

**GENERAL STUDIES**

**Paper—I**

Time Allowed—Three Hours

Full Marks—300

1. Answer the following (in about 150 words each) :—  
2×10=20
  - (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 TWO of the following (in about 150 words) :—  
2×10=20
  - (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) :—  
10×2=20
  - (a) Arthasastra

- (b) The Great Bath
- (c) Gopuram
- (d) Saranath Pillar
- (e) Amir Khusro
- (f) Jatakas
- (g) William Jones
- (h) Iqta System
- (i) Champaran Satyagraha
- (j) Satyashodhak Samaj.

4. Answer any **THREE** of the following :—  $3 \times 10 = 30$

- (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) Describe 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 **TWO** of the following (in about 125 words) :—  $2 \times 10 = 20$

- (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 :—  
4×5=20
- (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) :—  
1×20=20
- (a) Describe the salient features of the Indian Constitution.
- (b) “Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles together represent the basic objectives contained in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution”. Discuss.
8. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions (in about **150** words) :—  
2×10=20
- (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) :—  
5×4=20
- (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 :— 10×3=30
- (i) Discuss the role of the Governor in the political process of Orissa.
- (ii) Explain the functions of the Speaker of the Orissa Legislative Assembly.
- (iii) Describe the structure and functions of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Orissa.
11. Answer any TWO questions (in about 125 words each) :— 2×10=20
- (a) What is the likely direction of Indo-USA 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 trends in the global economy ?
12. Answer any **TWO** questions (in about **125** words each) :— 2×10=20
- (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) :— 2×10=20
- (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 :—

5×4=20

- (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) Chandrayaan-1.
- (j) The necessity for family planning in India.