

General Studies Paper I

Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society Guess Questions

1. Answer any 15 of the following in about 50 words each.

4*15=60

- a) "Hindola Raga"
- b) Ragamala
- c) BASOHLI
- d) Guler
- e) Tata Vadya
- f) Kamaicha
- g) Ankya
- h) The Jhanj.
- i) Oordhwaka
- j) Toomba
- k) Swang
- l) Bhand Pather
- m) Maach
- n) Dashavatar
- o) Mudi yettu
- p) Therukoothu
- q) Theyyam
- r) Bhavai

2. Write any four of the following in about 250 words each.

20*4=80

- a) 'How have historians tried to analyse the character of the Rowlatt Satyagraha in urban India in 1919? In what sense was it affected by the feeling that this new law was going to affect the lives of ordinary Indians in major ways.'
- b) What was long term significance of the French revolution of 1789 for world history?
- c) Do you think the world war II marked a watershed in the twentieth century?
- d) 'What represents Modern Architecture in India'?
- e) Give the detailed context of Indian society. Bring a case study analysis of the changes you would like to bring in your society.

3. Write any five of the following in about 150 words each.

$$12 \times 5 = 60$$

- a) Describe the causes of cyclones? What are the two seasons of occurrence of cyclones in India?
- b) 'Wetlands are nature's managers of water reserves'. Justify this statement.
- c) Write an essay on the position or status of women in any one of the religious communities – Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim or Christian taking into account caste, tribal or ethnic affiliations.
- d) Conservation Strategies for Mangroves in India.
- e) Write four major uses of copper. Name the two leading copper producing countries of the world.
- f) What are four major challenges to nation building and national unity in India?
- g) How globalization marked changes in culture of India?

4. Write any five of the following in about 100 words each.

$$8 \times 4 = 32$$

- a) Discuss the changing patterns of joint family.
- b) Describe the three main factors of sex ratio (female to male ratio) decline in India during the 20th century.
- c) Explain the importance of water resources in the biosphere.
- d) Describe the preparedness and risk reduction measures
- e) Throw some light on social activists who fought for social justice for low-caste people?
- f) What are the different senses in which 'secularism' has been understood in India?

5. Write any six of the following in about 20 words each

$$2 \times 7 = 14$$

- a) Comment on the racial unity of India?
- b) Aims of Hindu marriage.
- c) Dower (mehar)
- d) Explain the types of coal in World.
- e) Name the leading countries that were involved in making Allied forces during Second World War?
- f) What was the most immediate cause of the collapse of the Soviet Union?
- g) Mention reason for the placing of nuclear missiles in Cuba by the USSR in 1962?
- h) What are secondary activities and why are they called secondary?