

General Studies Paper III

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 Question Nos. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Question Nos. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.
- Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

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| 1 | Examine the pattern and trend of public expenditure on social services in the post-reforms period in India. To what extent this has been in consonance with achieving the objective of inclusive growth? | 10 |
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| 2 | What are the causes of persistent high food inflation in India? Comment on the effectiveness of the monetary policy of the RBI to control this type of inflation. | 10 |
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| 3 | What were the factors responsible for the successful implementation of land reforms in some parts of the country? Elaborate. | 10 |
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| 4 | Explain the role of millets for ensuring health and nutritional security in India. | 10 |
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| 5 | What is the present world scenario of intellectual property rights with respect to life materials? Although, India is second in the world to file patents, still only a few have been commercialized. Explain the reasons behind this less commercialization. | 10 |
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| 6 | What is the technology being employed for electronic toll collection on highways? What are its advantages and limitations? What are the proposed changes that will make this process seamless? Would this transition carry any potential hazards? | 10 |
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- 7 Industrial pollution of river water is a significant environmental issue in India. Discuss the various mitigation measures to deal with this problem and also the government's initiatives in this regard. 10
Answer in about 150 words
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- 8 What role do environmental NGOs and activists play in influencing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) outcomes for major projects in India? Cite four examples with all important details. 10
Answer in about 150 words
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- 9 Explain how narco-terrorism has emerged as a serious threat across the country. Suggest suitable measures to counter narco-terrorism. 10
Answer in about 150 words
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- 10 Describe the context and salient features of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. 10
Answer in about 150 words
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- 11 Discuss the merits and demerits of the four 'Labour Codes' in the context of labour market reforms in India. What has been the progress so far in this regard? 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 12 What is the need for expanding the regional air connectivity in India? In this context, discuss the government's UDAN Scheme and its achievements. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 13 What are the major challenges faced by Indian irrigation system in recent times? State the measures taken by the government for efficient irrigation management. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 14 Elucidate the importance of buffer stocks for stabilizing agricultural prices in India. What are the challenges associated with the storage of buffer stock? Discuss. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 15 The world is facing an acute shortage of clean and safe freshwater. What are the alternative technologies which can solve this crisis? Briefly discuss any three such technologies citing their key merits and demerits. 15
Answer in about 250 words
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- 16 What are asteroids? How real is the threat of them causing extinction of life? 15
What strategies have been developed to prevent such a catastrophe?
Answer in about 250 words
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- 17 What is disaster resilience? How is it determined? Describe various elements of 15
a resilience framework. Also mention the global targets of Sendai Framework
for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).
Answer in about 250 words
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- 18 Flooding in urban areas is an emerging climate-induced disaster. Discuss the 15
causes of this disaster. Mention the features of two such major floods in the
last two decades in India. Describe the policies and frameworks in India that
aim at tackling such floods.
Answer in about 250 words
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- 19 India has a long and troubled border with China and Pakistan fraught with 15
contentious issues. Examine the conflicting issues and security challenges
along the border. Also give out the development being undertaken in these
areas under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) and Border
Infrastructure and Management (BIM) Scheme.
Answer in about 250 words
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- 20 Social media and encrypting messaging services pose a serious security 15
challenge. What measures have been adopted at various levels to address the
security implications of social media? Also suggest any other remedies to
address the problem.
Answer in about 250 words
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