

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 300

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.

All the questions are to be attempted.

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

Attempt of a part/question shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a part/question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question cum Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answers must be written in ENGLISH only.

1. Answer *all* of the following :
 - 1.(a) How did Buddhism influence Asoka in decision making and governance ? 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 1.(b) Discuss the efforts and strategy of Akbar towards social harmony. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 1.(c) Describe the salient features of Chola art. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 1.(d) Assess the importance of Champaran satyagraha. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Answer *all* of the following :
 - 2.(a) Discuss the objectives of Prime Minister's Jan-Dhan Yojana. What challenges do you foresee in its implementation. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 2.(b) What are the reasons for persistent high rate of food inflation in India ? 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 2.(c) Explain demographic dividend and its relevance to India. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 2.(d) Discuss the recommendations of Rangarajan Panel on the estimates of poverty in India. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Answer *all* of the following :
 - 3.(a) What do you understand by Environmental Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment ? 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 3.(b) Discuss the causes of the recent devastating floods in Jammu and Kashmir. How do they compare with those of Uttarakhand disaster last year ? 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 3.(c) What do you understand by soil erosion ? Discuss its causes. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 3.(d) What are wet-lands ? Discuss their importance. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

4. Answer *all* of the following :
- 4.(a) How is the federal structure of the Indian Constitution ensured ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 4.(b) What do you understand by 'minimum government and maximum governance' ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 4.(c) Explain the Right of Constitutional Remedies given in the Indian Constitution. $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 4.(d) How is a Money Bill different than a Financial Bill ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
5. Answer *all* of the following :
- 5.(a) Discuss the role of UNHRC in Indian perspective. $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 5.(b) Comment on Israel-Palestinian conflict. $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 5.(c) What are the objectives of European Union ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 5.(d) Write a note on Indo-Japanese collaboration. $12\frac{1}{2}$
6. Answer *all* of the following :
- 6.(a) Comment on 'Digital India Programme'. $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 6.(b) What do you understand by Nano technology ? How is it critical in context with Indian food industry ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 6.(c) How is Indian mission of Mars different than that of other countries in recent times ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
- 6.(d) How is Cryogenics different from Cryonics ? $12\frac{1}{2}$
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