

Insights Mains Offline Test Series 2015

General Studies Paper – 1

Mock Test – 2

11 September 2015

**Duration:** 1.5 Hours

*Answer ALL the questions in NOT MORE THAN 150 words each. Contents of the answers are more important than its length. All questions carry equal marks. (10x15 = 150)*

- Q1. Critically discuss how did colonialism influence and shape contemporary Indian society.
- Q2. Analyze the relationship between dependency ratio and economic growth, especially in the Indian context. Also examine how high dependency ratio might affect relationship between younger and older generations.
- Q3. Post economic liberalization, during which economic reforms were introduced, India witnessed a steep fall in child sex ratio compared to previous decades. Critically examine the causes.
- Q4. Discuss the social and economic reasons why Indian cities are attracting increasing number of rural population towards them.
- 5Q. “The history of India’s National Family Welfare Programme teaches us that while the state can do a lot to try and create the conditions for demographic change, most demographic variables (specially those related to human fertility) are ultimately matters of economic, social and cultural change.” Discuss.
- Q6. Critically analyze the impact of globalization on Indian farmers.
- Q7. Discuss the contribution made by women towards seeking women’s rights during the nineteenth century social reform movements.
- Q8. Do you think Indian concept of secularism is flawed compared to the western concept? Critically comment.

Q9. It is found that there exists a social and economic disparity in water usage in India. Examine the problem and suggest how to overcome it.

Q10. "Himalayas are not only the physical barrier, they are also a climatic, drainage and cultural divide." Elaborate.

Q11. Examine why the evolution of peninsular river system is said to be different than that of Himalayan river system's evolution.

Q12. Why does the earth shake during an event of earthquake? Explain the geological reasons.

Q13. What do you understand by Coriolis Force? Explain its significance to Earth and some of the climatic phenomenon.

Q14. Despite being one of the largest coal producers in the world, India continues to import the fuel to meet its demand. Discuss the latest trends in its production in India and measures taken by the government to boost the same.

Q15. The fight to tap Arctic resources is heating up around the world, especially in the bordering countries. Do you think India should invest its money and energy in Arctic oil and other Arctic resources? Critically examine.