



# GENERAL STUDIES MAIN 2018 PAPER - I

Time Allowed: 3HRS.

Maximum Marks: 250

1. Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
2. Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
3. Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
4. Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
5. Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region?  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
6. Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
7. What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem?  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
8. "Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment.  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
9. 'Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons.  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
10. How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.  
(150 Words-10 Marks)
11. The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss.  
(250 Words-15 Marks)
12. Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.  
(250 Words-15 Marks)
13. Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?  
(250 Words-15 Marks)

14. "The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system." How can it be made effective in urban areas? (250 Words-15 Marks)
15. Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India. (250 Words-15 Marks)
16. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics. (250 Words-15 Marks)
17. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success. (250 Words-15 Marks)
18. 'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view. (250 Words-15 Marks)
19. 'Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate. (250 Words-15 Marks)
20. 'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations. (250 Words-15 Marks)

