



GENERAL STUDIES MAIN 2016 PAPER - I

Time Allowed: 3HRS.

Maximum Marks: 250

1. Early Buddhist Stupa-art, while depicting folk motifs and narratives, successfully expounds Buddhist ideals. Elucidate. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
2. Krishnadeva Raya, the king of Vijayanagar, was not only an accomplished scholar himself but was also a great patron of learning and literature. Discuss. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
3. Explain how the uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
4. Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
5. Highlight the differences in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
6. Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity? (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
7. The anti-colonial struggles in West Africa were led by the new elite of Western-educated Africans. Examine. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
8. To what extent globalisation has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
9. "An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from the process of deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
10. Why are the tribals in India referred to as 'the Scheduled Tribes'? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
11. With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme.' (200 Words-12.5 Marks)
12. What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer. (200 Words-12.5 Marks)

13. Discuss the concept of air mass and explain its role in macro-climatic changes.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
14. "The Himalayas are highly prone to landslides. "Discuss the causes and suggest suitable measures of mitigation.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
15. The effective management of land and water resources will drastically reduce the human miseries. Explain.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
16. South China Sea has assumed great geopolitical significance in the present context. Comment.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
17. Major cities of India are becoming vulnerable to flood conditions. Discuss.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
18. Present an account of the Indus Water Treaty and examine its ecological, economic and political implications in the context of changing bilateral relations.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
19. Enumerate the problems and prospects of inland water transport in India.
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)
20. In what way micro-watershed development projects help in water conservation in drought-prone and semi-arid regions of India?
(200 Words-12.5 Marks)