

GENERAL STUDIES

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

INSTRUCTIONS

All the FIVE questions are to be attempted.

Candidates should attempt questions/parts as per the instructions given in each question.

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

All parts and sub-parts of a question are to be attempted together in the answer-book.

Attempt of a part/question shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a part/question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer-book must be clearly struck off.

Answers must be written only in ENGLISH.

1. Answer any *four* of the following in about 250 words each : 7×4=28
- (a) The Vedic Aryan culture became the foundation of Indian culture. Discuss. 7
- (b) In which parts of India is the cyclone a major environmental hazard and why? 7
- (c) Article 356 of the Constitution of India is the most un-federal provision. Analyse. 7

(d) Regional disparity in India is one of the major reasons for the growing militancy activities in the country. Discuss critically. 7

(e) Though Russia is Syria's important ally, it has agreed with USA for action against Syria recently. Discuss the case, tracing back the historical background and bringing out the key issues. 7

2. Answer any *four* of the following in about 200 words each : 6×4=24

(a) Discuss the reasons which led to the war between India and China in 1962. 6

(b) Swami Vivekananda was a visionary who contributed towards the freedom movement through social reforms. Comment. 6

(c) India is rich in iron-ore reserves but these are confined to certain areas. Elaborate. 6

(d) Is there a need to replace the Parliamentary form of Government in India with the Presidential form of Government like in USA? Critically analyse. 6

(e) Discuss the impact of the proposal of the Government to bifurcate the State of Andhra Pradesh. 6

3. Answer any *four* of the following in about
150 words each : 5×4=20

- (a) Of all the extant Ashokan pillars, the one at Sarnath is unique in itself. Elaborate. 5
- (b) What are the differences between the Himalayan and Peninsular rivers? Discuss. 5
- (c) Discuss the powers of the President in promulgation of ordinance during recess of the Parliament. 5
- (d) Emergence of National Advisory Council (NAC) has diluted the importance of PMO and the coordinating role of Cabinet Secretariat. Analyse. 5
- (e) Discuss the Indian stand in refusing to sign the CTBT. 5

4. Answer any *four* of the following in about
100 words each : 4×4=16

- (a) What is meteor shower? 4
- (b) What is Human Genome Project? Discuss its advantages and disadvantages. 4
- (c) What do you understand by vector-borne diseases? Discuss any three of such diseases. 4
- (d) What is MTCR? How is it posing a hurdle for India in developing long-range cruise missiles? 4
- (e) What do you understand by cryonics? 4

5. Write short notes on the following, bringing out as to why these/they were in news, in not more than 30 words each : $1 \times 12 = 12$

- (a) Kudankulam
- (b) Kishanganga Project
- (c) Chabahar Port
- (d) Higgs Boson
- (e) Voyager 1
- (f) Mars One
- (g) Usain Bolt
- (h) Obabiya Aishah Ajibola
- (i) Narendra Dabholkar
- (j) Bashar al-Assad
- (k) Malala Yousafzai
- (l) Norman Woodland
