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Instructions

Each question is printed both in Hindi and in English

Answer 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 answer 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 is indicated at the end of the question.

1. Critically analyze any two of the following statements with reference to the context in which they were made (in about 150 words each) $15 \times 2 = 30$
 - a) Many Englishmen honesty consider themselves the trustees for India and yet to what a condition they have reduced our country.
 - b) The Foreign power will be withdrawn but for me real freedom will come only when we free ourselves of the dominance of western education, western culture and western way of living which have been ingrained in us.
 - c) Satan cannot enter till he finds a flaw. A great ocean separate us educated few from the millions in our country.
2. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each) $2 \times 10 = 20$
 - (a) King Nongbah
 - (b) Maski
 - (c) Govind Guru
 - (d) 'Brahmadeya'
 - (e) 'Egmore Faction'
 - (f) Haileybury College
 - (g) Ijara System
 - (h) Taji Mideren
 - (i) Gurudwara Reform Movement
 - (j) 'Marumakkathayam'



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3. Answer any four of the following questions (in about 150 words each) $15 \times 4 = 60$
- Assess the significance of coastal regions in the economic development of India.
 - Discuss the wetlands and their role in the ecological conservation in India.
 - Elaborate the steps taken by the Government for regionally differentiated approach to increase crop production and diversification in the country.
 - Bring out the Significance of the various activities of the Indian Metrological Department.
 - Examine the status of urbanization among the states in India and bring out spatial inequalities.
4. Write about the following (not exceeding 30 words each) $3 \times 10 = 30$
- 'Bhuvan Website
 - ' National Waterways
 - Ultra Mega Power Projects
 - NNRMS
 - BSUP Scheme
 - Gagan Project
 - Fruit Production in India
 - Section 377 of IPC
 - Whereabouts clause of WADA
 - Barren Island
5. Answer any two of the following questions (in about 100 words each) $10 \times 2 = 20$
- Analyse India's achievements in the sports sectors during 2008 – 2009.
 - List the salient features of the important folk dances of either Central India or Northern Eastern India.
 - What are the important similarities and difference between the Hindustani and the Carnatic Styles of Classic music?
6. Answer any two of the following questions (in about 150 words each) $15 \times 2 = 30$
- What are your views on the features and impact of Domestic Violence Act, 2005?
 - Are the traditional determinants of voting behavior in India changing?





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(c) Examine in the context of last General Elections. Examine corruption as a serious development challenge in Indian Polity.

7. Answer any two of the following questions (in about 150 words each) $15 \times 2 = 30$

(a) Mushrooming of Higher Educational Institutions was a matter of grave concern for Yashpal Committee. With reference to the relevant portion of that report give your views how to harmonise private investment and quality of education.

(b) In the changing context of governance in the country, what should be the role of the UPSC?

(c) In the Context of recent incidents, suggest measures on how security of passengers and property can be improved over indian railways.

8. Answer any one of the following questions (in about 250 words each) 30

(a) Comment on the salient features of the Integrated Energy Policy recently approved by the government and its implication on the energy security needs of the country.

(b) How far has impact of the global meltdown been reflected in the Economic Survey 2008 – 09? Identify some of the core areas given priority to neutralize the adverse effects of the global downturn.

9. Answer any two of the following questions (in about 150 words each) $15 \times 2 = 30$

(a) Trace the significance steps in the evolution of Television in the country.

(b) The Last National Family Health Survey (NFHS) displayed a very dismal picture of nutrition as regards several indicators for average Indians. Highlights the salient aspects of this problem.

(c) 'As we live in a plural society we need the greatest freedom to express our opinions even if others find it offensive' Do you agree? Discuss with reference to some recent incidents in the Indian context.

10. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each) $2 \times 10 = 20$

(a) Significance of 26th November in the Country's Polity

(b) Desert National Park

(c) Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra

(d) Deep Joshi's recent Achievement

(e) Girni Kamgar Union

(f) Ayush-64

(g) Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (GGVN)

(h) Satya Vrat Shastri's recent achievement

(i) Pocket Veto

(j) PESA, 1996