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GENERAL STUDIES – 1
(UPSC MAINS TEST SERIES 2020)



Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting questions)

There are TWENTY questions printed.

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 the Question-cum- Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in 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.

Keep the word limit indicated in the question in mind.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer booklet must be clearly struck off.



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1. "Development is the best contraceptive: Two-child policy won't help India's development paradigm". Elucidate. **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**

 2. The concepts of secularism and nationalism act as unifying forces in the Indian context. Examine **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**

 3. A universal language which will be spoken and understood by everyone will be best suited to become the lingua franca of India. Critically analyse. **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**

 4. Women in India have a low rate of workforce participation, thus making it difficult to tackle the country's gender inequality. Discuss **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**

 5. In Smart cities, the government should be citizen-centric to ensure greater public participation which is important to make the said project a success. Substantiate your answer. **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**

 6. Critically examine the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and Rules. **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**

 7. The banning of commercial surrogacy will only make it more discreet and underground thus putting a lot of women under risk. Comment.. **(Answer in 150 words)** **10**



8. Human trafficking in India, although illegal under Indian law, remains a significant problem. Elaborate. **(Answer in 150 words)**

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9. "Without mechanisation and localised solutions for sewage treatment and modern sewer systems, Swachh Bharat is an illusion". Evaluate the above statement in the context of the inhuman practice of manual scavenging. **(Answer in 150 words)**

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10. Are Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes exploited and deprived? Justify? **(Answer in 150 words)**

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11. Violence against women is widespread regardless of the nation's laws and legislation that are supposed to prevent this. Comment. **(Answer in 250 words)**

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Breaking barriers to greatness

12. Amnesty international has recorded a steep rise in alleged hate crimes in India. Examine the reasons and the measures to address the same. Explain by giving reasons. **(Answer in 250 words)**

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13. Globalization is a serious and complicated tool, which influences the Indian economy and the lives of people of Indian society. Critically examine this argument. **(Answer in 250 words)**

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19. The rolling back of the welfare state and the demise of developmentalism led to the mobilization of the masses against the elitist and exploitative agenda of globalization. Critically examine this argument. **(Answer in 250 words)**

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20. Mob Lynching's still Continue unabated in India as an act of providing 'instant justice'. The continuing prevalence of rampant caste and religion based violence is a concern to the social fabric of the nation. What are the reasons for such acts and how the government is tackling the said menace? **(Answer in 250 words)**

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Word Limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions, shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.

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1. "Development is the best contraceptive: Two-child policy won't help India's development paradigm". Elucidate. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

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2. The concepts of secularism and nationalism act as unifying forces in the Indian context. Examine. (Answer in 150 words)
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3. A universal language which will be spoken and understood by everyone will be best suited to become the lingua franca of India. Critically analyse. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

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4. Women in India have a low rate of workforce participation, thus making it difficult to tackle the country's gender inequality. Discuss (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

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5. In Smart cities, the government should be citizen-centric to ensure greater public participation which is important to make the said project a success. Substantiate your answer. (Answer in 150 words) 10Marks

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6. Critically examine the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and Rules. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks**

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7. The banning of commercial surrogacy will only make it more discreet and underground thus putting a lot of women under risk. Comment. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks**

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8. Human trafficking in India, although illegal under Indian law, remains a significant problem. Elaborate. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

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10. Are Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes exploited and deprived? Justify? (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks

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11. Violence against women is widespread regardless of the nation's laws and legislation that are supposed to prevent this. Comment. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

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14. What is regionalism? Is regionalism a great threat to the unity and integrity of the country? Discuss. (**Answer in 250 words**) 15 Marks

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15. India's demographic dividend could soon shift, with a young population giving way to an ageing one. Do you think that India's demographic dividend will go unutilised? Examine (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

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16. What are the reasons for alcoholism and drug abuse among youth? How can this issue be addressed? Explain. (Answer in 250 words) 15 Marks

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17. The process of urbanisation, if carried out in a planned, sustainable and inclusive manner, can potentially help India mitigate the impact of the all-pervasive caste system. Evaluate. **(Answer in 250 words)** 15 Marks

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18. Randomised controlled trials for poverty alleviation can benefit India in fight against poverty. Discuss. **(Answer in 250 words)** 15 Marks

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