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UPSC MAINS 2016 General Studies (Paper II)

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. Discuss the essentials of the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act and anomalies, if any, that have led to recent reported conflicts between the elected representatives and institution of Lieutenant Governor in the administration of Delhi. Do you think that this will give rise to a new trend in the functioning of the Indian Federal Politics? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
2. To what extent is Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, bearing marginal note "temporary provision with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir", temporary? Discuss the future prospects of this provision in the context of Indian polity. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
3. The Indian party system is passing through a phase of transition which looks to be full of contradictions and paradoxes." Discuss. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
4. Exercise of CAG's powers in relation to the accounts of the Union and the States is derived from Article 149 of the Indian Constitution. Discuss whether audit of the Government's policy implementation could amount to overstepping its own (CAG) jurisdiction. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
5. Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the 'Preamble'. Are they defensible in the present circumstances? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
6. What was held in the Coelho case? In this context, can you say that judicial review is of key importance amongst the basic features of the Constitution? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
7. Did the Government of India Act, 1935 lay down a federal constitution? Discuss. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
8. What is quasi judicial body? Explain with the help of concrete examples. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
9. Professor Amartya Sen has advocated important reforms in the realms of primary education and primary health care. What are your suggestions to improve their status and performance? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
10. "In the Indian governance system, the role of non-state actors has been only marginal." Critically examine this statement. (Answer in 150 Words) 10

11. “Effectiveness of the government system at various levels and people’s participation in the governance system are inter-dependent” Discuss their relationship in the context of India. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
12. In the integrity index of Transparency International, India stands very low. Discuss briefly the legal, political, social and cultural factors that have caused the decline of public morality in India. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
13. Has the Indian governmental system responded adequately to the demands of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization started in 1991? What can the government do to be responsive to this important change? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
14. “Traditional bureaucratic structure and culture have hampered the process of socio-economic development in India.” Comment. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
15. Examine the main provisions of the National Child Policy and throw light on the status of its implementation. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
16. “Demographic Dividend in India will remain only theoretical unless our manpower becomes more educated, aware, skilled and creative.” What measures have been taken by the government to enhance the capacity of our population to be more productive and employable? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
17. “The broader aims and objectives of WTO are to manage and promote international trade in the era of globalization. But the Doha round of negotiations seem doomed due to differences between the developed and the developing countries.” Discuss in the Indian perspective. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
18. Evaluate the economic and strategic dimensions of India’s Look East Policy in the context of the post Cold War international scenario. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
19. “Increasing cross-border terrorist attacks in India and growing interference in the internal affairs of several member-states by Pakistan are not conducive for the future of SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation).” Explain with suitable examples. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
20. What are the aims and objectives of the McBride Commission of the UNESCO? What is India’s position on these? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15