

General Studies Paper II

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 | "Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy." Comment.
<small>Answer in about 150 words</small> | 10 |
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| 2 | Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India.
<small>Answer in about 150 words</small> | 10 |
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| 3 | "The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially." Comment.
<small>Answer in about 150 words</small> | 10 |
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| 4 | Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty.
<small>Answer in about 150 words</small> | 10 |
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| 5 | Discuss the role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in maintaining order and impartiality in conducting legislative work and in facilitating best democratic practices.
<small>Answer in about 150 words</small> | 10 |
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| 6 | The crucial aspect of development process has been the inadequate attention paid to Human Resource Development in India. Suggest measures that can address this inadequacy.
<small>Answer in about 150 words</small> | 10 |

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| 7 | Discuss the role of the Competition Commission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multi-National Corporations in India. Refer to the recent decisions. | 10 |
| Answer in about 150 words | | |
| 8 | E-governance, as a critical tool of governance, has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies hamper the enhancement of these features? | 10 |
| Answer in about 150 words | | |
| 9 | 'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO' In the light of the above statement point out the role of India in mitigating the problems. | 10 |
| Answer in about 150 words | | |
| 10 | Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India. | 10 |
| Answer in about 150 words | | |
| 11 | "The Constitution of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism. It is a constitution made for a progressive society." Illustrate with special reference to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty. | 15 |
| Answer in about 250 words | | |
| 12 | Explain the constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with the help of relevant Constitutional Provisions and case laws. | 15 |
| Answer in about 250 words | | |
| 13 | Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid 1990s. | 15 |
| Answer in about 250 words | | |
| 14 | Discuss the contribution of civil society groups for women's effective and meaningful participation and representation in state legislatures in India. | 15 |
| Answer in about 250 words | | |
| 15 | Explain the significance of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. To what extent does it reflect the accommodative spirit of federalism? | 15 |
| Answer in about 250 words | | |
| 16 | Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalisation of Indian Parliament? | 15 |
| Answer in about 250 words | | |

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- 17 "Development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable, by its nature, are discriminatory in approach." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 18 Skill development programmes have succeeded in increasing human resources supply to various sectors. In the context of the statement analyse the linkages between education, skill and employment. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 19 'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.' What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons and examples to support your answer. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 20 'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos' Discuss in the light of the above statement the role of the IMO (International Maritime Organisation) in protecting environment and enhancing maritime safety and security. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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