

**CSM : 24****GENERAL STUDIES - II**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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**QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS***(Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting questions)*

There are 16 (sixteen) questions divided into 4 (four) units.

All questions are compulsory.

Each Unit shall have the following questions:

- (a) 1 question carrying 10 marks.
- (b) 3 questions carrying 5 marks each.

Word Limit:

- (a) Questions carrying 5 marks shall be limited to 150 words, and
- (b) Questions carrying 10 marks shall be limited to 300 words.

Word limit may be prescribed as approximate.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

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**UNIT - I**

1. What is the rationale behind 'One Nation, One Election'? What are the challenges facing its implementation? (10)
2. How did the repeal of Article 370 of the Constitution affect the governance and administration of Jammu & Kashmir? (5)
3. How have Constitutional provisions and judicial interpretations influenced Centre-State relations in India? Discuss. (5)
4. Critically analyse the working of the Autonomous District Councils under Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India in Mizoram. (5)

**UNIT - II**

5. "The quality of higher education in India requires major improvements to make it internationally competitive." Do you think that the implementation of New Educational Policy (NEP), 2020, would help improve the quality of higher education in the country to be internationally competitive? Discuss. (10)
6. "Skill development programmes have succeeded in increasing human resources supply to various sectors." Comment. (5)
7. 'End poverty in all its forms everywhere' is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - 2030 Agenda. Comment on the initiatives taken by the government to curb poverty in India. Is it a success? (2.5+2.5=5)
8. Mention the key features of the Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023 popularly known as the Women's Reservation Act, 2023. (5)

**UNIT - III**

9. "The Citizen's Charter is a landmark initiative in ensuring citizen-centric administration but is yet to reach its full potential." In the light of this statement, identify the factors hindering the realisation of citizen-centric administration and suggest measures to overcome them. (10)
10. Examine the challenges faced by the Civil Services in promoting transparency and accountability in governance and suggest ways to overcome them. (2.5+2.5=5)
11. 'The credo of the State should be Minimum Government, Maximum Governance.' Comment. (5)
12. Elucidate the working of Lokayuktas. (5)

**UNIT - IV**

13. Critically examine India's existing policies and laws in addressing illegal immigration from its neighbours. (10)
14. To what extent, the on-going political uncertainty in Bangladesh can affect India's cordial relations with Bangladesh? Explain. (5)
15. What role can the Indian Diaspora play in the development of India? (5)
16. What are the similarities and dissimilarities between BIMSTEC and SAARC? How are Indian foreign policy objectives realised by forming a new organisation called BIMSTEC? (5)

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