

UPSC CIVIL SERVICES (MAIN) EXAMINATION 2024

General Studies Paper I

Practice Answer Booklet

Answer all 20 questions. Three hours, 250 marks. Write by hand in the ruled space, time yourself (8 min 45 s per answer), then check your answer against the framework at digitallylearn.com/upsc-pyq/mains/2024/gs-paper-1/.

Q1. Underline the changes in the field of society and economy from the Rig Vedic to the later Vedic period.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s

Q2. Estimate the contribution of Pallavas of Kanchi for the development of art and literature of South India.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s



Q3. What were the events that led to the Quit India Movement? Point out its results.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s



Q4. What is sea surface temperature rise? How does it affect the formation of tropical cyclones?

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s



Q5. Why do large cities tend to attract more migrants than smaller towns? Discuss in the light of conditions in developing countries.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s

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Q6. What is the phenomenon of ‘cloudbursts’? Explain.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s



Q7. What is the concept of a ‘demographic winter’? Is the world moving towards such a situation? Elaborate.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s



Q8. Distinguish between gender equality, gender equity and women's empowerment. Why is it important to take gender concerns into account in programme design and implementation?

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s

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Q9. Intercaste marriages between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of interreligious marriages.

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s

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Q10. In dealing with socio-economic issues of development, what kind of collaboration between government, NGOs and private sector would be most productive?

10 marks · 150 words · 8 min 45 s

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Q11. “Though the great Cholas are no more yet their name is still remembered with great pride because of their highest achievements in the domain of art and architecture.” Comment.

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q12. How far is it correct to say that the First World War was fought essentially for the preservation of balance of power?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q13. How far was the Industrial Revolution in England responsible for the decline of handicrafts and cottage industries in India?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q14. The groundwater potential of the gangetic valley is on a serious decline. How may it affect the food security of India?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q15. What are aurora australis and aurora borealis? How are these triggered?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q16. What is a twister? Why are the majority of twisters observed in areas around the Gulf of Mexico?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q17. What is regional disparity? How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q18. Despite comprehensive policies for equity and social justice, underprivileged sections are not yet getting the full benefits of affirmative action envisaged by the Constitution. Comment.

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q19. Globalization has increased urban migration by skilled, young, unmarried women from various classes. How has this trend impacted upon their personal freedom and relationship with family?

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s

Q20. Critically analyse the proposition that there is a high correlation between India's cultural diversities and socio-economic marginalities.

15 marks · 250 words · 8 min 45 s
