

Odisha Civil Services Mains-2011

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 questions in about 150 words each: 20 marks

- a) Assess the importance of Indian Press in bringing about political awakening during the British rule in India between 1858-1947.
- b) Explain the contributions of Raja Rammohan Roy to the making of Modern India

2. Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each: 20 marks

- a) Write an essay on the services rendered by Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- b) Examine the factors that contributed for the growth of Nationalism in India in the 19th century.
- c) Analyze the main provisions of Government of India Act of 1935

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

- a) Indica (indika)
- b) Mohenjo-daro
- c) Nagara Style of Architecture
- d) Hathigumpha Inscription
- e) Feristha
- f) The twelve Angas
- g) James Princep
- h) Mansabadari System
- i) Kaira Satyagraha
- j) Dayananda Saraswati

4. Answer any three of the following: 30 marks

- a) Assess the role of Buxi Jagabandhu in the Paik Rebellion
- b) Discuss the role played by Harekrushna Mahtab in shaping nationalist struggle in Odisha
- c) Describe briefly the art and architecture of the Mukteswar temple
- d) Examine the emergence and growth of Odia Cinema up to 1990. To what extent did Odia Cinema capture the social issues of the contemporary times?

5. Answer any two of the following in about 125 words each: 20

- a) Discuss the salient geological formations and their associated mineral resources of India
- b) Explain the bases of agro-climatic regionalization and their core strategies of the development.
- c) Evaluate the sources of renewable energy in India and Explain their spatial patterns and potentials.

6. Write short notes on any four of the following: 20 marks

- a) The impact of tropical depressions on the coastal low lands of Odisha
- b) Localization of Aluminum Industry in Odisha
- c) The hinterland of Paradeep Port
- d) Environmental problems of tribal regions of Odisha
- e) Developmental issues of the Highlands regions of Odisha

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 250 words: 20 marks

- a) Can all the parts of the constitution of India be amended? Answer the question with reference to the judgments of the Supreme Court in this regard.
- b) Is the consent of a state required under the Constitution for altering the boundaries of states by the Parliament? Discuss the point with reference to the process by which states can be formed in India.

8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words each: 20 marks

- a) Examine the controversy surrounding Article-365 of the Indian Constitution.
- b) Discuss the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission with regard to the Centre-State relations in India.
- c) State the composition and central functions of the Election Commission of India.

9. Answer the following in about 40 words each: 20 marks

- a) Mention two essential differences between "Fundamental Rights" and "Directive Principles of State Policy" contained in the Indian Constitution.
- b) How is the Vice President of India elected?
- c) Discuss any two functions of a High Court in India.
- d) Comment on the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976
- e) Comment on the nature of citizenship as enshrined in the Constitution of India

10. Answer the following questions: 30 marks

- a) Analyze the role of the State Chief Minister
- b) Examine the powers of Governor of Odisha. Compare his powers with the President of India
- c) Point out the problems of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Odisha

11. Answer any two questions in about 125 words each: 20 marks

- a) Write a note on Indo-Pak relation
- b) Asses the challenge and achievement of Right to Education.
- c) "Arab Spring" changed the World Politics Scenario? Comment

12. Answer any two questions in about 125 words each: 20 marks

- a) Write a note on U.N. Declaration of Human Rights
- b) What are Anti-Corruption laws in India?
- c) What is meant by Communal Harmony? What is its significance for a country like India?

13. Answer any two questions in about 125 words each: 20 marks

- a) Explain India's national policy on environment
- b) Discuss the Alleviation Programmes in India on Poverty
- c) Describe the achievements of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana

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

- a) Agni-V
- b) Patent Act
- c) Operation Black Board
- d) Swabhiman Scheme
- e) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- f) National Literacy Mission (NLM)
- g) Doping
- h) Operation Flood
- i) India's National Song
- j) Bharat Ratna
