

IAS Mains General Studies 1997

Paper II

Section I

1. Answer the following questions

- a. How are the President and the Vice President of India elected? What are the constitutional issues involved in their election (About 250 words)? OR
- b. What is Social Justice? How can reservation of seats for women in Parliament contribute to the establishment of a socially just society in India (About 250 words)?

2. Answer the following questions

- a. 20th century was century of oil, 21st century would be the century of natural gas. Comment. OR
- b. Give your assessment on land reforms in India (About 250 words).

3. Answer the following questions

- a. Why is Agni Project important for India? OR
- b. How has India's Nuclear Programme contributed to the economic and defence requirements of the country (About 250 words)?

Section II

1. Answer any two of the following: (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words)

- a. Present your views for and against the creation of an All India Judicial Service.
- b. Discuss the factors responsible for the rise of regionalism in India. How does it influence the political system?
- c. What, according to the Supreme Court, constituted The Basic Features which it upheld in cases known as
 - i. Keshavanand Bharati v/s State of Kerala (1990)
 - ii. Minerva Mills v/s Union of India (1990)
- d. How does the Parliament control the financial system in India?

2. Answer any two of the following: (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words)

- a. Discuss the steps taken by the government in recent years to control inflation.
- b. What measures has the government taken to make women economically independent and self-reliant during the last decade?
- c. Examine the important changes in India's Industrial Policy since the year 1991.
- d. Discuss the advantages of Alternative Scheme of Devolution suggested by Tenth Finance

Commission of India.

3. Answer any two of the following: (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words)
- Discuss the origin of Monsoon in India.
 - What measures has the Government of India taken for the development of Tribal areas in India?
 - Why is there a demand for making Uttarakhand a Separate Hill State in India?
 - Why has the Narmada River Valley Project attracted the attention of the common people?
4. Answer any two of the following: (Answer to each question should be in about 150 words)
- What is cryogenic engine? Explain its importance to our country.
 - What is Madcow disease?
 - What are fullerenes? Why are they important?
 - What is Polio? Name its few features and how it can be prevented.

Section III

1. Answer four from Group A, three from Group B and three from Group C (Answer to each question should be in about 25 words).
- Group A
 - Why was HODVAT Scheme introduced in the year 1986?
 - Why was the rationale for 'Mid-day Meal' Scheme?
 - How has the Census (1991) defined the Urban Areas?
 - Describe the use of 'Command Area Development' in India.
 - What are the objectives of Social Forestry?
 - What are the main objective of Ninth Five Year Plan?
 - Group B
 - What do Rule 184 and 193 in Parliamentary Procedure signify?
 - What is meant by Gujral Doctrine? Write its specific principles.
 - Give a brief account of CMP (Common Minimum Programme) of the united Front Government at the Centre.
 - Write any four fundamental duties prescribed in the Constitution of India.
 - What specific provisions exists in the Constitution of India about child labour?
 - What is Article 356 in the Indian Constitution? Comment.
 - Group C
 - What is the safe level of noise for the human ear? Give the noise level of electric bell.
 - What is the difference between a comet and a meteor?

iii. What is E-mail?

iv. What do the following stand for?

i. TIFR

ii. GRDO

iii. NEERI

v. What is tissue culture?

vi. What are Quasars?