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UPSC MAINS 2016 General Studies (Paper III)

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 (QCA) Booklet must be clearly struck off.

1. How globalization has led to the reduction of employment in the formal sector of the Indian economy? Is increased informalization detrimental to the development of the country? *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
2. Women empowerment in India needs gender budgeting. What are the requirements and status of gender budgeting in the Indian context? *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
3. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is necessary for bringing unbanked to the institutional finance fold. Do you agree with this for financial inclusion of the poor section of the Indian society? Give arguments to justify your opinion. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
4. What are 'Smart Cities'? Examine their relevance for urban development in India. Will it increase rural-urban differences? Give arguments for 'Smart Villages' in the light of PURA and RURBAN Mission. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
5. Justify the need for FDI for the development of the Indian economy. Why there is gap between MoUs signed and actual FDIs? Suggest remedial steps to be taken for increasing actual FDIs in India. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
6. Comment on the challenges for inclusive growth which include careless and useless manpower in the Indian context. Suggest measures to be taken for facing these challenges. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
7. What is water-use efficiency? Describe the role of micro-irrigation in increasing the water-use efficiency. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
8. What is allelopathy? Discuss its role in major cropping systems of irrigated agriculture. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
9. Discuss the role of land reforms in agricultural development identify the factors that were responsible for the success of land reforms in India. *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
10. Given the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to vagaries of nature, discuss the need for crop insurance and

- bring out the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). *(Answer in 150 Words)* 10
11. Give an account of the current status and the targets to be achieved pertaining to renewable energy sources in the country. Discuss in brief the importance of National Programme on Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs). *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 12. Discuss India's achievements in the field of Space Science and Technology. How the application of this technology has helped India in its socio-economic development? *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 13. Why is nanotechnology one of the key technologies of the 21st century? Describe the salient features of Indian Government's Mission on Nanoscience and Technology and the scope of its application in the development process of the country *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 14. Rehabilitation of human settlements is one of the important environmental impacts which always attracts controversy while planning major projects. Discuss the measures suggested for mitigation of this impact while proposing major developmental projects. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 15. The frequency of urban floods due to high intensity rainfall is increasing over the years. Discussing the reasons for urban floods, highlight the mechanisms for preparedness to reduce the risk during such events. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 16. With reference to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) guidelines, discuss the measures to be adopted to mitigate the impact of recent incidents of cloudbursts in many places of Uttarakhand. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 17. The terms 'Hot Pursuit' and 'Surgical Strikes' are often used in connection with armed action against terrorist attacks. Discuss the strategic impact of such actions. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 18. 'Terrorism is emerging as a competitive industry over the last few decades.' Analyse the above statement. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 19. Border management is a complex task due to difficult terrain and hostile relations with some countries. Elucidate the challenges and strategies for effective border management. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15
 20. Use of internet and social media by non-state actors for subversive activities is a major security concern. How have these been misused in the recent past? Suggest effective guidelines to curb the above threat. *(Answer in 250 Words)* 15