

CSM- 3/15

General Studies

Paper-I

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Answer all questions.

1. Answer any three of the following questions : 30
 - (a) Discuss the salient features of the Govt. of India Act, 1858.
 - (b) Assess the role of Mahatma Gandhi in the Civil Disobedience Movement.
 - (c) Trace the circumstances leading to enactment of Indian Independence Act, 1947 and discuss its provisions.
 - (d) What is 'Drain of Wealth' and what were its effects?
2. Write notes on any four of the following topics: 20
 - (a) Contributions of Subhash Chandra Bose to India's Freedom Movement
 - (b) Role of Gopabandhu Das during Noncooperation in Odisha
 - (c) Contributions of Madhusudan Das to social, political and economic development of Odisha
 - (d) Prarthana Samaj
 - (e) Sarvodaya Movement
3. Give an account of architecture, sculpture and painting of the Gupta Age.
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Focus light on the contributions of Swami Dayananda Saraswati as a social reformer.

4. Discuss the main features of Kalinga style of temple architecture with examples. 20 OR

Write short notes on any ten of the following:

- (a) Nuakhai
- (b) Fatehpur Sikri
- (c) Jnanpith Award (Gyanapeeth Award)
- (d) Natyashastra
- (e) Kumbha Mela
- (f) The Golden Temple
- (g) Golkonda
- (h) Raja Festival
- (i) Taj Mahal
- (j) Sand Art
- (k) Sonapur Mela
- (l) Folk Dances of Odisha
- (m) The Mahabodhi Temple
- (n) Mughal Painting
- (o) Patachitra

5. Answer any two of the following questions: 20

(a) Explain the main characteristics of Indian climate and discuss the spatial distribution of rainfall in the country with special reference to its relief and location.

(b) Which are the major physiographic divisions of India? Contrast the relief of the Himalayan region with that of the Peninsular plateau.

(c) (i) The central location of India at the head of the Indian ocean is considered of great significance. Why?

(ii) What steps have been taken to protect the flora and fauna of the country?

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

(a) Physiographic characteristics of Odisha

(b) Features of Northern Tropical Semi Evergreen Forests of Odisha

(c) Problems encountered by the ecosystem of the Chilika Lake

(d) Major projects constructed across the main river of the largest river basin of Odisha

(e) Gandhamardan Hills

7. Answer any three of the following questions in about 200 words each: 30

(a) What do you mean by Preamble? Why is the Preamble prefaced to our constitution is so significant? Is preamble a part of the Constitution? Show how?

(b) 'Article 32 is soul of our constitution'- (Ambedkar) - Examine the truth in this statement

(c) The President of India is the fountain of "Mercy and justice"- Comment

(d) In India there is a balance between Parliamentary Supremacy and Judicial Review-Explain.

8. Answer any three of the following questions in about 100 words each: 30

a) Explain the nature and scope of the Governor's Discretionary Power: Can its misuse or abuse be prevented? Show How?

b) Explain the procedure and grounds of impeachment of the President of India. Are the grounds justifiable in the Court of Law?

c) State briefly what happens to the Bill when it reaches the President of India after being passed in the Parliament for his assent? Does our President enjoy the Pocket Veto power? If so, how?

d) Briefly state the organization and functions of the Union Public Service Commission.

9. Answer any Six of the following questions in about 50 words each: 30

a) Comment on the 86th Amendment Act, 2002.

b) Write a brief note on the Speaker Pro Tem.

c) Explain the relation of our President with the Union Council of Ministers in the context of 'Doctrine of Pleasure' as stated in Article-75 (1) of our constitution.

d) What is Public Interest Litigation (P.I.L)? What purpose does it serve?

e) Briefly explain the significance of the phrase 'Procedure established by law' as stated in Article-21 of our constitution.

f) State briefly the role of Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Show, why this office is important in recent years?

g) "The relationship between the Governor of a state with the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers is more of trust and confidence than aid and advice"- Comment.

h) Write a brief note on Caretaker Government.

10. Answer any three of the following: 45

a) What do you mean by Demographic Dividend? Is India prepared to reap this potential dividend in the coming years?

b) How far the present higher education system of the country is capable to cope with the 'Make in India' and 'Skill India' drives?

c) Privatization of social sector services and the agenda of inclusive growth: complementary or contradictory? Give your views.

d) Give an account of different legal measures in force in India to build a gender equal society.

11. Answer any two of the following: 20

- a) Give an account of existing parallel economy in India and measures taken to curb it. How far they have been effective?
- b) How do you relate unbalanced regional development with insurgency in India? Discuss the adverse effects of insurgency on the society and economy.
- c) The strength of a democracy is known from the way it treats its minorities-analyze in the context of Indian experience.
- d) Describe the social issues involved in construction of Dam.

12. Answer any One of the following: 15

- a) Examine the role of NABARD in bringing agricultural and rural development in the country.
- b) Assess the role of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in creating an industrial base in the country.

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