IAS Mains General Studies 2002

Paper 1

1. Answer any one of the following (250 words): 30

    a. What was the Butler Committee Report? Discuss the reactions on the report in India

    b. Why did Jinnah reject C R Formula?

2. Answer any two of the following (about 150 words): 2 × 15 = 30

    a. Trace the growth of the Indian Home Rule Movement in Britain.

    b. Evaluate the attitudes of different political parties towards Quit India Movement.

    c. Review the 'Dickie Bird Plan'

3. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): 15 × 2 = 30

    i. Anandmath

    ii. Bismillah Khan

    iii. Chris Evert

    iv. Chamber of Princes

    v. Dharma Sabha

    vi. Divide et impera

    vii. Dandi March

    viii. Garry Kasparov

    ix. Keshab Chandra Sen

    x. Nivedita

    xi. Pele

    xii. Raidasa

    xiii. Satyagraha

    xiv. Steffi Graf

    xv. Theodore Beck

4. Answer any two of the following (about 125 words): 2 × 10 = 20

    a. Given an account of the tea plantations of Assam and West Bengal and state the economic significance of these plantations

    b. Discuss the distribution of winds and rainfall over India in the summer monsoon season.

    c. Define the concept of 'growth centres' and evaluate its relevance in regional planning in India

5. Write short notes on the following (about 20 words): 5 × 2 = 10

i. Name of main petroleum producing areas in India

ii. Jhum cultivation-process and consequences

iii. Kaziranga National Park

iv. Census definition of urban places

v. Khetri Copper Project

6. Answer any one of the following (about 250 words): 30

   a. The issue of a hung Parliament adversely affects the stability of Indian Government. Discuss the statement and point out how far changing over to the Presidential form of govt. Will be a solution to this problem.

   b. Why does the Constitution of India provide different forms of Oaths for the President, the Ministers, the legislators and the members of the judiciary? Discuss their significance.

7. Answer any one of the following (about 250 words): 30

   a. What is the position of the Supreme Court under the Constitution of India? How far does it play its role as guardian of the Constitution?

   b. How is the Constitution of India amended? Do you think that the procedure for amendment makes the Constitution a play-thing in the hands of the Centre?

8. Answer any two of the following (about 150 words): 2 × 15 = 30

   a. Discuss the constitutional provisions relating to the non-justiciable directives binding upon the states.

   b. Describe the methods of delimiting constituencies for parliamentary elections in India.

   c. Explain the role of the Public Accounts Committee.

9. Answer the following (about 20 words): 5 × 2 = 10

   i. What is the import of the 84th Amendment of the Indian Constitution?

   ii. Under what Article of the Constitution can the Union govt. Play its role in settling inter-state water disputes?

   iii. What is the role of the protem speaker?

   iv. What is meant by the 'lame-duck session' of the legislature?

   v. What is meant by the 'fringe areas' in the sphere of local govt. In India?

10. Write on any one of the following (250 words) 30

    a. What is the composition of the Electoral college for the election of the President of the Indian Republic? How is the value of the votes cast counted?

    b. Biotechnology boom may pave a golden path for India. Discuss.

11. Answer any two of the following (about 125 words): 2 × 10 = 20

a. What were the main strategic concerns of the Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri during her recent visit to India?

b. What is TRIFED? What are its objectives?

c. How was the dwindling of barbed variety of rice affected Siliguri-Bagdogra belt with respect to man-animal conflict?

12. Answer any two of the following (about 125 words): 2 × 10 = 20

a. What is Integrated Wastelands Development Programme?

b. Write briefly about the Desert Development Programme.

c. Write briefly about the Programmes for 'Welfare of the Disabled'

13. Write about the following (20 words): 5 × 2 = 10

i. Prof. B P Sinha

ii. Maj. Gen. S S Sharma

iii. Kondapalli Seetaramaiah

iv. Aung San Suu Kyi

v. Thalassery, Kerala