

IAS Mains General Studies 1996

Paper I

Section I

1. What were the reasons that changed Gandhiji's attitude of responsive cooperation to non-cooperation in 1920? What were its consequences (35)? OR The policies of the British Indian Government during 1858 – 1905 were aimed at preventing another revolt of the masses. Elucidate (About 250 words).
2. Answer any two of the following: (15 × 2 = 30)
 - a. Bengal was partitioned in 1905 not for administrative reasons but for political purposes. Elucidate.
 - b. What was the Masterly Inactivity Policy? Why was it abandoned?
 - c. What was the Macdonald Award? How was it modified (About 150 words each)?
3. Answer any three of the following: (10 × 3 = 30)
 - a. What was Tilak's contribution towards shaping the course of the nationalist movement in India?
 - b. Why has Nehru in his Autobiography been so critical of the liberals?
 - c. What was the role of the states people's movement in the integration of Indian states?
 - d. Tagore's emphasis on internationalism and humanism was ahead of his times. Explain (About 75 words each).
4. Answer the following questions
 - a. Write about the chief features of the following (2 × 15 = 30)
 - i. Town Planning in Indus Valley Civilization
 - ii. Rock cut Cave Architecture
 - iii. Ahmadiya Movement
 - iv. Mahayan Buddhism
 - b. What do you know about the following:
 - i. Butler Committee Report
 - ii. August Offer, 1940
 - iii. Theosophical Society of India
 - c. With which events are the following places associated?
 - i. Haripura
 - ii. Chauri chaura
 - iii. Bardoli
 - iv. Dandi
 - d. Why have the following been famous?
 - i. Bhartendu Harish Chandra
 - ii. C Rajagopalachari
 - iii. A O Hume
 - iv. Birsa Munda

Section II

1. Indicate the principal issues that dominated the political debate in the presidential elections of 1996 in Russia. OR How has the Taiwan issue influenced US-China relations during the last one year (About 250 words)?
2. Attempt any three of the following: (About 100 words on each) (10 × 3 = 30)
 - a. Write a note on the political developments in Afghanistan during the last one year.
 - b. Briefly describe the main achievements of Habitat II Conference in Istanbul.
 - c. What are the issues involved in solving the problem of refugees from Bhutan?
 - d. What is meant by 'Judicial Activism' Evaluate its role in reducing corruption in public life.
3. Attempt any five of the following: (About 50 words on each) (6 × 5 = 30)
 - a. Discuss the impact of change of government in Israel on the West Asia peace process.
 - b. What measures would you suggest to make Human Rights effective and operative?
 - c. Evaluate the significance of Supreme Court judgement on the Income Tax Returns of political parties.

- d. Discuss the developments which led to the setting up of a caretaker government in Bangladesh.
- e. Write a note on National Literacy Mission.
- f. The recent elections in India seem to necessitate a change in the style of governance. Explain.
- g. On what issues had Sunderlal Bahuguna been lately resorting to fasts?

4. Answer the following questions

- a. Who are the following? Why have they been in the news?

- i. Mesut Yilmaz
- ii. N C Mehta
- iii. Ron Brown
- iv. Anil Kakodkar

- b. With which games are the following associated

- i. Basalat Jha Trophy
- ii. Rothmans Cup
- iii. Ryder Cup

- c. Name of author of the following books:

- i. Gita Rahasya
- ii. of Human Bondage
- iii. Geet Govind

- d. Answer these

- i. Where was the joint Indo-US Naval exercise held recently. What was its code name?
- ii. Who was judged the best actress at the 43rd National Film Award in 1996 and for which film?
- iii. Who was the recipient of Dada Saheb Phalke Award in 1995?
- iv. Which state won the Ranji Trophy in 1996?
- v. Which country won the Wills World Cup Trophy in 1996?

Section III

1. Represent the following data in a tabular form: 'o men, of whom 700 were graduates and 982 women, of whom 590 were non-graduates, participated in an opinion poll about a certain measure. Among the 1407 persons who voted for the measure there were 840 men of whom 392 were graduates. In all, 951 persons voted against the measure which included 205 male graduates and 126 female non-graduates. 207 women were 'indifferent' (neither for nor against the measure) of whom 100 were graduates. 12

2. Answer the following questions

- a. The following pie-diagram represents the relative shares of various sectors of development A, B, C, D, E and F in a country, under a five year plan. Calculate the relative percentages of shares in A, B, C, D, E and F showing all the respective angles. If the total plan outlay is Rs. 16000 crores, calculate the respective values of the shares in all the sectors individually? Present the calculated figures in a tabular form. 8
- b. A train covered a distance of 500 kms four times, the first time at a speed of 50 km/hr, the second time at 20 km/hr, the third time at 40 km/hr and the fourth time at 25 km/hr. Calculate the average speed of the train. 4

3. Answer the following questions

- a. Mention, in each of the following cases, the most appropriate diagram to represent the data:

- i. The number of accidents on a given road between two locations during each of last 100 days.
- ii. The number of male and female students in a college during each of last six years.
- iii. The distribution of expenditure of a bank under different heads in a year.
- iv. The number of students securing marks in the ranges: 40 – 50, 50 – 60, 60 – 70, 70 – 80, 80 – 90 and 90 – 100

- b. The following table shows the percentages of total populations in various age groups:

Age group (in years)	Age Group 0 – 10	Age Group 11 – 20	Age Group 21 – 30	Age Group 31 – 40	Age Group 41 – 50	Age Group 51 – 60	Age Group 61 – 70	Age Group 71 – 80	Age Group 81 – 90
Percentage	23.00	18.65	16.35	15.00	11.95	6.05	5.00	3.15	0.85

If there were 290 million people aged upto 30 years, calculate the population in the following age groups:

- i. 31 – 60 years
- ii. more than 70 years 8

4. Answer the following questions

a. State whether the following statements are true or false. Give reasons for your answer.

- i. The average depth of a river is 4 feet during summer. If the average height of members of a family is 4.5 feet, all the members can safely cross the river on foot.
- ii. Television programmes have been very popular since 80% of those who have contacted the station director have praised the programmes.
- iii. It is known statistically that the proportion of rainy days in the month of June is $\frac{2}{5}$. In one particular year, it rained on 12. Days in the first fortnight. It can be predicted that it will not at all during the rest of the month. 6

b. An enquiry into the budgets of the middle-class families in a city gave the following information:

Items	Food	Rent	Clothing	Fuel	Miscellaneous
Percentage expenses	Percent = 29%	Percent = 15%	Percent = 25%	Percent = 10%	Percent = 21%
Prices (1975)	Prices = 145	Prices = 30	Prices = 75	Prices = 25	Prices = 42
Prices (1982)	Prices = 150	Prices = 30	Prices = 66	Prices = 20	Prices = 52

c. What changes in cost of living figures of 1982 as compared to that of 1975 are seen? Calculate the figures.