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# **General Studies**

(99 A & B)

### Paper-II

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Note: (i) Answers must be written in English.

- (ii) Number of marks carried by each question are indicated at the end of the question.
- (iii) Part/Parts of the same question must be answered together and should not be interposed between answers to other questions.
- (iv) The answer to each question or Part thereof should begin on a fresh page.
- (v) Your answers should be precise and coherent.
- (vi) Attempt all the questions as per instructions given.
- (vii) If you encounter any typographical error, please read it as it appears in the text-book.

### SECTION-A

## Attempt any four (250 words each):

- . 'The Indian Constitution is a bag of borrowed materials'. Comment.
- "The word 'Socialist' in the Preamble to our Constitution requires to be defined". Comment.
- Comment on the relevance of Rajya Sabha as a second chamber in the federal system of Indian Parliamentary System.
- 'Indian Constitution confers vast legislative powers on the President'.
  Comment.
- What are the Constitutional provisions with respect to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Disabled persons? Explain.

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- What are the provisions for securing Indian citizenship? Explain.
- Presidential versus Parliamentary form of Government. 7.
- How does democracy produce an accountable, responsive and legislative government? Explain.
- Explain differences between horizontal power sharing and vertical power sharing with context to Indian democracy.
- 10. Discuss the factors that determine the outcomes of politics of social  $4 \times 25 = 100$ divisions.

#### SECTION-B

- 11. Answer any two of the following (about 200 words):
  - Name the main physiographic divisions of India and give the salient features of each division.
  - Describe briefly the role of the Himalayas in the resource development of the country.
  - (iii) What is 'intensity of rainfall'? Also discuss its importance to Indian farmers.
  - (iv) Where do Mangrove Forests occur in India? Describe their  $2 \times 20 = 40$ main characteristics.
- 12. Answer any two (about 150 words each):
  - What measures have been taken by the Government of India to curb the inflation? Explain.
  - What are the advantages and disadvantages of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model ?
  - (iii) How far do you think universalisation of Public Distribution System (PDS) can be helpful in ensuring food security concerns in India.
  - (iv) What is GST? What are its advantages? Explain.

 $2 \times 20 = 40$ 

- 13. Answer any two of the following (about 150 words each):
  - 'Though J&K are one of the largest recipients of grants from New Delhi, their own rich soil adds to the treasure'. Comment.
  - Write a note on the rivers and lakes of J&K.
  - "J&K is rich in herbs with medicinal value but poor in minerals and fossil fuels". Comment.  $2 \times 20 = 40$

#### SECTION-C

- 14. Attempt any two (about 50 words):
  - What is Solar Tsunami?
  - Define Genetic Engineering.
  - Difference between National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.

 $2 \times 5 = 10$ 

- 15. Attempt any two (about 150 words):
  - What is Medical Tourism? Is India emerging as a hub of medical tourism? Give reasons in support of your answer.
  - e-waste hazards.
  - DNA finger printing and its applications.
  - (iv) Appropriate insecticide for acid-lime crop.

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- 16. Attempt any two out of the following (about 100 words):
  - WiMAX
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Role of technology in the rehabilitation of the Disabled in India.

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