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## UPSC MAINS 2016 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) Bc»klet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorizaj 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. Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
2. Krishnadeva Raya, the King of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
3. Explain how the uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
4. Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
5. Highlight the difference in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
6. Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity? (Answer in 150 Words) 10
7. The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans. Examine. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
8. To what extent globalisation has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
9. "An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
10. Why are the tribals in India referred to as 'the Scheduled Tribes'? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment. (Answer in 150 Words) 10
11. With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme.' (Answer in 250 Words) 15
12. What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional

- basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
13. Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
14. “The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides.” Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
15. The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
16. South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
17. Major cities of India are becoming vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
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19. Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
20. In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15

