



Time Allowed : Three Hours

Max. Marks : 250

UPSC MAINS 2023 GS PAPER 1

1. Explain the role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
2. What was the difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore in their approach towards education and nationalism? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
3. Bring out the socio-economic effects of the introduction of railways in different countries of the world. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
4. Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
5. Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
6. How are the fjords formed? Why do they constitute some of the most picturesque areas of the world? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
7. Why is the South-West Monsoon called 'Purvaiya' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region? How has this directional seasonal wind system influenced the cultural ethos of the region? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
8. Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in Modern India? **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
9. Explain why suicide among young women is increasing in Indian society. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
10. Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children. **(Answer in 150 words) 10 marks**
11. What are the main features of Vedic society and religion? Do you think some of the features are still prevailing in Indian society? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
12. What were the major technological changes introduced during the Sultanate period? How did those technological changes influence the Indian society? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
13. How did the colonial rule affect the tribals in India and what was the tribal response to the colonial oppression? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
14. Comment on the resource potentials of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
15. Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forest regions of India. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
16. Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
17. From being net food importer in 1960s, India has emerged as a net food exporter to the world. Provide reasons. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
18. Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
19. Why is the caste identity in India both fluid and static? **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**
20. Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism. **(Answer in 250 words) 15 marks**

