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UPSC MAINS 2013 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-FIVE** questions printed in HINDI and in ENGLISH.

All questions are compulsory

The number of marks carried by a question 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 authorizaj one.

Word limit in questions, wehrever specified, should be adhered to.

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

Answer questions in NOT MORE than the word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length.

1. Though not very useful from the point of view of a connected political history of South India, the Sangam literature portrays the social and economic conditions of its time with remarkable vividness. Comment. (200 words) 10
2. (a) Discuss the 'Tandava' dance as recorded in early Indian inscriptions. (100 words) 5
(b) Chola architecture represents a high watermark in the evolution of temple architecture. Discuss. (100 words) 5
3. Defying the barriers of age, gender and religion, the Indian women became the torch-bearer during the struggle for freedom in India. Discuss. (200 words) 10
4. Several foreigners made India their homeland and participated in various movements. Analyze their role in the Indian struggle for freedom. (200 words) 10
5. "In many ways, Lord Dalhousie was the founder of modern India." Elaborate. (200 word) 10
6. Critically discuss the objectives of Bhoodan and Gramdan Movements initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave and their success. (200 words) 10
7. Write a critical note on the evolution and significance of the slogan, 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'. (200 words) 10
8. Discuss the contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to pre- and post- independent India. (200 words) 10
9. Analyze the circumstances that led to the Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the Agreement. (200 words) 10
10. Critically examine the compulsions which prompted India to play a decisive role in the emergence of Bangladesh. (200 words) 10
11. "Latecomer' Industrial Revolution in Japan involved certain factors that were arkedly different from what

- West had experienced.” Analyze. (200 words) 10
12. “Africa was chopped into States artificially created by accidents of European competition.” Analyze. (200 words) 10
13. “American Revolution was an economic revolt against mercantilism.” Substantiate. (200 words) 10
14. What policy instruments were deployed to contain the Great Economic Depression? (200 words) 10
15. Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of urbanization in India. (200 words) 10
16. “Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women’s organization free from gender bias.” Comment. (200 words) 10
17. Critically examine the effect of globalization on the aged population in India (200 words) 10
18. Growing feeling of regionalism is an important factor in generation of demand for a separate State. Discuss. (200 words)
19. (a) What do you understand by the theory of ‘continental drift’? Discuss the prominent evidences in its support. (100 words)
- (b) The recent cyclone on east coast of India was called ‘Phailin’. How are the tropical cyclones named across the world? Elaborate. (100 words) 5
20. (a) Bring out the causes for the formation of heat islands in the urban habitat of the world. (100 words) 5
- (b) What do you understand by the phenomenon of ‘temperature inversion’ in meteorology? How does it affect weather and the habitants of the place? (100 words) 5
21. Major hot deserts in northern hemisphere are located between 20-30 deg N latitudes and on the western side of the continents. Why? (200 words) 10
22. (a) Bring out the causes for more frequent occurrence of landslides in the Himalayas than in the Western Ghats. (100 words) 5
- (b) There is no formation of deltas by rivers of the Western Ghats. Why? (100 words) 5
23. (a) Do you agree that there is a growing trend of opening new sugar mills in southern States of India? Discuss with justification. (100 words) 5
- (b) Analyze the factors for the highly decentralized cotton textile industry in India. (100 words) 5
24. With growing scarcity of fossil fuels, the atomic energy is gaining more and more significance in India. Discuss the availability of raw material required for the generation of atomic energy in India and in the world. (200 words) 10
25. It is said that India has substantial reserves of shale oil and gas, which can feed the needs of the country for quarter century. However, tapping of the resource does not appear to be high on the agenda. Discuss critically the availability and issues involved. (200 words) 10