

HAS (Main)-2010

(HELD IN MARCH 2012)

GENERAL STUDIES

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 150

Note: Question no.1 is compulsory. Attempt any four more question out of the other remaining seven questions.

1. Answer the following questions briefly: 70 (1 each)

- (1) Which is the highest mountain pass that joins 'Kinnaur and Spiti?
- (2) In which district of Himachal Pradesh is Chandra Nahar Lake situated?
- (3) With which Central Asian race are the Gujjars (Gurjars) of Himachal Pradesh bracketed?
- (4) According to Hiuen Tsang which sect of Buddhism was popular in Kuluta (Kullu)?
- (5) Who was the Raja of Kangra when Muhammad Bin Tughluq attacked Nagarkot?!
- (6) Where did the battle around 1686 A.D. between Guru Gobind Singh and the Rajas of Bilaspur, Handur and Garhwal take place?'
- (7) Who was the Englishman who led the regular troops against the Gurkhas, in 1815 A.D. at Chopal and Rawingarh?
- (8) Which Rana of Princely state of Bhajji was deposed by the British for his support to the National Movement?
- (9) With which agitation was Mian Chunchoo of Zadol associated?
- (10) Which princely state of Shimla Hill states was first to be merged with the Indian Union?
- (11) Which ruler of Bilaspur confiscated the Jagirs of his collaterals and publicly hanged some of his officials?
- (12) In which year did the British capture the princely state of Kangra?
- (13) Which nationalist leader of Kullu revolted against the British in 1857 and was executed along with his advisor Bir Singh.
- (14) Which Raja of Shimla Hill states was accorded first seat at Lord Amherst's durbar at Shimla in 1927?
- (15) Which prince of Bilaspur (Kahloor) founded the state of Handur (Nalagarh)?
- (16) Which fair in Chamba town is attended only by women and children?

- (17) On which stream is the rope way from Timber Trail (Parvanoo) to the hill top across it?
- (18) Where is trout breeding facility in Shimla district?
- (19) What is the state bird of Himachal Pradesh?
- (20) According to 2010-2011 Economic Survey what is the percentage of marginal farmers in Himachal Pradesh?
- (21) According to the 2010-2011 Economic Survey what is the assessed hydro-electrical potential in Himachal Pradesh?
- (22) Which district in Himachal Pradesh has the highest sex ratio according to 2011 census?
- (23) To which category of families does the Himachal Pradesh Government's "Beti Hai Anmol" Yojana apply?
- (24) Which is the hottest planet?
- (25) With which Belgian astronomer is the Big Bang theory associated?
- (26) What is hydrophobia?
- (27) What is the name of the technique that protects the test tube babies from hereditary diseases?
- (28) What is telepathology?
- (29) What is Aloe vera?
- (30) What is Skype?
- (31) In which continent is Ivory Coast located?
- (32) Which continent has the largest number of countries?
- (33) What is Ophiuchus whose sign is a serpent bearer person?
- (34) Which country did Megasthenes belong to?
- (35) Who is the author of Sanskrit play Ratnavali?
- (36) In which state of India are Kanheri cave temples located?
- (37) Who was the founder of Satyashodhak Samaj movement?
- (38) Which community drew inspiration from Sri Narayan Guru to oppose Brahman domination in Kerala?
- (39) Which Muslim leader tried to convince the upper class Muslims of Western UP about the benefits of English education during the second half of the nineteenth century?
- (40) In which conspiracy case were S.A. Dange and some others jailed in 1924 AD.?

- (41) In which year the consultative body of princes known as 'Chamber of Princes' (Narendra Mandal) came into being?
- (42) Who founded the Red Cross in 1920 A D.
- (43) To which-tribe did Dorjee Khandu, the Arunachal Chief Minister who recently died in a chopper crash belong?
- (44) To which President of the United States does the saying 'from long cabin to White House' refer?
- (45) Which country of the world occupies first position in Human Development Index?
- (46) In which country are the 'Tora-Bora hills' located?
- (47) Which country allows every year only a limited number of tourists due to environmental concerns?
- (48) Who is the newly elected President of Haiti?
- (49) Who is the youngest king of the world today?
- (50) To which district of present Uttar Pradesh did Mangal Pandey, the hero of 1857 first war of independence, belong?
- (51) Which committee recommended that the Panchayati Raj institutions should be given constitutional status which led to the passing of 73rd constitutional amendment Act?
- (52) From which district of Rajasthan was Panchayati Raj formally introduced by Jawaharlal Nehru on October 2, 1959?
- (53) Who is the new Chief minister of Puduchery?
- (54) Which was the first air-craft carrier of the Indian Navy?
- (55) Who invented X-ray?
- (56) Which ancient Indian is the father of Yoga?"
- (57) Who is the author of Gita-govinda?
- (58) Who was the first Tirthankar of Jainism?
- (59) Which plan of the British Government offered to allow the provinces to form groups with their separate sub constitutions?
- (60) Which scale is used to measure earthquakes?
- (61) In which state of India is Nanga Parbat located?
- (62) To which country does the new IMF Chief belong?
- (63) On which date is Mother's day celebrated?
- (64) Who is the author of National Anthem of Bangladesh?
- (65) Who is the author of 'Long Walk to Freedom'?

- (66) Who is the creator of Rock Garden, Chandigarh?
(67) What is nano-technology?
(68) In which city is Eiffel Tower located?
(69) Which country is hosting the 2014 Football World Cup?
(70) What is the meaning of the Slogan that was inscribed in Sanskrit on the IPL-4 trophy?

2. write a brief essay on the following: 20

Prospects of religious tourism in himachal Pradesh .

Or

Women empowerment in himachal Pradesh.

3. Write a note on the following(in about 350 words)

Gandhian conceptions of self rule.

Or

Views of gandhiji on varna order.

4. Express your views on the following (in about 350 words) 20

Options before india in the face of growing sino-pak friendship.

Or

Indo US efforts to combat terrorism.

5. Express your views on the following(in about 100 words each) 20

(a) Lokpal bill

(b) Scope of right to information

(c) Different faces of corruption in india

(d) Relevance of private universities in Himachal Pradesh

6. Express your views on the following(in about 100 words each) 20

(a) democratic upsurge in africa

(b) same sex marriage

(c) challenge of somalian pirates to sea trade

(d) declining role of non-align movement in the world.

7. Why have the following been in news recently? 20

(1) Abbottabad

(2) Puttaparthi

(3) Fukushima

(4) Saana

- (5) Demchok
- (6) Singur
- (7) Lancet
- (8) Kangaroo courts
- (9) Navy seals
- (10) Bhatta Parsaul

8. Who are the following and why they have been in news recently? 20

- (1) Ai Weiwei
- (2) Ansar Burney
- (3) Ayman al zawahiri
- (4) Lobsang Sangey
- (5) Mary Kom
- (6) K.Balachandra
- (7) Bashar-al-Assad
- (8) Kate Middleton
- (9) Maria Sharapove
- (10) Michael Jack Nobbs

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