

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

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. What are India's key policy initiatives towards its diaspora and why has the diaspora become increasingly important in recent years?
(Answer in *150* words) 10
2. Identify any two key elements of India's foreign policy since 2014 and explain how they are linked to the country's economic interests and domestic concerns.
(Answer in *150* words) 10
3. What is India's 'Look East' Policy and how has the 'Act East' Policy advanced India's strategic and economic interests in Southeast Asia?
(Answer in *250* words) 15
4. How has India's foreign policy evolved from an idealistic approach to a more pragmatic stance since Independence?
(Answer in *250* words) 15
5. What are the benefits and challenges of using information technology for social welfare delivery?
(Answer in *150* words) 10
6. What is the National Multidimensional Poverty Index and what insights does it provide about poverty in India?
(Answer in *150* words) 10
7. What is the Ayushman Bharat Scheme and how is the principle of cooperative federalism incorporated into its design and implementation?
(Answer in *250* words) 15
8. What are Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and what role have they played in supporting the implementation of various development schemes by the Government of India?
(Answer in *250* words) 15

9. What are the salient features of the Fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
10. What are the key challenges related to functions, finance and functionaries in Local Self-Governments in India?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
11. What is judicial activism and why is it often regarded as a necessary evil?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
12. How does the NITI Aayog differ from the former Planning Commission and in what ways has it infused new energy into India's developmental agenda?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
13. What is the Finance Commission of India and what are its powers and functions?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
14. Spell out the role and functions of the Election Commission of India. What recent initiatives has it undertaken?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
15. What are the main provisions of India's Anti-Defection Law and what are the key criticisms raised against it?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
16. What were the key tensions that the debates within the Constituent Assembly underlined regarding the Right to Property in the Indian Constitution?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
17. Write a note on the "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" Scheme, highlighting its key objectives and focus on the welfare of the girl child. (Answer in 150 words) 10
18. What is the "Chief Minister's Shotharabasingi Tengbang" scheme and how does it benefit the people in Manipur?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
19. How has the Central Government promoted entrepreneurial spirit in India in recent years?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
20. How does the 'Startup Manipur' program aim to contribute to a sustainable economic growth culture in the State?
(Answer in 250 words) 15

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