- (i) Taj Mahal
- (j) Sand Art
- (k) Sonapur Mela
- (l) Folk Dances of Odisha
- (m) The Mahabodhi Temple
- (n) Mughal Painting
- (o) Patachitra

5. Answer any **two** of the following questions :

10×2 = 20

- (a) Explain the main characteristics of Indian climate and discuss the spatial distribution

of rainfall in the country with special reference to its relief and location.

- (b) Which are the major physiographic divisions of India ? Contrast the relief of the Himalayan region with that of the Peninsular plateau.
- (c) (i) The central location of India at the head of the Indian ocean is considered of great significance. Why ?
(ii) What steps have been taken to protect the flora and fauna of the country ?

6. Write short notes on any **four** of the following :

5×4 = 20

- (a) Physiographic characteristics of Odisha
- (b) Features of Northern Tropical Semi Evergreen Forests of Odisha
- (c) Problems encountered by the ecosystem of the Chilika Lake
- (d) Major projects constructed across the main river of the largest river basin of Odisha
- (e) Gandhamardan Hills

7. Answer any **three** of the following questions in about **200** words each : $10 \times 3 = 30$
- (a) What do you mean by Preamble ? Why is the Preamble prefaced to our Constitution is so significant ? Is the Preamble a part of our Constitution ? Show, how ?
 - (b) 'Article 32 is the soul of our Constitution' — (Ambedkar) — Examine the truth in this statement.
 - (c) The President of India is the fountain of "Mercy and Justice" — Comment.
 - (d) In India there is a balance between Parliamentary Supremacy and Judicial Review — Explain.
8. Answer any **three** of the following questions in about **100** words each : $10 \times 3 = 30$
- (a) Explain the nature and scope of the Governor's Discretionary Power : Can its misuse or abuse be prevented ? Show, how ?
 - (b) Explain the procedure and grounds of impeachment of the President of India. Are the grounds justifiable in the Court of Law ?

- (c) State briefly what happens to the Bill when it reaches the President of India after being passed in the Parliament for his assent ? Does our President enjoy the Pocket Veto Power ? If so, how ?
- (d) Briefly state the organisation and functions of the Union Public Service Commission.

9. Answer any **six** of the following questions in about **50** words each : 5×6 = 30

- (a) Comment on the 86th Amendment Act, 2002.
- (b) Write a brief note on the Speaker Pro Tem.
- (c) Explain the relation of our President with the Union Council of Ministers in the context of 'Doctrine of Pleasure' as stated in Article 75 (1) of our Constitution.
- (d) What is Public Interest Litigation (P. I. L.) ? What purpose does it serve ?
- (e) Briefly explain the significance of the phrase 'Procedure established by law' as stated in Article 21 of our Constitution.
- (f) State briefly the role of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Show, why this office is important in the recent years ?

(g) "The relationship between the Governor of a state with the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers is more of trust and confidence than aid and advice" — Comment.

(h) Write a brief note on Caretaker Government.

10. Answer any **three** of the following : $15 \times 3 = 45$

(a) What do you mean by Demographic Dividend ? Is India prepared to reap this potential dividend in the coming years ?

(b) How far the present higher education system of the country is capable to cope with the 'Make in India' and 'Skill India' drives ?

(c) Privatisation of social sector services and the agenda of inclusive growth : complementary or contradictory ? Give your views.

(d) Give an account of different legal measures in force in India to build a gender equal society.

11. Answer any **two** of the following : $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Give an account of existing parallel economy in India and the measures taken to curb it. How far they have been effective ?

- (b) How would you relate unbalanced regional development with insurgency in India ? Discuss the adverse effects of insurgency on the society and economy.
- (c) The strength of a democracy is known from the way it treats its minorities — analyse in the context of Indian experience.
- (d) Describe the social issues involved in construction of dam.

12. Answer any **one** of the following : 15

- (a) Examine the role of NABARD in bringing agricultural and rural development in the country.
- (b) Assess the role of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in creating an industrial base in the country.

