

# UPSC 2018

## GENERAL STUDIES - PAPER I

*Time Allowed : Three Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 250*

### 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 must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QUA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.
- **Answers to questions no. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to questions no. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.**
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

***Contents of the answers are more important than their length.***

- Q1.** Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment. Comment. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q2.** Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q3.** Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q4.** Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q5.** Why is India taking keen interest in the Arctic region? (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q6.** Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q7.** What are the consequences of spreading of 'Dead Zones' on marine ecosystem? (Answer in 150 words) 10

- Q8.** “Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India.” Comment. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q9.** ‘Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing’. Explain by giving reasons. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q10.** How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10
- Q11.** The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q12.** Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q13.** Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q14.** “The ideal solution of depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system.” How can it be made effective in urban areas? (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q15.** Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q16.** What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q17.** Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q18.** ‘Women’s movement in India has not addresses the issues of women of lower social strata.’ Substantiate your view. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q19.** ‘Globalisation is generally said to promote cultural homogenisation but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.’ Elucidate. (Answer in 250 words) 15
- Q20.** ‘Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.’ Argue by giving suitable illustrations. 15