

GENERAL STUDIES

Paper—I

Full Marks : 250

Time : 3 hours

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully
before attempting questions*

There are **TWENTY** questions printed in ENGLISH.

All questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

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.

Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

1. Highlight the major themes of the prehistoric paintings of India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
2. Write a note on the origins, evolution and salient features of the Sattriya Dance of Assam.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
3. Explain briefly the social, economic and cultural background of the emergence of Indian nationalism in the 19th century.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Highlight the underlying geographical factors that influence the distribution of India's population.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Assess the role of the Government of India in biodiversity protection.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Explain the significance of the Charter Act of 1833 in the history of colonial India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Highlight the ideas of nationalism of Gandhi and Tagore in the context of Indian freedom struggle.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Write a note on the feminization of labour in India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
9. Examine the impact of globalization on Indian tribal societies.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
10. Discuss the significance of India's demographic dividend in her economic development.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
11. Illustrate with suitable examples how syncretism became a part of Indian architecture during the medieval period.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
12. Give a critical account of the economic impact of partition of India on Assam.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
13. Natural resource rich belts in India are not always the one with the highest levels of economic development. Explain.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
14. What are extreme precipitation events and what are their effects? Why are such events occurring more frequently in recent times?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
15. Do you agree with the view that the interlinking of rivers can address the water issues in India? Give reasons for your answer.
(Answer in 250 words) 15

- 16.** Examine the challenges faced by the bell-metal industry in Assam. What measures do you suggest to make it a vibrant economic sector?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
- 17.** Discuss the challenges in the process of integration of the Princely States with India after Independence and evaluate the roll of Sardar Patel in it.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
- 18.** Highlight the factors that led to the rise of regionalism in Indian polity. Critically examine its role in strengthening Indian federalism. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- 19.** Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
- 20.** "The Neo-Vaishnavite Movement played the most significant role in laying the foundation of a broader society in the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam." Elucidate this statement.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
