

GENERAL STUDIES

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting 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.

Candidates are required to write clear, legible and concised answers and to adhere to word limits wherever indicated. Failure to adhere to word limits may be penalized. The answers must be written within the space provided in the answer-book.

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

1. Answer **all** the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 5×5=25
 - 1.(a) Assess the impact of Iron Technology on the history of ancient India.
 - 1.(b) Present a sketch of major Sufi orders in India. What was their goal ?
 - 1.(c) Examine the ideas and ideology of Jyotiba Phule. Can he be termed a radical ?
 - 1.(d) Write an essay on the main revolutionary groups operating in India till early 1930s.
 - 1.(e) Given the odds and the opposition from princely states, their integration was a huge achievement. Whom do you consider the architect of Indian integration after independence ? Discuss.

2. Answer **all** the following (in not more than 200 words each) : 5×5=25
 - 2.(a) Why do the river systems of Peninsular India flow to the east to Bay of Bengal ?
 - 2.(b) Why do iron and steel industries tend to locate closer to the areas of mining of ores and other raw materials ?
 - 2.(c) How does the population distribution of India relate to the broad physical divisions of the country ?
 - 2.(d) How can global climate change affect food security of India ?
 - 2.(e) Which areas of India and why, are the most susceptible to earthquakes ?

3. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : $5 \times 5 = 25$
- 3.(a) Does recent budget (2017) aim to Transform, Energise and Clean (TEC) Indian Economy to ensure empowering common man in India ? Discuss.
- 3.(b) What is Green Energy ? Explain the policies envisaged by the Government of India to promote Green Energy sources.
- 3.(c) In India, do you agree growth of service sector is sustainable and will it ensure the equity in terms of creating employment ?
- 3.(d) Examine the main economic implications of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India.
- 3.(e) Examine how Demographic Dividend is affected by the lack or investment in the human capital.
4. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than 200 words each) : $5 \times 5 = 25$
- 4.(a) "The rights must be reconciled with the duties." Examine, in the light of this statement, how fundamental duties in one citizen imply fundamental rights in other citizens.
- 4.(b) In view of the prolonged relationship between black money and politics in India, there is now a growing feeling that an effort must be made to cleanse the system of political funding in our country. Do you agree with this feeling ? Give reasons for your answer.
- 4.(c) Discuss the role of the Attorney-General of India.
- 4.(d) Examine the impact of globalization on the developing countries.
- 4.(e) How does the Supreme Court Collegium's recent decision end the impasse on judicial appointment procedure ?