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**GENERAL STUDIES**

Vision IAS

**Paper—I**

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 300

**INSTRUCTIONS**

*Each question is printed both in Hindi and in English.*

*Answers must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued to you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer-book in the space provided for the purpose. No marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specified in the Admission Certificate.*

*Candidates should attempt **all** questions strictly in accordance with the instructions given under each question.*

*The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.*

**IAS PRELIM 2009**

**General Studies ( P ) : 20 Mock Test Program**

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1. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 15×2=30

(a) "The emergence of new social classes in British India was the direct consequence of the establishment of new social economy, new state system, administrative machinery and Western education." Discuss.

(b) "British vision of India had no single coherent set of ideas. On the contrary, the ideas were shot through with contradictions and inconsistencies." Discuss.

(c) "Non-Cooperation Movement gave new direction and energy to the National Movement." Explain.

2. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each) : 2×15=30

(a) Lakshmi Bai, Rani of Jhansi

(b) Ilbert Bill

(c) Lala Hara Dayal

(d) Vaikam Satyagraha

(e) Indian States Commission

(f) Bodhisattva

(g) Megasthenes

(h) Brihadeshwara Temple, Tanjore

- (i) Perini Shivatandavam
- (j) Allasani Peddana
- (k) Golkonda Fort
- (l) Chishti Silsila
- (m) Chouth and Sardeshmukhi
- (n) Poona Sarvajanik Sabha
- (o) 'Rama Sethu'

3. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 15×2=30

- (a) The winter rains in North India are largely related to Jet Streams and Western Disturbances. Bring out the relationship.
- (b) Agricultural Productivity in India remains low. Explain the reasons for this situation.
- (c) Bring out the pros and cons of Special Economic Zones.

4. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each) : 2×5=10

- (a) Buckingham Canal
- (b) Terai Region
- (c) Organic Farming
- (d) Demographic Dividend
- (e) Nor'westers

5. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 30
- (a) What is meant by 'Judicial Activism'? Evaluate its role in the context of the functioning of Indian polity.
  - (b). Discuss the major extra-constitutional factors influencing the federal polity in India.
6. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 15×2=30
- (a) Enumerate the Fundamental Duties incorporated in the Constitution after the 42nd Amendment.
  - (b) Examine the demand for greater state autonomy and its impact on the smooth functioning of Indian polity.
  - (c) Discuss the composition and functions of the Union Public Service Commission.
7. Answer the following (in about 20 words each) : 2×5=10
- (a) What is a Censure Motion?
  - (b) Distinguish between the auditing and accounting functions of the CAG of India.
  - (c) Distinguish between a starred question and an unstarred one asked in the Parliament.

- (d) What is contempt of Parliament?
- (e) What were the two major considerations to have the Governor appointed and not elected?

8. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 30

- (a) What, in your opinion, are the causes of terrorism? Suggest suitable measures to deal with the threat of terrorism in India.
- (b) Do you think there is a need for a review of the Indian Constitution? Justify your view.

9. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 15×2=30

- (a) Examine the role of caste in Indian politics.
- (b) Discuss the problems in achieving National Integration in India.
- (c) Examine the impact of Regional Political Parties in Indian politics.

10. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 30

- (a) "Globalization has brought about a distinct class divide in India instead of ushering in a classless society." Critically examine this argument.

(b) "The conditions of the urban poor are more deplorable than that of their rural counterparts." Give your views.

11. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 15×2=30

(a) Examine whether rural women in India have been empowered by their active participation in Panchayat Raj System.

(b) "Decline in the sex ratio in India is an alarming sign for India's future social development." Discuss.

(c) What should be the role of the media to project 'mass reality' in place of 'illusion of reality'?

12. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each) : 2×5=10

(a) MTP Act

(b) Supreme Court on Ragging

(c) New Seven Wonders of the World

(d) M. M. Punchi Commission

(e) Lakshmi Mittal

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