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GENERAL STUDIES

TEST - XIV

COMPREHENSIVE TEST – PAPER III

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. While Indian economic growth in recent years is service-led growth and Chinese model is manufacturing led growth. Throw light on the implications of both models for long-term sustainable development. 12½
2. Privatisation of Air India is one the most significant structural reforms in Indian aviation sector. Examine the reasons for its privatization. Along with this, suggest more reform measures that could give a boost to the country's aviation sector. 12½
3. Starvation in the midst of plenty reflects the sorry state of affairs associated with the issue of food security today. In the light of this statement, what role does buffer stock play in promoting food security? To what extent, the recommendations of Shanta Kumar Committee and reforms in PDS will ensure the efficiency of food management? 12½
4. Urban Mass Transit Projects should not be merely seen as urban transport projects but more as urban transformation projects. In this context, analyze the salient features of New Metro Policy, 2017. 12½
5. In the background of conventional agriculture becoming environmentally unsustainable, critically examine the utility of large scale adoption of organic farming in India. 12½
6. Post-GST, multi-modal transport is the key to seamless cargo movement across the country. In this context, examine the need for integrated transport plan. Also, discuss the challenges associated with the implementation of such plan. 12½

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7. Agricultural marketing in India is the weakest link in the agricultural economy. In this context, discuss the problems of agricultural marketing in India. Do you think that e-NAM is the panacea for all the deficiencies in agricultural markets? 12½
8. Briefly highlight the parameters used by the government to determine the extent of poverty in India. Discuss the strategies adopted by India since Independence to deal with the poverty problem. 12½
9. In spite of India insisting on negotiating services agreements in all ongoing bilateral trade agreements; it has so far desisted from joining a plurilateral Trade in Services Agreement (TISA). In this background, give reasons for India's opposition to this agreement. 12½
10. "Compared to animal husbandry's contribution to the Indian economy, the sector has received less resources and institutional support." Analyse the above statement in the light of challenges faced by livestock sector in India. 12½
11. Recently, government has decided to leapfrog from BS-IV to BS-VI emission norms directly by completely skipping BS-V norms. In this context, critically examine the challenges in switching over to BS VI by 2020. 12½
12. Crowd control during mass cultural events is a challenging and complex exercise. Suggest the mitigating strategies with special reference to NDMA guidelines for crowd control. 12½
13. With cities and towns expanding at the periphery, the land-hills of garbage move closer and so does the danger to our health. In this context, discuss the prospects and challenges of Waste to Energy Plants to clean up solid waste. 12½
14. Indian government announced Digi-Gaon initiative in 2017-18 budget. What are the important components of this initiative? How does it try to achieve the objective of 'inclusive growth'? 12½
15. What do you understand by the term 'Internet of Things (IoT)'? "Even as the internet is taking over our lives across multiple levels, the internet's basic functionality and the rights of users are under strain." Discuss. 12½
16. Recently, Government of India has undertaken the demonetization of high value notes to curb black money. To what extent demonetization has curbed black money in India? Discuss the other steps taken by India to curb the menace of black money. 12½
17. Managing borders is more than just stopping infiltration of terrorists. What other security challenges, apart from terrorism, does India face in its border areas? 12½
18. What do you mean by Fake News? How is it increasingly becoming a threat to the internal security of a country? Suggest some mechanisms to prevent fake news in India. 12½
19. Imposing a virtual curfew in conflict situations or otherwise not only goes against the fundamental principle of liberty and expression but also creates a trust deficit between the people and the government. Examine the statement in the context of India's internal security. 12½
20. Given that the diaspora is expanding and becoming more mobile and assertive, evacuation operations are likely to become more frequent, complex and distant. In this scenario, do you think there is a need for comprehensive policy on evacuation? 12½

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