

IAS Mains General Studies 2003

Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 300

Instructions

Each Question is printed both in Hindi and in English. The answers must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued to you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer-book in the space provided for the purpose. No mark will be given for answers written in a medium other than that specified in the Admission Certificate. Candidates should attempt ALL questions strictly in accordance with the instructions given under each question. The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

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1. Answer any one of the following: (about 250 words) 30 Marks
 - a. The reforms of 1909 introduced a cardinal problem and ground of controversy at every revision of the Indian electoral system. Comment.
 - b. Discuss the problem that impeded the integration of the princely states into the Indian Union. How were these problems tackled?
2. Answer any two of the following: (about 150 words) 2 X15 = 30 Marks
 - a. 'The mainstay of Mahatma Gandhi's movements was the rural India.' Elucidate.
 - b. Discuss the character of major tribal uprisings in British India in the nineteenth Century.
 - c. Bring out the ideological basis of the Moderate-Extremist divide in the Indian National Congress.
3. Answer the following: (about 20 words) 15X2 = 30 Marks
 - a. Arthasastra
 - b. Saranath Pillar
 - c. The Jatiya Sarkar of Tamluk
 - d. Punnapra-Vayalar
 - e. Sajjad Zahir
 - f. Al-Hilal
 - g. Har Dayal
 - h. Khudai Khidmatgar
 - i. Mahayana Cult
 - j. W W Hunter
 - k. Indu Lal Yajnik

- l. Achhut Patwardhan
- m. Sir William Jones
- n. James Wilson
- o. Ghulam-giri.

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

- a. Describe the major characteristics of the rivers of Peninsular India.
- b. Account for the very high concentration of salt extraction industries in the Saurashtra and South Tamilnadu Coast.
- c. State the four distinctive stages of Indian Demographic history.

5. write short notes on the following (about 20 words) $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a. Define Terai Region.
- b. Mention the areas of Shola forests in India.
- c. Who are the Todas and where do they live?
- d. Name any four principal languages of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- e. What is MRTS? Where it is in operation?

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

- a. Discuss the question of death sentence and Presidential clemency.
- b. Explain the discretionary powers of the Governor of a State.

7. Answer any two of the following: (about 150 words) $2 \times 15 = 30$

- a. Highlight the significance of Forty Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of India
- b. Identify the major Fundamental Duties
- c. Explain the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the federal set up of Indian Parliamentary System.

8. Answer the following: (about 20 words) $2 \times 5 = 10$

- a. What is a point of order? When can it be raised?
- b. What is a Privilege Motion?
- c. State the difference between Council of Ministers and the Cabinet.
- d. How is the Vice President of India elected?
- e. What is meant by 'sine-die' adjournment?

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

- a. Discuss the steps taken by Government to check child labour and promote child welfare.
- b. Suggest measures for the eradication of wide spread corruption in Public Life in India.

10. Answer any two of the following: (about 125 words) 2 X10 = 20

- a. The issue of gender equality in India.
- b. Natural Heritage and Cultural Heritage.
- c. Identify the types of disabilities.

11. Answer any two of the following: (about 125 words) 2 X10 = 20

- a. What are the distinctive features of the Lokpal Bill introduced in the Parliament this year?
- b. What is the Prime Minister's Five-Point agenda for India's development as a Knowledge Society?
- c. What are the preconditions for the growth of Civil Society? Is Indian democracy conducive to it?

12. Write about the following (about 20 words) 5X2 = 10

- a. Anthrax
- b. Radiation and its effects
- c. The Statue of Liberty
- d. George Walker Bush
- e. Genome.