

GENERAL STUDIES**Paper—II**

Full Marks : 250

Time : 3 hours

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully
before attempting questions*

There are **TWENTY** questions printed in ENGLISH.

All questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers to Question Nos. **1** to **10** should be in *150* words each, whereas answers to Question Nos. **11** to **20** should be in *250* words each.

Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

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1. What do you mean by the 'basic structure' of the Constitution of India? Discuss the different views around it in the light of the recommendations of the 'National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution'.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
2. "As presiding officer, the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is the guardian of the prestige and dignity of the House." Explain.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
3. How does the Election Commission of India carry out the delimitation of constituencies for State Legislature Assemblies as per the Representation of the People Act, 1951?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Discuss how the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) safeguards the interests of the investors.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Discuss the procedures of amendment to the Constitution in India and South Africa, highlighting the key provisions.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
6. "The basic purpose of development is to enlarge people's choices." Elucidate in the light of the government policies and intervention for development in India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
7. "Social assistance measures are critical for social protection and are more common in developing economies than social insurance." Evaluate the statement.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
8. "By an objective criterion, such as population, territorial size, GDP, economic potential, civilizational legacy, cultural diversity, political system and past and ongoing contributions to the activities of the UN—especially UN peacekeeping operations—India is eminently qualified for permanent membership." Comment.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
9. "In keeping with its 'Neighbourhood First Policy', India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan." Elucidate and comment.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
10. "As close neighbours, India and Nepal share unique ties of friendship and cooperation characterized by an open border and deep-rooted people-to-people contacts of kinship and culture." Examine critically.
(Answer in 150 words) 10

11. "Instead of providing shelter from market failures and other vicissitudes of life, the welfare states today seek to make their citizens more competitive, responsive and proactive." Comment. (Answer in 250 words) 15
12. "At the centre of India's development agenda in Myanmar lies connectivity." Do you agree with the statement? Elucidate with suitable reasons in support of your answer. (Answer in 250 words) 15
13. Critically analyze India's initiative for Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure to face natural calamities by the least developed and developing countries and its impact. (Answer in 250 words) 15
14. Critically assess the role of 'Mann Ki Baat' programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in educating, guiding and motivating fellow Indians to work for social change and national development. (Answer in 250 words) 15
15. "A new century is not going to be new at all if we offer only charity, that palliative to satisfy the conscience and keep the same old system of haves and have-nots quietly contained." Discuss with suitable illustration. (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. Discuss the role of the Attorney General of India as the Chief Legal Adviser to the Government of India, highlighting some recent cases of the Supreme Court of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
17. Discuss the challenges confronted by the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in India while according essential services. How does the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 facilitate the 'rights' of the PwDs? Elucidate. (Answer in 250 words) 15
18. What is the right to privacy? How is the right to privacy protected through courts in India and Germany? Explain. (Answer in 250 words) 15
19. Critically assess the use of Article 249 of the Constitution of India that empowers the Parliament to make laws on matters listed in the State List in national interest. (Answer in 250 words) 15
20. Discuss the measures for making the Civil Service in India more efficient and responsive to the needs of the public in the light of the rapidly changing social, political and economic milieu of the country. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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