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GENERAL STUDIES

TEST - XII

COMPREHENSIVE TEST – PAPER I

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)

There are TWENTY questions printed in ENGLISH. All the questions are compulsory.

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

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answer all the following questions. Each question is to be answered in not more than 200 words. Each question carries equal marks.

1. Was India civilized before the advent of the Aryans? State briefly the extent and striking features of the earlier civilization, if any. 12½
2. Ajanta paintings reflect the contemporary socio-religious and cultural conditions of India. Do you agree with this statement? Give your views. 12½
3. How far it is correct to say that the success of Gandhian methods in Champaran Satyagraha paved the way for the rise of Mahatma Gandhi as the supreme leader of India's struggle against British rule? Give reasons for your answer. 12½
4. The Regulating Act of 1773 had "neither given the state a definite control over the Company nor the Directors a definite control over their servants, nor the Governor-General a definite control over his Council nor the Calcutta Presidency a definite control over Madras and Bombay." Elucidate. 12½
5. Gopal Krishna Gokhale emphasised the need for political apprenticeship under the providential guidance of British rule; Bal Gangadhar Tilak rejected the idea of England's providential mission in India as an illusion. Comment critically. 12½
6. "When Curzon entered the scene, the ferment of extremism had already begun to work. His policy only quickened its growth." Comment. 12½

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7. Do you agree with the view that the twin demands of social security and national security confronted every European government after the end of Second World War? 12½
8. “Neo-colonialism of today represents imperialism in its final and perhaps its most dangerous stage”. Comment critically. 12½
9. “India to them should signify not only a protecting force but a liberating one.” In light of the given statement, trace the roots of Nehru’s tribal policy and also outline the basic features of his policy in brief. 12½
10. An agrarian crisis has undercut the economic power of the middle castes who have generally been unable to take advantage of globalisation. Discuss. 12½
11. Increasing urbanization and fast changing life style are promoting alcoholism and drug abuse. In this background, critically analyze the socio-economic consequences of alcoholism and substance abuse. Do you think a complete ban is viable solution? 12½
12. Choice and consent are the pillars for women rights and the absence of a law punishing marital rape is not only unjust but also a direct violation of all tenets of human rights. Elaborate. In this context, highlight the challenges in criminalizing marital rape in India. 12½
13. Despite the fact that female literacy and education enrolment rates have been increasing, India today has lower levels of women’s workforce participation than many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Discuss the causes and give remedies to increase the women’s participation in the workforce. 12½
14. The UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (referred as Habitat-III conference) came with a “New Urban Agenda” that sets the global vision of urbanisation for the next 20 years. Discuss this new urban agenda. To what extent the initiatives like Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT is able to achieve the objectives of this agenda? 12½
15. Africa has immense natural resources and yet it is industrially the most backward continent. Comment. 12½
16. Examine the availability and extent of ground water resources in India. What are the reasons for the declining ground water and suggest measures for its effective management. 12½
17. While India has retained a near monopoly regarding naval presence in Indian Ocean; it has recently been challenged aggressively by China. Examine the geopolitical significance of the Indian Ocean region in context of the above statement. 12½
18. What is Indian Ocean Dipole? How does it influence the weather phenomena in the Indian subcontinent? 12½
19. What do you understand by Heat Budget? Explain its importance in deciphering the climate change phenomenon. 12½
20. Recently, government has approved a proposal for indigenous nuclear reactors while most of the nations across the world are moving away from nuclear energy. In this background, highlight the importance of nuclear power in India’s energy security. Also, discuss the challenges in the growth of domestic nuclear industry. 12½

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