

GENERAL STUDIES

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting the questions :

There are FOUR questions and all are to be attempted.

Candidates should attempt questions/parts as per the instructions given in the questions.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

All parts and sub-parts of a question are to be attempted together in the answer book.

Answers must be written in ENGLISH only.

Candidates are required to write clear, legible and concise answers and to adhere to word limits wherever indicated. Failure to adhere to word limits may be penalized.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer book must be clearly struck off.

1. Answer **all** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) :

5×5=25

- (a) Both Subhas Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi launched struggles against the British during the 2nd World War. How were their ideas and strategies different ?
- (b) Discuss the role of intellectuals in giving shape to the nationalism in India during the freedom struggle.
- (c) The division of India into provinces and evolving a system of provincial administration by Akbar was an effective system of governance. Comment.
- (d) Why were a number of European trading companies attracted to India during the 16th – 17th centuries ?
- (e) What does Yoga represent in Indian philosophical tradition ? Is it the same as that practised by the masses in the present day ?

2. Answer **all** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) :

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- (a) What is Polar Shifting ? Discuss its geographic significance with regard to catastrophic consequences on humanity.
- (b) What are Western disturbances and Westerlies and how are they different from monsoons ? In which part of India are they confined ?

- (c) Discuss the impact of Information Technology in the Industrial Revolution of India.
- (d) Discuss the changing scenario of pulses cultivation as well as their production.

- (e) What are the differences between Himalayan and Peninsular rivers ? Discuss.

3. Answer **all** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 5×5=25

- (a) Explain the reasons for political turmoil among middle level castes in recent times seeking OBC reservations in India.
- (b) What do you understand by tax-havens ? Explain how they promote corruption in India.
- (c) Discuss the importance of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in achieving holistic development of agriculture in India.
- (d) What do you understand by Protein Inflation ? Explain the causes for Protein Inflation in India.
- (e) Discuss the major causes for low human development in India.

4. Answer **all** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) :

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- (a) Discuss the impact of the Indo-Pak War in 1971.
- (b) Discuss the imperatives for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
- (c) "The notion that there can be only one concept of what constitutes a nation, and that every other view is anti-national, is intellectually empty at best and authoritarian at worst." Examine, in the light of this statement, the current debate with regard to the concept of nationalism.
- (d) Discuss the role of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- (e) Analyse the impact of the Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act on environmental protection and improvement.