

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 | How will you explain that medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days?
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 2 | Why did the armies of the British East India Company - mostly comprising of Indian soldiers - win consistently against the more numerous and better equipped armies of the then Indian rulers? Give reasons.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 3 | Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 4 | Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 5 | Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological Department.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 6 | Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan Trap'.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 7 | Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 8 | Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships.
<i>Answer in about 150 words</i> | 10 |
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| 9 | How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption? | 10 |
| <div>Answer in about 150 words</div> | | |
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| 10 | Given the diversities among tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category? | 10 |
| <div>Answer in about 150 words</div> | | |
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| 11 | The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 12 | Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 13 | Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 14 | What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 15 | Describing the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 16 | Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 17 | Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How? | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 18 | Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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| 19 | Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. | 15 |
| <div>Answer in about 250 words</div> | | |
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- 20 Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. 15
- Answer in about 250 words
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