

GENERAL STUDIES**Paper—I**

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. How do the Principles of Buddhism inspire ecological mindfulness to address the loss of biodiversity? (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. Is factor endowment always a necessity for the development of an industry? Discuss with reference to Assam. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. What role would you suggest for Panchayati Raj Institutions in earthquake preparedness? (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Discuss the role of the Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti in women empowerment in the State, highlighting the contributions made by Chandraprabha Saikiani. (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. What are the main features of Indian Renaissance? (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Do you see Indian women as an untapped human resource? Give reasons. (Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Analyze the role of foreigners who made India their homeland in the Indian Freedom Movement. (Answer in 150 words) 10
8. "In order to make women's organization free from gender bias, inclusion of male members needs to be encouraged." Comment. (Answer in 150 words) 10
9. Comment on the new trendy 'Big Fat Indian Wedding'. (Answer in 150 words) 10
10. Point out the problems in using official sources while writing the history of peasants. (Answer in 150 words) 10
11. What do you mean by tribal belts and blocks in Assam? What accounts for tribal land alienation in the State? Suggest measures to check this trend. (Answer in 250 words) 15
3+8+4=15
12. Analyze the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in strengthening the Indian Nation-State. (Answer in 250 words) 15
13. How was the Assamese character reflected in the National Freedom Movement from 1921 to 1942? Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15
14. Despite various social reform movements and existing legislations, casteism in India refuses to go away. Discuss the major factors responsible for this. (Answer in 250 words) 15

15. "As G-20 chair, India has identified women-led development as one of the high priority subjects." Discuss the merits of women-led development in the context of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. What are the factors responsible for the out-migration of rural youths from Assam? Do you think this is a positive and an inevitable process? (Answer in 250 words) 10+5=15
17. Discuss briefly the influence of the Brahmo Movement on the Assamese society in the 19th century. (Answer in 250 words) 15
18. Describe how India is contributing to the globalized world with its values and ethos. (Answer in 250 words) 15
19. While India's regional and cultural diversity is much celebrated, this has also posed a major challenge in nation building in the post-Independence period. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15
20. Discuss the processes through which the earth-atmosphere system maintains heat balance. (Answer in 250 words) 15

