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GENERAL STUDIES

(OPTIONAL)

PAPER - I

[03]

Time Allowed - Three Hours

Maximum Marks-250

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following Instructions carefully before attempting the paper.

- i) *There are Twenty questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- ii) *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.*
- iii) *Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.*
- iv) *If you encounter any typographical error, please read it as it appears in the text book.*
- v) *Candidates are in their own interest advised to go through the general instructions on the back side of the title page of the Answer Script for strict adherence.*
- vi) *No continuation sheets shall be provided to any candidate under any circumstances.*
- vii) *No blank page should be left in between answers to various questions.*

[Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society]

1. Write a note on collective memory as India's valuable intangible heritage. [150 words] (10)
2. Discuss the salient features of stupa architecture. [150 words] (10)
3. Write a note on the local self government under the Cholas. [150 words] (10)
4. Discuss the role of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in the socio-religious awakening of 19th century India. [150 words] (10)
5. Discuss the relevance of Guru Nanak's teachings in 21st century. [150 Words] (10)
6. Aryan invasion is a myth or reality? Justify your answer. [150 words] (10)
7. Differentiate the causes of landslides between Himalayan region and Western Ghats. [150 words] (10)
8. Discuss the multidimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral resources in the world. [150 words] (10)
9. Our earth is a playfield of two opposite geomorphic processes. Discuss [150 Words] (10)
10. How far has linguistic diversity helped in strengthening Indian unity? [150 Words] (10)
11. Hampi is appropriately known as "the city etched in stone". Explain this site's architectural and historical significance. [250 Words] (15)
12. Write a note on the Mansabdari System under the Mughal rulers. [250 Words] (2) (15)
13. Discuss Ashoka's policy of dhamma as gleaned from his edicts. [250 words] (15)
14. Write salient features of Indo-Islamic architecture. [250 words] (15)
15. Evaluate the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the merger of the princely states of India. [250 Words] (15)
16. Why is Indian regional navigational satellite system needed? How does it work? [250 words] (15)

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17. Urbanization and migration are causing feminisation of agriculture sector in India. In the light of the statement, discuss the socio-economic impact of feminisation of agriculture sector? [250 words] (15)

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18. What do you understand by seismic noise? Discuss its impact on the seismic activities on earth surface? [250 Words] (15)

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19. Explain cloud seeding and its associated forms, structure and environmental concerns associated with it. [250 words] (15)

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20. Explaining the problems faced by the sugar industry in India, account for the measures taken by the government to support it. [250 Words] (15)