

PSC-MA-CSCCE-22-II**2025****PAPER—II****GENERAL STUDIES—I**

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 250

Notes : (i) **All** questions are compulsory.

(ii) Answers to Questions carrying **10** marks should be in **150** words each, whereas answers to Questions carrying **15** marks should be in **250** words each.

1. Trace the evolution of any two major Indian classical dance forms from their ancient origins to their contemporary expressions, highlighting key stylistic changes, patronage and thematic shifts. (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. Examine the role of ancient Indian literature, such as the Vedas and epics, in shaping Indian philosophical and cultural thought. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. Evaluate the impact of the 1857 Revolt on British policies in India. (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Discuss the role of Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army in the freedom struggle. (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Discuss the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the political integration of Princely States after independence. How did his approach shape modern India's unity? (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Analyze the linguistic reorganization of States in post-independent India. What were its primary objectives and what challenges did it pose to national unity? (Answer in 150 words) 10



7. Compare the ideas of communism and capitalism. How did these competing ideologies influence global politics in the 20th century?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Women's organizations have played a pivotal role in addressing gender inequality in India. Briefly discuss their impact on social reforms and policy-making.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
9. Globalization has often been credited with accelerating India's economic growth. Discuss the positive impacts of globalization on the Indian economy and the lives of its citizens.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
10. What are plate tectonics and how do they contribute to the formation of major landforms on Earth? Illustrate with suitable examples.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
11. Explain the origin and characteristics of major deserts across the world. What factors contribute to their formations and expansion in recent times?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
12. Analyze the global distribution of water resources and the challenges of equitable access. How does South Asia fare in terms of availability and usage?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
13. "Earthquakes and volcanic activity are both outcomes of plate tectonics, but their effects on human settlements differ greatly". Analyze this statement with global examples.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
14. Analyze the impact of colonialism and the Freedom Movement on Indian art, literature and cultural expression. How did modern India find its voice?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
15. Critically analyze the role of Indian National Congress from its formation till independence. How did its character evolve over the decades?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
16. Examine how contributions from different regions of India—Punjab, West Bengal, Maharashtra and the South, shaped the National Movement.
(Answer in 250 words) 15

- 17.** World War I and World War II redrew not just boundaries, but also the very ideas of nationhood and sovereignty. Discuss how these global conflicts reshaped the modern world order. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- 18.** Discuss how the diversity of India, in terms of religion, language and ethnicity, serves both as a strength and as a challenge for national integration. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- 19.** Population growth, poverty and underdevelopment form a vicious cycle in India. Analyze the interlinkages and suggest an integrated policy approach to tackle these issues. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- 20.** Examine how globalization has affected family structures, gender roles and value systems in Indian society. Has it led to modernization or cultural dilution? (Answer in 250 words) 15

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK



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