

CSM : 25

GENERAL STUDIES - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting questions)

There are Nineteen (19) questions, Question Nos. 1 - 12 carry 15 marks each and Question Nos. 13 - 19 carry 10 marks each.

All questions are compulsory.

Word Limit:

- (a) Questions from 1 - 12 carrying 15 marks shall be limited to 250 words,
- (b) Questions from 13 - 16 carrying 10 marks shall be limited to 150 words, and
- (c) Questions from 17 - 19 carrying 10 marks shall be limited to 120 words.

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

1. Examine the literary and artistic advancements during the Gupta age that justify its title as a 'Golden Age'. **(15)**
2. Discuss the key aspects and significance of social and religious reforms in India during the 19th Century. **(15)**
3. Explain Satyagraha. How did Gandhi employ it as a tool in his struggle for India's freedom? **(15)**
4. Assess the challenges involved in the political and administrative reorganisation of India after independence. **(15)**
5. Define colonialism. How did colonialism reshape the political and social structures of colonised societies? **(5+10=15)**
6. Explain the idea of 'Unity in Diversity' in the Indian context. How can India harness its cultural diversity as a source of strength? **(8+7=15)**
7. Critically examine the condition of the urban poor. What measures can be taken to mitigate their challenges? **(8+7=15)**
8. Elucidate how globalisation promotes cultural homogenisation and also how it leads to the dominance of powerful cultures over less powerful ones. **(15)**
9. Examine how the Indian model of secularism differs from the Western model. **(15)**
10. Explain the theory of continental drift with the supporting evidence. **(15)**
11. Discuss why renewable energy is considered non-polluting, highlighting its sources and respective uses. **(15)**
12. What conditions are necessary for the development of a tropical cyclone? How does a tropical cyclone differ from a tornado? **(5+10=15)**
13. Discuss the Harappan art and crafts, with special reference to its seals and pottery traditions. **(10)**
14. How did Mughal rulers contribute to the development of India's composite cultural heritage? **(10)**
15. In what ways did the Bhakti Movement reflect continuity and change within India's spiritual and cultural heritage? **(10)**
16. How did the British Colonial rule led to both the decline and revival of India's cultural and historical consciousness? **(10)**
17. What were the main factors that led to the rise of Capitalism in Europe during the early modern period? **(10)**
18. How does climate change affect rainfall pattern? Suggest crucial measures to mitigate climate change. **(5+5=10)**
19. How did the rise of Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany contribute to the outbreak of the Second World War? **(10)**