

Insights Mains Offline Test Series 2015

General Studies Paper – 1

Mock Test – 1

07 September 2015

*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. “Buddhist monasteries like Nalanda were prolific centers of art production that had a decisive impact on the arts of all Buddhist countries in Asia.” Discuss.
- Q2. Compare and contrast the features of Sangam Literature and the literature of Bhakti movement.
- Q3. Do the art objects that have survived tell us about the daily life of the people of the Indus Valley Civilization? Discuss.
- Q4. The Cuban Missile Crisis was a high point of what came to be known as the Cold War. Examine what events led to this Crisis and what consequences it had on the countries involved.
- Q5. The knitting together of a modern Vietnamese nation that brought the different communities together was in part the result of colonisation but, as importantly, it was shaped by the struggle against colonial domination. Discuss.
- Q6. “The First World War was the first modern industrial war.” Elaborate.
- Q7. “In some ways decolonization can be seen more as a transition from formal to informal colonial control.” Critically comment.
- Q8. Taxila was considered as a significant asset by ancient empires and kingdoms starting from 6th century BCE. Examine why it was given such importance and what contribution did it make to economy and culture of ancient India.

Q9. Why were Stupas built and why did Sanchi Stupa survive while Amaravati did not? Examine.

Q10. One of the primary causes of World War II was the rise of Adolph Hitler in Germany. Examine the factors that led to his rise to prominence in Germany.

Q11. Was the attack by China on India in 1962 was the result of India's own mistakes? Critically examine.

Q12. Briefly discuss the history of Naga Movement and India's response to it.

Q13. Critically examine the role played by underground networks during the Quit India Movement.

Q14. It is said that for Indian women, the Civil Disobedience movement of 1930-31 was the most liberating experience to date and truly marked their entry into the public space. Discuss why.

Q15. The founding and settling of hill stations was a distinctive feature of colonial urban development. Examine why they were founded and how they helped the British in India.