

CC/M/EXAM.
2020
GENERAL STUDIES
PAPER—I

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 250

All questions are to be attempted. The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it.

1. Do you think that the central concern of the ancient Indian Shastras was the contextualization of multiplicity of the concept of Dharma? (150 words) 10
2. Examine the way, regional political powers tried to build an alternative political power structure in India during the 18th century. (150 words) 10
3. How did the Moderates' economic critique of the British policies provide the ideological basis for the future political agitation in India? (150 words) 10
4. Why are the philosophical frameworks of communism and capitalism, which profess to ensure the surest way of happiness of the people, in constant conflict? (150 words) 10
5. Explain how intersectionality operates between cultural diversity and contemporary identity politics in India. (150 words) 10
6. Analyse the long struggle of woman's advancement in India from subordination to gender equality. (150 words) 10
7. Comment on the view that globalization has marginalized and further alienated the farmer from farming. (150 words) 10
8. 'Social empowerment' is essentially a political discourse in India. Elucidate. (150 words) 10

9. Communalism is a modern political construct that emerged as a reaction to a particular view of India's past. Do you agree? (150 words) 10
10. The dominant view of Homo sapiens that they are external but central to the ecosystem, is at the root of degradation of flora and fauna. Comment. (150 words) 10
11. Critique the view that, 'the five-hundred years that intervened between the fall of the Maurya empire and the rise of the Gupta empire constitute a distinct period in the evolution of Indian art'. (250 words) 15
12. How has post-modernism destabilized western modernity? Elucidate. (250 words) 15
13. Examine how far the 19th century social reforms in India can be considered as a part of the resistance against colonial and ideological hegemony. (250 words) 15
14. India's Freedom Movement, in its final realization meant 'political democracy' to Gandhiji and 'social democracy' to B. R. Ambedkar. Explain the reason for these stated positions. (250 words) 15
15. Describe the role of Ghadar Movement within the context of India's Freedom Struggle. (250 words) 15
16. Explain the reasons for the domination of regional identities conditioning the discourse of Indian politics. (250 words) 15
17. Identity based on parochialism has overshadowed the cultural differences in India and taken away their sense of celebration. Comment. (250 words) 15
18. Discuss the way oil resources have shaped the economies of West Asian countries. (250 words) 15
19. With relevant examples, explain the impacts of frequent earthquakes in shaping the socio-economic structures of the countries. (250 words) 15
20. Reflect critically on the impacts of desertification and land degradation on human life in certain regions of the earth. (250 words) 15
