

ESSAY

Full Marks : 250

Time : 3 hours

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully
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The ESSAY must be written in the medium or language of the candidate's choice. ESSAY should be written in the space as per the topic provided.

Word limit, as specified, should be adhered to.

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Write **two** essays, choosing **one** topic from each of the Sections A and B, in about 1000–1200 words each.

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125×2=250

Section—A

- ✓ 1. A good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge
2. Being a leader is great, but being a good follower is greater still
3. No man is an island
4. Knowledge is its own reward

Section—B

5. The National Education Policy, 2020 : Its merits and demerits
6. Problems of industrial development in Assam
- ✓ 7. Role of women in the socio-economic development of India's North-East
8. Skill development and employment

GENERAL STUDIES**Paper—I**

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1. Highlight the major themes of the prehistoric paintings of India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
2. Write a note on the origins, evolution and salient features of the Sattriya Dance of Assam.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
3. Explain briefly the social, economic and cultural background of the emergence of Indian nationalism in the 19th century.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Highlight the underlying geographical factors that influence the distribution of India's population.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Assess the role of the Government of India in biodiversity protection.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Explain the significance of the Charter Act of 1833 in the history of colonial India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Highlight the ideas of nationalism of Gandhi and Tagore in the context of Indian freedom struggle.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Write a note on the feminization of labour in India.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
9. Examine the impact of globalization on Indian tribal societies.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
10. Discuss the significance of India's demographic dividend in her economic development.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
11. Illustrate with suitable examples how syncretism became a part of Indian architecture during the medieval period.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
12. Give a critical account of the economic impact of partition of India on Assam.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
13. Natural resource rich belts in India are not always the one with the highest levels of economic development. Explain.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
14. What are extreme precipitation events and what are their effects? Why are such events occurring more frequently in recent times?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
15. Do you agree with the view that the interlinking of rivers can address the water issues in India? Give reasons for your answer.
(Answer in 250 words) 15

16. Examine the challenges faced by the bell-metal industry in Assam. What measures do you suggest to make it a vibrant economic sector?
(Answer in 250 words) 15
17. Discuss the challenges in the process of integration of the Princely States with India after Independence and evaluate the roll of Sardar Patel in it.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
18. Highlight the factors that led to the rise of regionalism in Indian polity. Critically examine its role in strengthening Indian federalism. (Answer in 250 words) 15
19. Smart cities in India cannot sustain without smart villages. Discuss.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
20. "The Neo-Vaishnavite Movement played the most significant role in laying the foundation of a broader society in the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam." Elucidate this statement.
(Answer in 250 words) 15

GENERAL STUDIES

Paper—II

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1. Write a note on preparedness in India with special reference to Assam to realize the UNDP Sustainable Development Goal 2. (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. "In the Indian parliamentary system, the office of the President is like a 'pivot' that joins the two wheels, namely the legislature and the executive." Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. Discuss why Article 32 of the Constitution of India is regarded as the 'Heart and Soul of the Constitution'. (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Do you think 'cooperative federalism' exists in India? Substantiate your answer. (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. "The future of India lies in the villages." Explain the statement in the light of the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in empowering rural communities. (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Discuss the role of civil society as the guardian of human rights and obligations. (Answer in 150 words) 10
7. "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." Explain. (Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Explain the procedure to amend the Constitution of India highlighting the significance of the basic structure doctrine. (Answer in 150 words) 10
9. Discuss the powers of the Speaker under the Rules for the Conduct of Business in the Parliament. (Answer in 150 words) 10
10. The Vienna Declaration is a landmark in the history of human rights. Elucidate. (Answer in 150 words) 10

11. "Correlation of good governance with democracy has meant the dispersion of power amongst the governed instead of centralization in the elites." Comment.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
12. "E-governance transforms not only the ways in which public services are delivered but also the fundamental relationship between the government and the citizen." Explain.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
13. "The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) launched by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has been successful in creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor." Comment.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
14. Discuss the administrative relations between the Union and the States.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
15. "India and the USA are natural allies." Discuss the strategic reasons of India's closeness to the United States of America.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
16. Discuss the role of civil service in realizing the true objectives of a democracy. Substantiate your arguments in the light of the functioning of the Indian Civil Service.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
17. What are the core provisions of the Representation of the People Act? Discuss the amendments of the Act as on date.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
18. "The Indian Parliament system, though patterned on the British model, consists of its own unique features, drawn mainly from the non-British sources." Elucidate in the context of difference between the parliamentary system of India with that of the British.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
19. Critically analyze the problems and prospects of microfinance programme as a tool for empowerment and eradication of poverty with special reference to Assam.
(Answer in 250 words) 15
20. Discuss, in detail, how judicial decisions shape Indian politics with special reference to the latest judgements of the Supreme Court of India.
(Answer in 250 words) 15

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Paper—III

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1. What is fiscal deficit? What is the target of fiscal deficit as per the FRBM Act? Why are there demands for having flexibility in FRBM fiscal deficit target in the recent post-COVID situation? (Answer in 150 words) 4+2+4=10
2. Explain the pros and cons of development of railway stations through joint ventures under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. What may be the possible reactions of the general public? (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10
3. What are the possible effects of large-scale hydroelectric projects in environment? Write a critical note on the possibilities of having medium and small-scale projects in place of large-scale ones. (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10
4. Use of various social media has become extremely popular in the present era. Explain how its misuse may be a threat to the national security of India and also how new legislations can help in tackling these issues. (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10
5. In COP26 held at Glasgow, UK, India has committed to achieve the target of 'Net Zero Emission' by 2070. What are the implications of the commitment? Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Discuss analytically the hydrometeorological, geological, biological and technological hazards in the context of Assam. (Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Give the reasons for increase of educated unemployment in India. What may be the short-term and long-term measures to reduce the problem? (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10
8. How is the budgetary allocation of the Government of India in the education sector changing? Explain how this change may affect especially the primary education. (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10
9. What is the aim of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan' and what are the main pillars of this vision plan? (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10
10. What is nano-science and technology? Give an account as to how it can be used in medical and pharmaceutical sectors. (Answer in 150 words) 5+5=10

11. What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the context of agriculture? Explain its role in the Green Revolution. Critically examine the existing system of MSP. (Answer in 250 words) 5+5+5=15
12. Distinguish between FDI and FII. Discuss their relative merits and demerits as sources of external investment for a country's economic growth. (Answer in 250 words) 5+10=15
13. In the context of Assam, provide clear examples of physical, social, economic and ecological factors of disaster vulnerability. Do you notice any emerging trend in disaster impact, hazards and vulnerability pattern? (Answer in 250 words) 10+5=15
14. What are the biodiversity hot spots and what is their importance? Mention some biodiversity hot spots in India and explain the measures to be taken to preserve them. (Answer in 250 words) 5+10=15
15. Though paddy is major crop in India, it seems its production is affected either by drought or by flood. What are the possible steps to tackle these problems especially in North-East India? (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. What are the reasons for failure of several public sector enterprises in India? Explain the advantages and disadvantages of privatizing such enterprises. (Answer in 250 words) 5+10=15
17. What are the points to be looked into in the preparation of management of a large earthquake? Describe the long-term measures to be taken in managing floods in North-East India. (Answer in 250 words) 8+7=15
18. What is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)? Why is it imperative to carry out an EIA of any large industrial infrastructure project? (Answer in 250 words) 5+10=15
19. Name the organizations that constitute the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). What are the roles played by the CAPF in ensuring security of the country? (Answer in 250 words) 5+10=15
20. What are the key elements of 'inclusive growth'? Why is inclusive growth important in the context of sustainable development? (Answer in 250 words) 5+10=15

GENERAL STUDIES**Paper—IV**

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There are **NINETEEN** questions divided in **TWO SECTIONS** printed in **ENGLISH**.

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Section—A

1. Law and Ethics are two tools for controlling human conduct. Explain with examples how the two differ in their approaches. (Answer in 150 words) 10
2. "Family as an institution in inculcating values seems to set deteriorated in the recent past." Do you agree? Justify your stand. (Answer in 150 words) 10
3. Discuss the importance of the values of empathy, tolerance and compassion for a bureaucrat in his/her attitude towards weaker sections of society. Do such values contradict the attitude of impartiality and non-partisanship expected from a civil servant? (Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Civil services today work in an environment beset with numerous problems and challenges. What is the role of emotional intelligence in guiding administrators to handle these situations? (Answer in 150 words) 10
5. "You must be the change you want to see in the world", Mahatma Gandhi once said. Discuss the role of administrators as initiators of positive change in society within the regulatory framework of administration, with one's conscience as a source of ethical guidance. (Answer in 150 words) 10
6. What do you understand by 'probity' in governance? Examine the ways in which probity and integrity in governance can check misuse of power and enhance legitimacy of authority. (Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Examine the extent to which corruption possesses a challenge to the development of a proper work culture and acts as a hindrance to delivery of public services. (Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Is 'ethics' and 'effective leadership' a cause and effect relationship? Enlist some requirements of leaders which will help them to capitalize on their ability to influence ethical conduct. (Answer in 150 words) 10
9. How are self-accountability and external accountability related to achievement of ethical standards in public administration? (Answer in 150 words) 10
10. What do you understand by the term 'voice of conscience'? How is it different from 'crisis of conscience'? Narrate one incidence to show 'crisis of conscience'. (Answer in 150 words) 10

11. Differentiate between personal ethics and professional ethics. Is there a scope for conflict between them in the conduct of professional duties?
(Answer in 150 words) 10
12. How can an impartial and non-partisan public service help in proper administration of a democratic government? Give your own reasons to substantiate your answer.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
13. Distinguish between 'code of ethics' and 'code of conduct' with suitable examples.
(Answer in 150 words) 10

Section—B

14. Suppose there is a flute and three children are claiming it :
Child 1 : I have worked hard to make the flute, so I should get it.
Child 2 : I can play flute very well, so I should get it. Only I can make a complete use of it.
Child 3 : Both the children are rich and I am poor, so I should get the flute. Other two have other means of enjoying life.
- (a) Who according to you should get the flute?
(b) What are the ethical issues in this matter?
(c) What role does justice play in this situation? (Answer in 250 words) 20
15. You are head of irrigation department in a district and entrusted with the responsibilities to construct and maintain canals in the district. District is drought prone and irrigation activities are very scanty. The reputation of the department is also dented by a scam. Few employees were caught red handed while taking bribe.
- (a) What steps would you take for the welfare of the district?
(b) Give some suggestions by which reputation and prestige of the department can be restored.
(Answer in 250 words) 20
16. A young dalit man has recently migrated to a city from his village in search of better employment opportunities. The man is very poor and he does not have any identity proof because of which he is not getting any place on rent and employers are also not giving him any job. He went to a nearby municipal committee office and shared his problem. Out of four officials whom he met, the first official was apathetic, the second official was sympathetic, the third official was empathetic and the fourth official was compassionate.

- (a) How will you judge the attitude of these four officials?
(b) Why are empathy and compassion important aptitudes for civil servants in India?

(Answer in 250 words) 20

17. Increased national wealth need not mean increase in the per capita income of all the citizens. Equitable distribution of wealth is still a distant dream in India. There are pockets of minority wealthy families to whom concentration of wealth occur. Majority of people are still without basic necessities of life.

Critically analyse the above statement in the context of contemporary Indian economy and society. (Answer in 250 words) 20

18. As a civil servant, you are incharge of a government housing construction project which aims at providing houses to weaker sections of the society. However, such construction will result in clearing forest area which is domicile of endangered species. There is no alternate space nearby. How do you respond to such a situation in the context of global warming and sustainable development?

(Answer in 250 words) 20

19. "If people are good only because they fear punishment and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed." (Albert Einstein)

Examine the essence, determinants and consequences of ethics in human actions in the light of the above statement. (Answer in 250 words) 20

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Paper—V

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1. Define, according to your lights, the etymology of the words 'Asam' and 'Asamiya'.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
2. "Assam is a living ethnological museum with its diversity of ethnic communities and their cultural patterns." Illustrate the statement.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
3. "Assamese farmers are organic by default." Elaborate the statement.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
4. Discuss the importance and scope of agro-based industries in Assam.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
5. Give an outline of the 'Jibondinga Scheme' of the Government of Assam.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
6. Evaluate the long-term effects of the reforms of Kalicharan Brahma on the Bodo society.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
7. Draw a pen-picture of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika as a cultural icon of the twentieth century Assam.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
8. Write a brief account of the literary achievement of any one of the following authors :
(Answer in 150 words) 10
 - (a) Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya
 - (b) Indira Goswami (Mamoni Raisom Goswami)
 - (c) Nilmani Phookan
9. Discuss the steps taken by the Government of Assam in the realm of gender equality in recent years.
(Answer in 150 words) 10
10. Give a brief account of the traditions of folk and classical dances of Assam.
(Answer in 150 words) 10

11. Give a thumbnail sketch of the early history of Kamarupa with special reference to the Varman dynasty. (Answer in 250 words) 15
12. Write a brief essay on the *Asamiya Buranji* literature of Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
13. Discuss the landmarks of the freedom struggle in Assam from 1921 to 1947. (Answer in 250 words) 15
14. Illustrate how physiography of a region affects economic activities with reference to the physiographic units of Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
15. "Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." Comment on the progress made in Assam in this regard. (Answer in 250 words) 15
16. Discuss the salient features of the renewed 'Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Scheme'. (Answer in 250 words) 15
17. Critically discuss the constitution and functioning of the Assam State Human Rights Commission. (Answer in 250 words) 15
18. Suggest measures to make tourism a key driver of economic growth in Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
19. Discuss the genesis and working practices of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15
20. Discuss the importance of tea industry in the economy of Assam. (Answer in 250 words) 15
