



Previous Years Question Paper (2010 - 2007)



GENERAL STUDIES (Main 2010) Paper - I

1. Answer the following (in about 250 words for each answer): $20 \times 2 = 40$
 - (a) "Disputes between the riparian states on sharing of river waters in post-Independence India are becoming increasingly complex" Objectively analyse the major disputes in this connection, with special reference to the southern states
 - (b) Critically examine the differing estimates for (i) poverty figures, and (ii) GDP growth data for April-June 2010, that have been in the news recently. In your view, what estimates are more reflective of the ground reality and why ?
2. Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each : $12 \times 2 = 24$
 - (a) "Dalhousie's predecessors had acted on general principles of avoiding annexations' if these could be avoided. Dalhousie acted on principles of annexation if he could do so legitimately. His annexations were both of war and peace." Analyse.
 - (b) With respect to cooperative Societies, what are the salient features of the 106th and 111th Constitutional Amendment Bill as at present ?
 - (c) "Small-holder farms need to be strengthened to achieve national food security" Do you agree with this assessment? Substantiate.
3. Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each: $12 \times 2 = 24$
 - (a) Comment on the spatial components in urban solid waste management in the country.
 - (b) Assess the contributions made by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in agricultural development.
 - (c) List the significant local storms of the hot- weather season in the country and bring out their socio-economic impact.
4. Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each: $12 \times 2 = 24$
 - (a) What are the grounds of disqualification of a Member of Parliament from either House ? Quote relevant provisions in your answer.
 - (b) Distinguish between the objectives, structure and functioning of the 'Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan' and the 'Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti'.
 - (c) Bring out the salient features of the evolution and the current status of the 'Bharat Stage' vehicle emission norms in the country.
5. Write brief but precise notes on any six of the following. Your answer should not exceed 50 words in each case. : $5 \times 6 = 30$
 - (a) Transhumance in India
 - (b) Frontogenesis and Frontolysis
 - (c) Golden Revolution
 - (d) Sea-floor spreading
 - (e) Legislative powers assigned to the Rajya Sabha under Art. 249 and Art. 312 of the Constitution.
 - (f) Causes for dominant dendritic pattern of drainage in the Gangetic plains.
 - (g) 'Break-of-bulk' towns.
6. Answer any three of the following in about 150 words each : $12 \times 3 = 36$
 - (a) While bringing out their salient features, distinguish between either 'Madhubani' Art and ' Manjusha' Art or 'Rajasthani' Schools

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- of painting and the 'Pahari' school of painting.
- (b) Bring out the powers and responsibilities attached to the office of the speaker of the Lok Sabha.
- (c) Distinguish between the following four literary awards:
- Janapith Award.
 - Sahitya Akademi Award.
 - Vyas Samman.
 - Saraswati Samman.
- (d) After the September 1st changes, do you think that Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs) and Mutual funds (MFs) are on a level playing field? Substantiate your answer from the perspective of an ordinary investor.
7. Answer any five of the following in about 150 words each : $12 \times 5 = 60$
- (a) What do you understand by 'repo rate' and 'reverse repo rate' What are the implications in raising these rates?
- (b) "Cost-benefit analysis should not be the sole consideration while deciding the host events like the Commonwealth Game" Critically comment on this perspective.
- (c) List any eight 'Ramsar' wetland sites located in India. What is the 'Montreux Record' and what Indian sites are included in this Record?
- (d) Are the 'Dedicated Freight corridor' railway project and the 'Golden Quadrilateral' road project mutually complementary or competitive? Assess.
- (e) "Upliftment of the neglected sections of society will be best served with many more centres of the Indira Gandhi National University." Expand on the assertion made.
- (f) Comment on the salient features of the recent draft Model Real Estate (Regulation of Development) Act of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation of the Central Government.
8. Answer each of the following briefly but precisely. Each answer should be less than 50 words : $5 \times 6 = 30$
- (a) How is disagreement between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of a State in passing of an ordinary Bill, resolved?
- (b) Comment on the recent HFC-23 emissions controversy that includes in its ambit some Indian companies.
- (c) Comment on the recommendations of the Wadhawa Commission the Public Distribution System.
- (d) What are the salient features of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan?
- (e) You arrive first at the scene where a bus accident has just occurred. What emergency measures should you immediately and safely adopt?
- (f) Bring out the sectoral and state-wise distribution patterns of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows into the country.
9. Write brief notes each of the following in about 20 words each : $2 \times 8 = 16$
- (a) Contributions of Latika Ghosh to the freedom struggle.
- (b) Bhai Maharaj Singh as a freedom fighter.
- (c) Chandrayan-II.
- (d) Agni-V.
- (e) Babli Project
- (f) 'Swavalamban' Scheme.
- (g) National Investment Fund.
- (h) 'Aerostat' Balloon.
10. Who are the following and why have they been in the news recently? (Each answer should not exceed 20 words) $2 \times 8 = 16$
- (a) Divya Ajith Kumar .
- (b) N.C. Saxena.
- (c) Islam A. Siddiqui.
- (d) Swarnalatha.
- (e) Nitin Nohria.
- (f) Deepak Mondal
- (g) Gaurav Singh Saini.
- (h) Upendra Limaye.

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Paper - II

1. Answer the following in not more than 250 words each: $20 \times 2 = 40$
 - a. Critically examine the implications of the disintegration of the Soviet Union on India's security and strategic perspectives. What further responses would you suggest in India's foreign policy to accommodate these implications
 - b. Evaluate India's approach towards meeting the country's growing energy demands. Compare the success of this approach with that of another Asian giant which has perhaps the fastest growing energy demand.
 2. Answer any four of the following in not more than 150 words each: $12 \times 4 = 48$
 - a. How far have Japan's principles of *Hikaku San Gensoku* impacted bilateral ties with India?
 - b. Assess the contributions of India Diaspora in the Caribbean.
 - c. Do you agree with the view that Israel is a 'Natural ally' of India ?
 - d. Bring out the FDI and employment implications of China being a manufacturing hub and India a services hub.
 - e. Have the Uruguay Round negotiations and the resultant Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement helped in resolving trade conflicts arising out of variations in different nations' IPR regimes ? Also list the steps taken by India to conform to TRIPS.
 - f. Examine the recent developments towards the solution of the Bangladesh-Myanmar maritime boundary dispute. What implications do these have for India ?
 3. Answer any right of the following in not more than 50 words each: $5 \times 8 = 40$
 - a. Compare and contrast the role of the IMF with that of the World Bank.
 - b. What are the major capacity-building and reconstruction projects being undertaken by India in Afghanistan ?
 - c. Bring out the significance of GDI and GEM as components of the UN's Human Development Report (HDR) Comment on India's relative ranking with regard to HDI and GDI.
 - d. What is 'Round Tripping' in the context of FDI inflow, and why has it been in the news recently in the case of India ?
 - e. Comment on the reason for the recent hike in visa processing fees for certain categories of US visas. What is the likely impact of this hike on India ?
 - f. In the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), distinguish between 'Annex I' and Annex II' countries.
 - g. Highlight the role of the India Peacekeeping contingent as part of MONUSCO.
 - h. List the salient features of the Riyadh declaration and the bilateral agreements between India and Saudi Arabia signed earlier this year.
 - i. Comment on the reasons for the recent economic crisis in the so-called 'PIFS' countries of Europe.
4. Answer any two of the following in not more than 150 words each: $12 \times 2 = 24$
 - a. Examine the opportunities for a lasting West Asia peace solution in the context of the 'historic' talks started in September 2010.
 - b. Has the February agreement between the Sudanese government and the justice and Equality Movement (JEM) been more successful in ending the strife in Darfur than the Abuja peace agreement of 2006 ? Evaluate.
 - c. Comment on the present status of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) What important issues' do you think' need to be taken up at the seventh review conference of the BWC scheduled for 2011 ?
 5. Answer any four of the following in not more than 150 words each: $12 \times 4 = 48$
 - a. Bring out the applications of computer models in studying climate changes' with special reference to the Community Earth System Model (CESM).

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- b.** What is phytoremediation ? Discuss its applications?
- c.** Explain and differentiate among 'Plasma' 'LCD' and 'LED' television technologies.
- d.** What is 'cloud computing' ? Bring out its essential features and list its advantages and limitations.
- e.** Discuss the applications of nanotechnology in the health care sector.
6. Comment on any three of the following in not more than 50 words each: $5 \times 3 = 15$
- a.** Rotterdam Convention.
- b.** The Maui Marmora incident
- c.** Significance of the Kampala declaration of the International Criminal court (ICC).
- d.** Trial chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and its recent verdict.
7. Comment on any six of the following in not more than 50 words each: $5 \times 6 = 30$
- a.** MRSA infection.
- b.** HRP-2M Chromate.
- c.** Maglev vehicles
- d.** Super absorbent.
- e.** Ginkgo balboa
- f.** CARTOSAT-2B
- g.** Various generations of mobile phone technology.
8. Who/What are the following and why have they been in the news recently ? (Your answer should be in a sentence or two only): $3 \times 8 = 24$
- a.** Craig Venter
- b.** Shah ran Amery
- c.** Wolfram Alpha
- d.** 'dream liner' aircraft.
- e.** Blue gene project
- f.** 'predator' aircraft.
- g.** 'Deepwater Horizon' incident
- h.** ACTN 3 gene.

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Paper - I

Section - 'A'

1. Critically analyse any two of two of the following statements with reference to the contexts in which they were made (in about 150 words each): (15 × 2 = 30)
 - (a) "Many Englishmen honestly consider themselves the trustees for India and yet to what a condition they have reduced our country.
 - (b) "The foreign power will be withdrawn but for me real freedom will come only when we free ourselves of the dominance of western way of living which have been ingrained in us."
 - (c) "Satan cannot enter till he finds a flaw..... A great ocean separates us educated few from the millions in our country.
2. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): (2 × 10 = 20)
 - (a) Kiang Nongbah
 - (b) Maski
 - (c) Govind Guru
 - (d) 'Brahmadeya'
 - (e) 'Egmore Faction'
 - (f) Haileybury College
 - (g) Ijara System
 - (h) Taji Mideren
 - (i) Gurudwara Reform Movement
 - (j) Marumakkathayam
3. Answer any four of the following (in about 150 words each): (15 × 4 = 60)
 - (a) Assess the significance of coastal regions in the economic development of India.
 - (b) Discuss the wetlands and their role in ecological conservation in India.
 - (c) Elaborate the steps taken by the Government for regionally differentiated approach to increase crop production and diversification in the country.
- (d) Bring out the significance of the various activities of the Indian Meteorological Department
- (e) Examine the status of urbanisation among the states in India and bring out spatial inequalities.
4. Write about the following (in about 30 words each): (3 × 10 = 30)
 - (a) 'bhuvan' website
 - (b) National Waterways
 - (c) Ultra Mega Power Projects
 - (d) NNRMS
 - (e) BSUP Scheme
 - (f) GAGAN Project
 - (g) Fruit Production in India
 - (h) Section 377 of IPC
 - (i) 'Whereabouts' clause of WADA
 - (j) Barren Island.
5. Attempt any two of the following (in about 100 words each): (10 × 2 = 20)
 - (a) Analyse India's achievements in the sports sector during 2008-09
 - (b) List the salient features of the important folk dances of either Central India or North Eastern India.
 - (c) What are the important similarities and difference between the Hindustani and the Carnatic styles of classical music?
6. Answer any two of the following (in about 150 words each): (15 × 2 = 30)
 - (a) What are your views on the features and impact of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005?
 - (b) Are the traditional determinants of voting behaviour in India changing? Examine in the context of the last General Elections.

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- (c) Examine corruption as a serious development challenge in Indian Polity.
7. Answer any two of the following (in about 150 words): $(15 \times 2 = 30)$
- (a) Mushrooming of Higher Educational Institutions was a matter of grave concern for Yaspal Committee. With reference to the relevant portion of that report give your views how to harmonise private investment and quality of education.
- (b) In the changing context government in the country, what should be the role of the UPSC?
- (c) In the context of recent incidents, suggest measures on how security of passengers and property can be improved over Indian Railways.
8. Answer any one of the following (in about 250 words): 30
- (a) Comment on the salient features of the Integrated Energy Policy recently approved by the Government and its implication of the energy security needs of the country.
- (b) How far has the impact of the global meltdown been reflected in the Economic Survey 2008-09? Identify some of the core areas given priority to neutralise the adverse effects of the global downturn.
9. Answer any two of the following (in about 150 words each): $(15 \times 2 = 30)$
- (a) Trace the significant steps in the evolution of Television in the country.
- (b) The last National Family Health Survey (NFHS) displayed a very dismal picture of nutrition as regards several indicators for average Indians. Highlight the salient aspects of this problem.
- (c) As we live in a plural society we need the greatest freedom to express our opinions even if others find it offensive'-Do you agree?
- Discuss with reference to some recent incidents in the Indian context.
10. Write on the following (in about 20 words each): $(2 \times 10 = 20)$
- (a) Significance of 26th November in the country's polity.
- (b) Desert National Park
- (c) Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra
- (d) Deep Joshi's recent achievement
- (e) Girmi Kamgar Union
- (f) Ayush-64
- (g) Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (RGVN)
- (h) Pocket Veto
- (j) PESA, 1996



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Paper - II

Section - 'A'

1. Write notes on any THREE of the following in about 150 words each: ($3 \times 15 = 45$)
 - (a) India's strategic interests in South Asia.
 - (b) China's 'peaceful rise' doctrine
 - (c) India-Russia Defence Ties
 - (d) India's 'soft' and 'hard' power strategy in Foreign Policy
2. Write brief notes on any FOUR of the following in about 50 words each: ($4 \times 5 = 20$)
 - (a) Nuclear Supply Group (NSG) and India.
 - (b) Your views on the recent "Gilgit-Baltistan Empowerment and Self-Governance Order 2009"
 - (c) Wakhan Corridor
 - (d) Nuclear Submarine 'Arihant'
 - (e) National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).
3. Comment on any TWO of the following in about 100 words each: ($2 \times 10 = 20$)
 - (a) India-USA as strategic partners
 - (b) Ethnic conflicts in South Asia
 - (c) 'NEPAD' and its objectives
4. Write on any TWO of the following in about 50 words each: ($2 \times 5 = 10$)
 - (a) Indo-Bhutan trade relations
 - (b) Sino-Myanmar relations
 - (c) Geopolitics and Geostrategy
5. Comment critically on any ONE of the following statement in not more than 200 words: 20
 - (a) "Foreign investment is far from being critical to India's economic growth."
 - (b) "The lesson of the current global financial crisis is that India should halt and may be even reverse financial liberalisation."
6. Answer any ONE of the following in about 200 words: 20
 - a) "In the WTO negotiations over the years of the DOHA Round, India appears to be diluting its stand on agriculture issues to pursue perceived gains in services." Critically examine this statement.
 - (b) Discuss the Indo-US knowledge initiative in Agriculture.
7. Answer any TWO of the following (each answer must not exceed 150 words): $2 \times 15 = 30$
 - (a) Evaluate the prospects for greater economic co-operation between India and China.
 - (b) Does India need the World Bank?
 - (c) Critically assess the recent Free Trade Agreement entered into by India with ASEAN.
8. Answer any THREE of the following (in about 150 words each): ($3 \times 15 = 45$)
 - (a) What do you understand by 'Biosignatures'? Discuss briefly.
 - (b) Write about Green Fluorescence Protein (GFP) and its applications.
 - (c) Define 'Bioinformatics'. How does it work? What are its major branches and applications?
 - (d) What is the 'Hubble Space Telescope? How many Servicing Missions (SMs) have been conducted for it?
9. Explain any FOUR of the following (in about 100 words each): ($4 \times 10 = 40$)
 - (a) DNA Finger Printing and its utility.
 - (b) What is 'Nanotech'? Give a brief account of its basic concepts, materials used and applications.
 - (c) What is "Graphene"? Mention at least three of its applications.
 - (d) Define 'optical frequency comb'. Suggest at least three applications.
 - (e) Why is tele-medicine important for country like India?
10. Write brief on any FIVE of the following (in about 30 words each): ($5 \times 3 = 15$)
 - (a) Artificial Sun
 - (b) Vegetable Gold'
 - (c) PFCs and liquid breathing
 - (d) The 'P-8A Poseidon'
 - (e) Biometric ATMs
 - (f) Extra Vehicular Activity (EVA)

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Paper - I

Section - 'A'

1. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each): $15 \times 2 = 30$
 - (a) "The emergence of new social classes in British India was the direct consequence of the establishment of new social economy, new state system, administrative machinery and Western education." Discuss.
 - (b) "British vision of India had no single coherent set of ideas. On the contrary, the ideas were shot through with contradictions and inconsistencies." Discuss.
 - (c) "Non-Cooperation Movement gave new direction and energy to the National Movement." Explain.
2. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): $2 \times 15 = 30$
 - (a) Laksmi Bai, Rani of Jhansi
 - (b) Ilbert Bill
 - (c) Lala Hara Dayal
 - (d) Vaikam Satyagraha
 - (e) Indian States Commission
 - (f) Bodhisattva
 - (g) Megasthenes
 - (h) Brihadeshwara Temple, Tanjore
 - (i) Perini Shivatandavam
 - (j) Allasani Peddana
 - (k) Golkonda Fort
 - (l) Chishti Silsila
 - (m) Chouth and Sardeshmukhi
 - (n) Poona Sarvajanik Sabha
 - (o) 'Rama Sethu'
3. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each): $15 \times 2 = 30$
 - (a) The winter rains in North India are largely related to Jet Streams and Western Disturbances. Bring out the relationship.
 - (b) Agricultural Productivity in India remains low. Explain the reasons for this situation.
 - (c) Bring out the pros and cons of Special Economic Zones.
4. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - (a) Buckingham Canal
 - (b) Terai Region
 - (c) Organic Farming
 - (d) Demographic Dividend
 - (e) Nor'westers
5. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words): 30
 - (a) What is meant by 'Judicial Activism'? Evaluate its role in the context of the functioning of Indian polity.
 - (b) Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the federal polity in India.
6. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each): 15×30
 - (a) Enumerate the Fundamental Duties incorporated in the Constitution after the 42nd Amendment.
 - (b) Examine the demand for greater state autonomy and its impact on the smooth functioning of Indian polity.
 - (c) Discuss the composition and functions of the Union Public Service Commission.
7. Answer the following (in about 20 words each): $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - (a) What is a Censure Motion?
 - (b) Distinguish between the auditing and accounting functions of the CAG of India.
 - (c) Distinguish between a starred question and an unstarred one asked in the Parliament.
 - (d) What is contempt of Parliament?
 - (e) What were the two major considerations to have the Governor appointed and not elected?
8. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words): 30
 - (a) What, in your opinion, are the causes of terrorism? Suggest suitable measures to deal with the threat of terrorism in India.
 - (b) Do you think there is a need for a review of the Indian Constitution? Justify your view.
9. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each): $15 \times 2 = 30$
 - (a) Examine the role of caste in Indian politics.
 - (b) Discuss the problems in achieving National

Integration in India.

- (c) Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics.
10. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words): 30
- (a) "Globalisation has brought about a distinct class divide in India instead of ushering in a classless society." Critically examine this argument.
- (b) "The conditions of the urban poor are more deplorable than that of their rural counterparts." Give your views.
11. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each): $15 \times 2 = 30$
- (a) Examine whether rural women in India have been empowered by their active participation in Panchayat Raj System.
- (b) "Decline in the sex ratio in India is an alarming sign for India's future social development." Discuss.
- (c) What should be the role of the media to project 'mass reality' in place of 'illusion of reality'?
12. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) MTP Act
- (b) Supreme Court on Ragging
- (c) New Seven Wonders of the World
- (d) M M Punchi Commission
- (e) Lakshmi Mittal



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Paper - II

Section - 'A'

1. Write notes on any *two* of the following (answer to each question should be in about 150 words):

$2 \times 30 = 60$

- (a) India and the New World Order
- (b) Indo-Bhutan Relations
- (c) India and China: Strategy to Boost Ties

2. Write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words):

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) India's Ocean Development Policy
- (b) Major hurdles Indo-Pak ties
- (c) India-Nigeria: Abuja Declaration
- (d) India-Bangladesh Border Road cum fencing
- (e) India's L.C.A. (Tejas)

3. Write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words):

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas
- (b) Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment (CPOE)
- (c) Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Scheme
- (d) Indian Diaspora in Singapore
- (e) Indian Diaspora and Bollywood

4. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words):

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- (a) Discuss India's stand on agricultural issues in WTO's Ministerial Conferences since Doha Round.
- (b) Assess the performance of India in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

5. Discuss any two of the following topics (answer each question in about 150 words):

$2 \times 15 = 30$

- (a) Assistance to the States for Development of Export Infrastructure and other Activities (ASIDE)

- (b) Convertibility of Indian Rupees

- (c) India on Global Competitiveness Index-2007

6. Write about the following (answer to each question in about 20 words):

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)

- (b) NAMA

- (c) Non-tariff trade barriers

- (d) Current Account Balance

- (e) Free Trade Area

7. Write on any *one* of the following (answer in about 150 words):

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- (a) South-South Cooperation

- (b) Universal Declaration of Human Rights

8. Briefly write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words):

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Look East Policy and North-East India

- (b) India at the Beijing Olympics

- (c) India's role in Afghanistan Today

- (d) IPCC Report on Global Warming

- (e) Indo-EU Economic Ties

9. Briefly write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words):

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) G.C.C.

- (b) G-77

- (c) I.C.R.C.

- (d) MERCOSUR

- (e) INTERPOL

10. Answer any one of the following (in about 250 words):

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- (a) In what way 'Medical Biotechnology' and 'Bioengineering' are useful for technological development of India?
- (b) What do you know about Indian National Satellite Systems? Describe its important features.
11. Explain any three of the following (in about 150 words each): $3 \times 15 = 45$
- (a) Internet Protocol Television (IPTV)
- (b) Spintronics
- (c) Wifi
- (d) Components of Robots
12. Write brief notes on all the five (in about 20 words each) below: $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) Copyright and Trade-mark
- (b) TIFAC
- (c) Aspartame
- (d) Gene doping
- (e) Sappan



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Section - 'A'

1. Answer any one of the following questions (in about 250 words): (30)
 - (a) What was the character of socio-religious reforms in the 19th Century and how did they contribute to the national awakening in India?
 - (b) The crisis of the colonial order during 1919 and 1939 was directly linked to the constitutional reforms, disillusionment and militant anti-colonial struggles. Elucidate.
2. Answer any two of the following questions (in about 150 words each): (15×2=30)
 - (a) What are the salient features of the Government of India Acts of 1858 and 1909?
 - (b) Do you think Mahatma Gandhi's support to Khilafat Movement had diluted his secular credentials? Give your argument based on the assessment of events.
 - (c) Evaluate the contribution of revolutionary terrorism represented by Bhagat Singh to the cause of India's struggle for Independence.
3. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each) : (2×15=30)
 - (a) Age of Sangam Literature
 - (b) Bhakti
 - (c) Ashtadhyayi of Panini
 - (d) Charvakas
 - (e) Ajivikas
 - (f) Gandhara Art
 - (g) Mlechchhas
 - (h) Lingayats
 - (i) Megasthenes
 - (j) R. C. Dutt
 - (k) Nagarjunakonda
- (l) Pastoralism
- (m) Rudramadevi
- (n) Sati
- (o) Ramanuja
4. Answer any two of the following questions (in about 125 words each): (10×2=20)
 - (a) Explain how the Himalayan and the Tibetan highlands play an important role in the development of the South-West monsoon.
 - (b) Technological changes have brought in a major shift in the use of roads as transport corridors in India. How far do you agree with this view?
 - (c) Explain the nature and causes of growing slum problems in the metropolitan cities of India.
5. Write notes on the following (in about 20 words each): (2×5=10)
 - (a) Special Economic Zone (SEZ)
 - (b) Inceptisol
 - (c) Jarawas
 - (d) Indira Point
 - (e) Causes of Chambal Ravines
6. Answer any one of the following questions (in about 250 words): (30)
 - (a) What is a Constitution? What are the main sources of the Indian Constitution?
 - (b) Bring out the differences between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Discuss some of the measures taken by the Union and State Governments for the implementation of the Directive Principles of State Policy.
7. Answer any one of the following questions (in about 250 words): (30)
 - (a) What is Regionalism? In which way regionalism has affected the Indian Polity?

- (b) What are the main determinants of voting behaviour in India?
- 8.** Answer any two of the following questions (in about 150 words each); $(15 \times 2 = 30)$
- (a) What are the exceptions when the President of India is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers?
 - (b) What is pro-tem Speaker?
 - (c) Under what circumstances, Parliament may legislate on State subjects?
- 9.** Answer the following questions (in about 20 words each): $(2 \times 5 = 10)$
- (a) What is criminalization of politics?
 - (b) How is the President of India elected?
 - (c) What is casting vote?
 - (d) What is the difference between Council of Ministers and Cabinet?
 - (e) What is the importance of Right to Constitutional Remedies?
- 10.** Answer any one of the following questions (in about 250 words): (30)
- (a) What were the main recommendations of the Platform for Action (PFA) adopted at the Beijing Women Conference, 1995?
 - (b) Discuss the steps to get rid of child labour in India.
- 11.** Answer any two of the following questions (in about 125 words each): $(10 \times 2 = 20)$
- (a) What is stealth technology?
 - (b) Differentiate between Natural and Cultural heritage.
 - (c) What is value-based politics?
- 12.** Write notes on any two of the following (in about 125 words each): $(10 \times 2 = 20)$
- (a) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).
 - (b) Prime Minister's 5-point agenda for India's development as a knowledge society.
 - (c) The Lokpal Bill.
- 13.** Write short notes on the following (in about 20 words each): $(2 \times 5 = 10)$
- (a) Yakshagana
 - (b) PACE
 - (c) Footloose industries
 - (d) The Statue of Liberty
 - (e) Genome



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Paper - II

Section - 'A'

1. Answer any two of the following (answer to each question should be in about 150 words):
(15×2=30)
 - (a) Indo-Russian Defence Co-operation
 - (b) India's response to political crisis in Bangladesh
 - (c) Elaborate on India's Nuclear Doctrine
2. Write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words): (2×5=10)
 - (a) SAFTA
 - (b) India and East Asia Summit (EAS)
 - (c) Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO)
 - (d) Panchsheel in India's Foreign Policy
 - (e) Relevance of NAM
3. Write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words): (2×5=10)
 - (a) Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana, 2006
 - (b) Indian All-Women Contingent to Liberia
 - (c) Madheshis in Nepal
 - (d) Know India Programme (KIP)
 - (e) Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
4. Answer any one of the following (in about 250 words): (30)
 - (a) What is Dumping? Evaluate the remedial measures taken by Government of India vis-à-vis WTO provisions regarding dumping.
 - (b) Comment on the relationship between credit availability and agricultural growth in India.
5. Answer any two of the following (answer to each question should be in about 150 words):
(15×2=30)
 - (a) What is the meaning and aim of Social Forestry? What are the main weaknesses noticed in Social Forestry Programme?
 - (b) Bring out the main objectives of Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana. The scheme is being implemented by which agency?
- (c) Explain Mega Food Park Scheme of Government of India.
6. Write about the following (answer to each question should be in about 20 words):
(2×15=30)
 - (a) Explain the term Merit Goods
 - (b) What is Cheap Money?
 - (c) What is Countervailing Duty?
 - (d) What is Hot Money?
 - (e) Explain the Concept of Trickle Down Theory
 - (f) What is Stagflation?
 - (g) What is Engel's Law?
 - (h) Meaning of CCIL
 - (i) What is Administered Price?
 - (j) What is Venture Capital?
 - (k) Explain the term, Balance on Current Account.
 - (l) What is Consolidated Fund?
 - (m) What is Budget Deficit?
 - (n) Explain the term, Most Favoured Nations.
 - (o) Meaning of Capital-Output Ratio.
7. Write about any two of the following (in about 150 words each): (15×2=30)
 - (a) Impact of globalization on state system and its institutions
 - (b) SAARC Summit 2007
 - (c) The UN Conference on Environment and Development (The Earth Summit)
8. Write about the following (in about 20 words each): (2×5=10)
 - (a) G-8 Summit 2007
 - (b) Hyde Act of 2006
 - (c) Global Governance
 - (d) Operation Silence
 - (e) SAARC Human Rights Report, 2006

9. Write about the following by expanding and explaining the objectives (in about 20 words each): (2×5=10)

- (a) ICT4D
- (b) BEMs
- (c) IAEA
- (d) BIMSTEC
- (e) ECJ

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

- (a) Explain the phenomenon of ozone depletion, its causes and effects. What efforts are needed to reduce it?
- (b) What do you understand by the term 'biodiversity'? Examine the causes and consequences of degeneration of biodiversity.

11. Answer any two of the following (answer for each question should be in about 150 words): (15×2=30)



- (a) What are the alternative fuels available for the transport sector? Discuss their characteristics, advantages and disadvantages in their utilization.
- (b) Explain the objectives and the current achievements of human genome project.
- (c) Discuss the missile technology initiatives undertaken by India.

12. Answer all the five (in about 20 words each): (2×5=10)

- (a) What is firewall?
- (b) What is malware?
- (c) What do the following stand for?
 - (i) MPEG
 - (ii) ISP
 - (iii) HTML
 - (iv) ASCII
- (d) What is Root kit?
- (e) What is computer architecture?

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