

General Studies Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are TWENTY questions printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- All questions are compulsory.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Answers to questions no. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to questions no. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.
- Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

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| 1 | Highlight the Central Asian and Greco-Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 2 | The 1857 Uprising was the culmination of the recurrent big and small local rebellions that had occurred in the preceding hundred years of British rule. Elucidate.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 3 | Examine the linkages between the nineteenth century's 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 4 | Assess the impact of global warming on the coral life system with examples.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 5 | Discuss the causes of depletion of mangroves and explain their importance in maintaining coastal ecology.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 6 | Can the strategy of regional resource-based manufacturing help in promoting employment in India?
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 7 | Discuss the factors for localisation of agro-based food processing industries of North-West India.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 8 | What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 9 | "Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss.
Answer in about 150 words | 10 |
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| 10 | What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?
Answer in about 150 words | 10 |
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| 11 | Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate.
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 12 | Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s.
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 13 | Explain how the foundations of the modern world were laid by the American and French Revolutions.
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 14 | What is water stress? How and why does it differ regionally in India?
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 15 | How can the mountain ecosystem be restored from the negative impact of development initiatives and tourism?
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 16 | How is efficient and affordable urban mass transport key to the rapid economic development of India?
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 17 | How do ocean currents and water masses differ in their impacts on marine life and coastal environment? Give suitable examples.
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 18 | Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 19 | What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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| 20 | Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.
Answer in about 250 words | 15 |
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