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## UPSC MAINS 2017 General Studies (Paper I)

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 250

### QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

**Please read each or the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.**

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

All questions are compulsory

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

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.

**Answers to Questions No. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Questions No. 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 must be clearly struck off.

1. How do you justify the view that the level of excellence of the Gupta numismatic art is not at all noticeable in later times? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
2. Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
3. Why did the 'Moderates' fail to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
4. What problems were germane to the decolonization process in the Malay Peninsula? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
5. How does the Juno Mission of NASA help to understand the origin and evolution of the Earth? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
6. "In spite of adverse environmental impact, coal mining is still inevitable for development". Discuss. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
7. Mention the advantages of the cultivation of pulses because of which the year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses by United Nations. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
8. How does the cryosphere affect global climate? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
9. In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that the regions form cultural units rather than the States? Give reasons with examples for your view point. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
10. What are the two major legal initiatives by the State since Independence addressing discrimination against Scheduled Tribes (STs)? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
11. The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times, but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate. (Answer in 250 Words) 15
12. Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (Answer in 250 Words) 15

13. Highlight the importance of new objective that got added to the vision of Indian independence since the twenties of the last century. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
14. Account for variations in oceanic salinity and discuss its multidimensional effects. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
15. Petroleum refineries are not necessarily located nearer to crude oil producing areas, particularly in many of the developing countries. Explain its implications. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
16. In what way can floods be converted into a sustainable source of irrigation and all-weather inland navigation in India? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
17. What characteristics can be assigned to monsoon climate that succeeds in feeding more than 50 percent of the world population residing in Monsoon Asia? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
18. The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What were the major issues and debates concerning women in that period? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
19. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
20. "The growth of cities as I.T. hubs has opened up new avenues of employment, but has also created new problems". Substantiate this statement with examples. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15

