

IAS Mains General Studies 2004

Paper-I

1. Answer anyone of the following (in about 250 words): 30
 - a. Discuss the major regulations enacted by the British rulers to curb the freedom of Press in India.
 - b. Form a critical assessment of the Non-Cooperation Movement.
2. Answer any two of the following (in about 150 words each): $2 \times 15 = 30$
 - a. What led to the partition of Bengal in 1905?
 - b. Write a note on the Theosophical Society.
 - c. Discuss the main findings of the Hartog Committee (1929).
3. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): $15 \times 2 = 30$
 - i. Upanishads
 - ii. Vajrayana
 - iii. Kumarsambhav
 - iv. Razmnama
 - v. Mirza Haidar
 - vi. Muhammad Barkatullah
 - vii. Sohan Singh Bhakna
 - viii. Alluri Sitaramaraju
 - ix. Canjeevaram Natrajan Annadurai
 - x. Jadong
 - xi. Jadunath Sarkar
 - xii. Nazir Hasan
 - xiii. Subhash Gupte
 - xiv. Acharya Nirmalya
 - xv. Jyotirao Phule
4. Answer any two of the following (in about 125 words each): $2 \times 10 = 20$
 - a. Examine the distribution of oil refineries in India.
 - b. Why are the Aravallis called a divide between Mewar and Marwar?
 - c. What is Golden Quadrilateral? How will it help in the economic development of the country?
5. Write short notes on the following (in about 20 words each): $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a. El Nino, La Nina and monsoon rains
- b. The Sambhar lake
- c. The Sundarbans
- d. Bombay High
- e. Sabarkantha & Banaskantha

6. Answer anyone of the following (in about 250 words): 30

- a. What is the significance of a preamble to a constitution? Bring out the philosophy of the Indian polity as enshrined in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.
- b. Discuss the meaning of “breakdown of constitutional machinery” What are its effects?

7. Answer anyone of the following (in about 250 words): 30

- a. Discuss how the Constitution of India provides equal rights.
- b. How does the Indian Constitution seek to maintain independence of the Public Service Commission?

8. Answer any two of the following (in about 150 words each): $2 \times 15 = 30$

- a. Define Money-bill. Discuss how it is passed in the Parliament.
- b. What is a Finance Commission? Discuss the main functions of the State Finance Commission.
- c. Discuss how state governments can exercise control over panchayats.

9. Answer the following (in about 20 words each): $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a. What is Habeas Corpus?
- b. What are the constitutional restrictions imposed upon the power of borrowing of the state governments?
- c. What is the special facility provided to the linguistic minorities under Article 350 A?
- d. How can a judge of the Supreme Court be removed?
- e. How is the Election Commission of India constituted?

10. Write on anyone of the following (in about 250 words): 30

- a. The Inter-State river water dispute has once again assumed centre-stage after the Punjab Assembly's Bill terminating all previous accords on river waters. Discuss.
- b. What is PURA? Discuss its major objectives.

11. Write on any two of the following (in about 125 words each) $2 \times 10 = 20$

- a. Explain UNDP Report on human development in India.
- b. What is WTO? What are India's objections to its overall functioning?
- c. Discuss the utility of e-governance in the Indian context.

12. Write notes on any two of the following (in about 125 words each): $2 \times 10 = 20$

- a. Housing for all by 2010 is the goal set by the National Habitat Policy. How far is it achievable?
- b. "Is greater spending on education linked to higher literacy?" Discuss.
- c. What is Enterprise Resource Planning?

13. Write about the following (in about 20 words each): $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a. ISRO
- b. Central Vigilance Commission
- c. NDDB
- d. Hiren Mukherjee
- e. Pareechu Lake