

GENERAL STUDIES

910

PAPER—I

Time Allowed : Three hours

Maximum Marks : 300

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 200 words : 30
  - (a) What are the new methods adopted by Mahatma Gandhi during India's Freedom Movement which were never tried by any leader in any country?
  - (b) From business and trade interests of a company, called 'East India Company', the British Empire annexed India into its fold. What are the main reasons for India's failure to stop this silent invasion?
  
2. Write briefly in about 150 words each on any *two* of the topics given below : 20×2=40
  - (a) Basic objectives of the proposed Lokpal Bill
  - (b) Globalization and its impact on traditional Indian societies
  - (c) Economic policies of India after 1991
  
3. Write in brief, in about 30 words each, on any *five* of the following topics related to the Indian Constitution and democratic system : 4×5=20
  - (a) Checks and balances
  - (b) Judicial review
  - (c) Extradition
  - (d) Filibustering
  - (e) Floor crossing
  - (f) Proportional representation
  - (g) No-confidence motion

4. Explain any *two* of the following statements in about 100 words each : 25×2=50

- (a) Corruption is a blot in the growth process of India.
- (b) India must adopt and expand its nuclear power facilities to ensure future energy security.
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi is still relevant in India.

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following topics in about 50 words each : 5×5=25

- (a) Swami Vivekananda as an inspiration for the youth of India
- (b) Reforms and Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- (c) Total Revolution proposed by Jai Prakash Narayan
- (d) Role of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in India's Freedom Struggle
- (e) Science and Technology Movement initiated by Pandit Nehru as the first Prime Minister
- (f) Babasaheb Ambedkar and our Constitution

6. Write the basic differences between the following in about 50 words each (any *four*) : 10×4=40

- (a) Lokpal Bill and Jan Lokpal Bill
- (b) Eastern Himalayan region and Western Himalayan region
- (c) Genetically modified crops and Organic crops
- (d) Greenhouse effect and Ozone layer depletion
- (e) National Defence Academy (NDA) and Indian Military Academy (IMA)

7. Provide to-the-point answers in about 20 words each : 3×5=15
- (a) How do we elect the President of India?
  - (b) What do you mean by 'Navaratna Companies'?
  - (c) Which dam changed the agriculture and power scenario of Punjab and how?
  - (d) Which refinery is posing threat to the Taj Mahal and in what way?
  - (e) Do you support the RTI (Right to Information) Act? Explain.
8. Write an essay on any one of the following topics within 250 words : 30
- (a) Role and status of women in Indian society
  - (b) Success of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) in universalisation of elementary education
9. Do you agree with the statements given below? Explain your answer in 100 words each with justification of your opinion : 10×3=30
- (a) Cricket is the religion in India with highest level of unity and sentiment.
  - (b) With every developmental activity there is bound to be some environmental degradation.
  - (c) Under present type of coalition government at the centre, the ruling party and the cabinet cannot take bold decisions.
10. Write in brief, in about 50 words each, on the topics given below : 5×4=20
- (a) Contribution of Manipur to Indian Sports
  - (b) Unique floating habitats in the Loktak Lake
  - (c) Significance of Moirang and INA in our Freedom Movement
  - (d) Salient features of Manipuri Dance and Drama in the national context

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