

GENERAL STUDIES**PAPER - II**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Marks for each question is indicated against it.**Attempt any 10 (ten) questions taking at least 2 (two) but not more than 3 (three) questions from each Unit.***UNIT - I**

1. "Starting from inventing the 'basic structure' doctrine, the judiciary has played a highly proactive role in ensuring that India develops into a thriving democracy."
In the light of the above statement, evaluate the role played by judicial activism in achieving the ideals of democracy. (10)
2. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is so far performing the functions only of an Auditor. In the light of this, assess the powers and functions of the CAG. (10)
3. Analyse the role of pressure groups in Indian polity. (10)
4. Describe the context of signing of the Memorandum of Settlement between the Government of India and the Mizo National Front (MNF) of 1986. How far do you think the peace accord has been a success? (3+7=10)

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5. Write a note on the National Rural Livelihood Mission Scheme. Analyse the contribution of SHGs as instruments for promoting rural livelihood in Mizoram. (5+5=10)
6. What do you mean by "Food Security"? Examine the various dimensions of Food Security Act to meet the challenges of poverty and hunger in the context of Mizoram. (3+7=10)
7. Write a note on 'Startup India' Mission. Do you think it will boost entrepreneurship and encourage startup with job creation? Discuss. (5+5=10)
8. Identify a major poverty eradication scheme and discuss its features. (10)

UNIT - III

9. What do you understand by Goods and Services tax in India? Discuss the rationale for the introduction and the eventual delay in the roll out for this tax regime. (3+7=10)
10. What is 'Smart City'? Highlight the goals and objectives of 'Smart City' with special reference to Aizawl. (3+7=10)
11. Define Citizens' Charter. Discuss the major deficiencies of Citizens' Charter in India. (3+7=10)
12. E-Governance implies a smoother interface between government and citizen. Discuss. (10)

UNIT - IV

13. How does cross border terrorism affect India's relation with its immediate neighbours? Write your answer with special reference to the recent situation in Jammu & Kashmir. (10)
14. Examine the Sino-Indian relationship in the context of the signing of agreement between India and Vietnam for exploring oil in South China Sea. (10)
15. Examine India's role in the latest round of negotiation on agriculture in the WTO. Specifically highlight the position of developed countries on the issue of agriculture. (10)
16. The United Nations represents the collective conscience of the world. Explain specifically in the context of the reforms required for the world body. (10)
