

Mains 2016 GS Test Series

Test X

GS Comprehensive Test I

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

SECTION A

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

There are twenty questions.

All the questions are compulsory.

Every question carries 12.5 marks each.

Answer all questions in not more than 200 words each.

Contents of the answer are more important than their lengths.

1. Recently i.e. fourteen centuries after the event, historians fixed the date of Pulakeshin's victory over Harshavardhan. Discuss the problems in dating Indian history.
2. Was so called 'autonomous village system' evolved during Chola period really autonomous and democratic?
3. After reaching the highs in late medieval times, why Indian architecture declined? Throw light on present scenario as well.
4. In 1945 there was a significant change in British policy towards India. What was this change and which factors affected it?
5. Dr. Ambedkar revolutionized the way issues of lower cast were being discussed in pre and post independent India. In this context, what would have been his assessment of present times?
6. "In The End of Ideology (1960), Bell suggests that the older grand humanistic ideologies derived from the nineteenth and early twentieth century are exhausted and that new more parochial ideologies will soon arise". Comment.
7. "Industrial revolution revolutionized the intellectual realm". Critically examine.

8. Accessible India Campaign for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities was launched by government. To what extent this campaign will solve their issues?
9. India takes pride in its unity in diversity. At the same time the manifestation of this diversity i.e. regionalism is considered major impediment in building this unity. Assess.
10. How do you explain the women empowerment indicators such as Maternal Mortality Rate, literacy rate, sex ratio have improved among Southern and North Eastern states as compared to Northern and Western states?
11. Women and children have always been among the vulnerable sections in Indian society. Growing trend of globalisation specifically internet is aggravating their plight. Illustrate.
12. Responsibility of mentally ill people lies with State as well as families. Do you agree? In this light critically assess provisions of Mental Health Care Bill, 2016.
13. There is trend towards blossoming of English language schools in rural India. Discuss factors behind this phenomenon. What are its impacts?
14. Population stabilization has gone off everyone's radar as India basks in the security of having the world's largest, yet youngest populace. Comment.
15. Industrial growth in Eastern India is not commensurate with the resource availability of the region. Analyze.
16. Urban flooding has acquired extraordinary dimensions in our times. List down the causes for this phenomenon and suggest suitable strategy to prevent and mitigate it.
17. What is cloudburst? Why are they recurrent in hilly states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir? Can cloudbursts be forecast?
18. Discuss how climate change has warranted a new thinking in Indian agriculture.
19. A distinguishing feature of renewable energy resources is their distributed and localized nature. Examine.
20. Evaluate the role of regional and global weather events that have a bearing on the climate of India.