

General Studies Paper - 3

10 December 2014

Maximum Marks: 250

Time: 3 Hours

*There are **TWENTY FIVE** questions in this paper. Each question carries **10 Marks**. Answer questions in **NOT MORE** than the word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length.*

1. "It is unfair to say that the inclusive growth strategy adopted during the eleventh five year plan did not yield any result." Critically examine. (200 Words)

2. India needs to set up an independent institution such as the US Congressional Budget Office (CBO) that independently analyses budgets and provides valuable inputs and forecasts. Examine why. (200 Words)



3. Irrigation consumes more than 80% of the water resources of the country. In order to save water and effectively use it to benefit agriculture, the union government is implementing National Mission on Micro Irrigation. Examine the importance and components of this scheme. (200 Words)

4. “Indian farmers are likely to be the biggest beneficiaries of a competitive retail sector, given the imbalances in the agricultural produce market.” In the light of opposition to FDI in retail, critically comment on the statement. (200 Words)



5. The food processing industry in India is increasingly seen as a potential source for driving the rural economy as it brings about synergy between the consumer, industry and the farmer. At the same time it faces numerous challenges. Examine these challenges and suggest what needs to be done to tap the potential of food processing industry. (200 Words)

6. Critically examine how and why revamping and reforming Food Corporation of India is necessary to ensure food security in India. (200 Words)





7. “The Nachiket Mor report is a truly visionary document that should help the Reserve Bank and the government to initiate specific moves towards complete financial inclusion.” Comment. (200 Words)

8. “Liberalization of policies, especially with respect to seed policy in India’s agriculture sector is one of the main reasons for farmers’ suicides in India.” Critically examine. (200 Words)



9. When it comes to generating power from solar source, India has certain fundamental advantages. Examine these advantages. Also throw light on how and why India should tap its solar potential. (200 Words)

10. Critically comment on the vision areas of recently launched 'Digital India' programme. (200 Words)



11. The Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) being developed at Kalpakkam, if succeeds, will be a milestone for India and the world. Examine why and also explain why this type of reactor is hailed as unique. (200 Words)



12. There has been a significant change in the cropping pattern as well as in the relative share of various crops in the gross value of crop output in the past few decades. Briefly throw light on these changes that have taken place across India. (200 Words)



13. Recently the RBI issued an advisory to public not buy and sell virtual currency Bitcoins citing regulatory and security reasons. Examine these reasons. Also explain how Bitcoins operate. (200 Words)

14. What do you understand by rerogenetics? What are its applications? Explain. (200 Words)



15. In January 2014, the Yale Environmental Performance Index ranked India 174th out of 178 countries on air pollution. Comment on the magnitude and reasons for high air pollution in India. Also examine what measures has government taken to address this issue. (200 Words)

16. “Apart from issues relating to preparedness, response including relief and rehabilitation, and mitigation, there is a need to ensure human security in disaster management through the protection of human rights and promotion of good governance policies in India.” Critically comment. (200 Words)





17. What do you understand by 'Precision Farming'? Explain its significance for Indian agriculture. (150 Words)

18. Discuss the significance and applications of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) (150 Words)

19. Write a critical note on the laws that regulate black money in India. (200 Words)

20. Examine the policy and institutional framework for Wildlife Conservation that exists in India. Also highlight the constitutional imperatives for wildlife conservation. (200 Words)



21. In the light of recent events in some parts of the world, critically analyse the role played by 'non-state actors' in deciding the outcome of conflicts between states and within states. (200 Words)

22. “India must take an early lead in creating a framework where the government, the national security experts and the industry catering to strategic sectors of economy, can come together, to pursue the goal of cyber security in the larger national cause,” Critically examine why. (200 Words)





23. The outcome of the 2012 Rio+20 summit was the concept of the "Green Economy" to reduce the impact of the Brown Economy model of growth the world over. Examine what constitutes Green Economy and is how different from Brown economy. (200 Words)

24. In May 2011, Government of India ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its three protocols. Explain its significance for India. (200 Words)



25. “Repeal of AFSPA should be seen as the first step in an effort to create a smarter and more effective counter-insurgency capability that draws more on information technology, psychological operations, political persuasion and conflict resolution rather than on overkill and mindless indiscretion.” Do you agree with the statement? Substantiate. (200 Words)

