

**GENERAL STUDIES****Time Allowed : Three Hours****Maximum Marks : 100****INSTRUCTIONS**

**All the FIVE questions are to be attempted.**

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

**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.**

**Attempt of a part/question shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a part/question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer-book must be clearly struck off.**

**Answers must be written only in ENGLISH.**

1. Answer any *four* of the following in about 250 words each : 7×4=28
  - (a) The Vedic Aryan culture became the foundation of Indian culture. Discuss. 7
  - (b) In which parts of India is the cyclone a major environmental hazard and why? 7
  - (c) Article 356 of the Constitution of India is the most un-federal provision. Analyse. 7

- (d) Regional disparity in India is one of the major reasons for the growing militancy activities in the country. Discuss critically. 7
- (e) Though Russia is Syria's important ally, it has agreed with USA for action against Syria recently. Discuss the case, tracing back the historical background and bringing out the key issues. 7

2. Answer any *four* of the following in about 200 words each :  $6 \times 4 = 24$

- (a) Discuss the reasons which led to the war between India and China in 1962. 6
- (b) Swami Vivekananda was a visionary who contributed towards the freedom movement through social reforms. Comment. 6
- (c) India is rich in iron-ore reserves but these are confined to certain areas. Elaborate. 6
- (d) Is there a need to replace the Parliamentary form of Government in India with the Presidential form of Government like in USA? Critically analyse. 6
- (e) Discuss the impact of the proposal of the Government to bifurcate the State of Andhra Pradesh. 6

3. Answer any *four* of the following in about  
150 words each : 5×4=20

- (a) Of all the extant Ashokan pillars, the one at Sarnath is unique in itself. Elaborate. 5
- (b) What are the differences between the Himalayan and Peninsular rivers? Discuss. 5
- (c) Discuss the powers of the President in promulgation of ordinance during recess of the Parliament. 5
- (d) Emergence of National Advisory Council (NAC) has diluted the importance of PMO and the coordinating role of Cabinet Secretariat. Analyse. 5
- (e) Discuss the Indian stand in refusing to sign the CTBT. 5

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4. Answer any *four* of the following in about  
100 words each : 4×4=16

- (a) What is meteor shower? 4
- (b) What is Human Genome Project? Discuss its advantages and disadvantages. 4
- (c) What do you understand by vector-borne diseases? Discuss any three of such diseases. 4
- (d) What is MTCR? How is it posing a hurdle for India in developing long-range cruise missiles? 4
- (e) What do you understand by cryonics? 4

5. Write short notes on the following, bringing out as to why these/they were in news, in not more than 30 words each :  $1 \times 12 = 12$

- (a) Kudankulam
- (b) Kishanganga Project
- (c) Chabahar Port
- (d) Higgs Boson
- (e) Voyager 1
- (f) Mars One
- (g) Usain Bolt
- (h) Obabiya Aishah Ajibola
- (i) Narendra Dabholkar
- (j) Bashar al-Assad
- (k) Malala Yousafzai
- (l) Norman Woodland

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