

## GENERAL STUDIES

*Time Allowed : Three Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

### INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting the questions :*

*There are FOUR questions and all are to be attempted.*

*Candidates should attempt questions/parts as per the instructions given in the questions.*

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

*All parts and sub-parts of a question are to be attempted together in the answer book.*

*Answers must be written in ENGLISH only.*

*Candidates are required to write clear, legible and concise answers and to adhere to word limits wherever indicated. Failure to adhere to word limits may be penalized.*

*Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer book must be clearly struck off.*

1. Answer **all** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) :

5×5=25

- (a) Both Subhas Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi launched struggles against the British during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. How were their ideas and strategies different ?
- (b) Discuss the role of intellectuals in giving shape to the nationalism in India during the freedom struggle.
- (c) The division of India into provinces and evolving a system of provincial administration by Akbar was an effective system of governance. Comment.
- (d) Why were a number of European trading companies attracted to India during the 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> centuries ?
- (e) What does Yoga represent in Indian philosophical tradition ? Is it the same as that practised by the masses in the present day ?

2. Answer **all** of the following (in not more than 200 words each) :

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- (a) What is Polar Shifting ? Discuss its geographic significance with regard to catastrophic consequences on humanity.
- (b) What are Western disturbances and Westerlies and how are they different from monsoons ? In which part of India are they confined ?

- (c) Discuss the impact of Information Technology in the Industrial Revolution of India.
- (d) Discuss the changing scenario of pulses cultivation as well as their production.

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- (e) What are the differences between Himalayan and Peninsular rivers ? Discuss.

3. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 5×5=25

- (a) Explain the reasons for political turmoil among middle level castes in recent times seeking OBC reservations in India.
- (b) What do you understand by tax-havens ? Explain how they promote corruption in India.
- (c) Discuss the importance of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in achieving holistic development of agriculture in India.
- (d) What do you understand by Protein Inflation ? Explain the causes for Protein Inflation in India.
- (e) Discuss the major causes for low human development in India.

4. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 5×5=25

- (a) Discuss the impact of the Indo-Pak War in 1971.
- (b) Discuss the imperatives for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
- (c) "The notion that there can be only one concept of what constitutes a nation, and that every other view is anti-national, is intellectually empty at best and authoritarian at worst." Examine, in the light of this statement, the current debate with regard to the concept of nationalism.
- (d) Discuss the role of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- (e) Analyse the impact of the Constitution (42<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Act on environmental protection and improvement.