

**CSM : 25**

**GENERAL STUDIES - II**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 250

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**QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

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

There are 20 (twenty) questions carrying 12.5 marks each and shall be limited 200 words.

All questions are compulsory.

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

1. What do you understand by the concept of 'Basic Structure' of the Indian Constitution? Discuss its evolution and significance in strengthening the Indian democracy. **(4+8.5=12.5)**
2. Critically examine whether the Indian federation is a true federation or a quasi-federation. **(12.5)**
3. Explain how a system of checks and balances, rather than absolute separation, operates in India to maintain a balance between the powers of the three organs of government. **(12.5)**
4. The Government's survival depends entirely on the confidence of Parliament in India while it is not in the case of semi-Presidential form of Government. Compare and contrast the political systems of India with that of the Constitution of the Fifth Republic with reference to Confidence Vote in Parliament. **(12.5)**
5. Elucidate the role of the Rajya Sabha in strengthening the Indian Parliamentary democracy. **(12.5)**
6. Considering the significance of the judiciary in safeguarding the fundamentals of the Indian democracy, propose judicial reforms that can address the challenges it faces to enhance its efficiency and transparency. **(12.5)**
7. Discuss the significance and relevance of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 in the Indian electoral system. Critically examine its various Amendments and their significance. **(4+8.5=12.5)**
8. How is the Finance Commission of India constituted? Assess its role in maintaining fiscal federalism in India. **(5+7.5=12.5)**
9. Critically analyse the performance of the National Green Tribunal in upholding its mandate. **(12.5)**
10. Bharatmala Pariyojana and PMGSY seek to enhance connectivity across India. Critically analyse the effectiveness and the challenges faced by the schemes in the process of implementations. **(12.5)**
11. Highlight the challenges faced by Self Help Groups in India and suggest remedial measures. **(12.5)**
12. Analyze the key provisions and implementation mechanisms of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and evaluate its impact on food security in India before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. **(12.5)**
13. "Despite achieving high growth over decades, India still has one of the lowest indicators in human development". Examine the issues that make inclusive development elusive. **(12.5)**
14. Even with great advancement in technology and development, a significant portion of India's population still faces hunger. In this backdrop, discuss the causes of hunger in India and highlight the key features of new initiative of SMART-PDS. **(12.5)**
15. "The emergence of Digital Revolution has initiated e-governance as integral part of governance". Elucidate. **(12.5)**

16. Examine the role of the civil services in strengthening Indian democracy. Suggest reforms for a more autonomous and outcome-oriented civil service. **(6.5+6=12.5)**
17. Analyze how Myanmar's internal political situation, particularly the 2021 military coup, has complicated India's foreign policy objectives and security interests in the region. **(12.5)**
18. Analyze India's evolving interests and the challenges she faces in the expanded BRICS bloc of nations. **(12.5)**
19. Analyse the growing trade tensions between India and the United States in 2025. How do these conflicts affect India's economic interests and its diaspora? What diplomatic and policy measures should India adopt in response? **(12.5)**
20. Critically examine the relevance of the World Health Organization in the post Covid-19 era. **(12.5)**

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