

UPSC Civil Services Mains Exam – 2018:

General Studies Paper – 1

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- (Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)
- There are TWENTY questions
- All questions are compulsory.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided.
- No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
- Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off

Questions:

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

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

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