

Odisha Civil Services Mains-2006 (Held in 2009)

General Studies Paper-I

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Answer all questions.

1. Answer the following (in about 150 words each):

- a) Discuss the major regulations enacted by the British rulers to curb the freedom of Press in India.
- b) Assess the contributions of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar to the making of Modern India.

2. Answer any TOW of the following (in about 150 words):

- a) 'The mainstay of Mahatma Gandhi's movements was the rural India'. Elucidate.
- b) Bring out the ideological basis of the Moderate Extremist divide in the Indian National Congress.
- c) Discuss the character of major tribal uprisings in British India in the nineteenth century.

3. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each):

- a) Arthasastra
- b) The Great Bath
- c) Gopuram
- d) Saranath Pillar
- e) Amir Khusro
- f) Jatakas

g) William Jones

h) Iqta System

i) Champaran

j) Satyashodhak Samaj

4. Answer any THREE of thy following:

a) Assess the role of Surendra Sai as a Freedom fighter.

b) Discuss the contribution of Lakshman Naik to the Freedom Movement in Orissa.

c) Discuss briefly the main features of the Orissan temple architecture.

d) Discuss the cultural development of Orissa in the field of Odisi dance in the Post-Independence Period.

5. Answer any TOW of the following (in about 125 words)

a) Discuss the origin of Indian Monsoon with reference to differential heating and cooling of land and ocean water on an extensive scale.

b) Highlight the importance of either coal or petroleum as a prime source of energy in India.

c) Account for the contribution of Green Revolution in the agricultural economy of India.

6. Write short notes on any FOUR of the following.

a) Puri as a centre of pilgrimage.

b) The chief coal producing areas of Orissa.

c) Chilka lake as a tourist resort.

d) Population concentration in capital city of Bhubaneswar.

e) Human induced environmental problems in Orissa.

7. Answer any ONE of the following questions (in about 250 words):

a) Describe the salient features of the Indian Constitution.

b) "Fundamental Rights and Directive in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution." Discuss.

8. Answer any TWO of the following questions (in about 150 words):

a) "Executive accountability to Parliament is a myth." Explain.

b) "The position of Indian President is not that of a rubber stamp." Elaborate.

c) "Parliamentary Standing Committee system is an innovation in the functioning of Indian Parliament." Justify.

9. Answer the following (in about 20 words each):

a) Describe the role of a State Election Commission.

b) What are the important differences between ordinary bills and money bills?

c) What role does the Indian Constitution envisage for the Vice-President?

d) India is a secular State. Explain.

e) Discuss the functions of Lok Ayukta?

10. Answer the following:

a) Discuss the role of the Governor in the political process of Orissa.

b) Explain the functions of the Speaker of the Orissa Legislative Assembly.

c) Describe the structure and function of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Odisha

11. Answer any TWO questions (In about 125 words each) : 20 marks

a) What is the likely direction of Indo-US ties under the new Presidency of Barack Obama

b) What would you consider are the reasons for increased divisions among political parties along caste lines?

c) Describe the possible scenario emerging in the Indian economy as a fall out of the recessionary in the global economy?

12. Answer any TWO questions (in about 125 words each): 20 marks

a) Has the human development Index in India kept the same pace as the economic development index in the last decade?

b) What do you think are the causes for the persistence of gender inequalities in the world even in the modern period?

c) What are the possible causes of corruption in most countries of the developing world?

13. Answer any TWO questions (in about 125 words each): 20 marks

a) What would you consider to be the main reasons behind the failure of India in maintaining ecological balance?

b) What would you consider to be the correct approach to the maintenance of communal harmony in India?

c) What could be the social cause behind the increased incidence of drug abuse anywhere in the world?

14. Write brief notes on any FIVE of the following: 20 marks

a) Adult literacy in India

b) Increased intolerance in the majority community in India

c) The present state of the public health system in India.

d) The Singur Controversy

e) The possibility of the third front alternative to the UPA and NDA

- f) The continuing problem of Child labour in India
- g) The role of the Present Prime Minister as an economist advising global leaders about the recession
- h) The Problems behind keeping the tiger population of the country growing
- i) Chandrayan-1
- j) The necessity for planning in India

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