
HPAS MAINS-2023

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER-I (Held on 15/12/2023)

Section-I

Attempt all question. Answer to Question No. 1 to 15 should not exceed to 60 words in each case. Content of the answers are more important than their length. Each question carries 4 marks.

- Q.1 Discuss critically Lala Lajpat Roy views about 'Swaraj'.
- Q.2 Give an account of three important events of Governor General Lord Ellenborough period.
- Q.3 Throw light on the salient features of Pallava Temple Architecture style.
- Q.4 Highlight the contribution of Rasbehari Bose in Indian Freedom Struggle.
- Q.5 Make a distinction between bhabar and terai ?
- Q.6 Write a geographical note on Balasore train accident.
- Q.7 Write a note on Sanjay Vidyut Pariyojana of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q.8 Development and democracy are like twins. Critically examine this statement.
- Q.9 What do you understand by the "Bottom-up" approval of development and administration? What are its main features?
- Q.10 Development paradigms must recognise the diversity of culture and geographies. In light of this statement what specific focus would you recommend for the development of a hill state like Himachal Pradesh?
- Q.11 Underline the key challenges in the process of tribal development in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q.12 How has the spread of mass-media impacted the culture of Himachal, especially those inhabitants in the far-off areas and the higher altitudes?

- Q.13 Status of women in India has been a critical theme for a long time in any development discourse. What is your assessment of gender-development in Himachal Pradesh? Give reasons and cite facts to highlight your argument.
- Q.14 Major traditional fairs and festivals of Himachal Pradesh undergone transformation. They are increasingly becoming distant from the folk traditions and heritage. How do you evaluate this change?
- Q.15 Discuss the recent government initiatives in making the public spaces disability friendly and suggest new ways of facilitating their movement and participation in public life.

Section-II

Attempt all questions. Answer to Question No. 16 to 25 should not exceed to 120 words in each case. Content of the answers are more important than their length. Each question carries 8 marks.

- Q.16 Define the concept of "Decolonization". Also highlight the major reasons of decolonization.
- Q.17 Write a critical note on "Dandra incident" of Bilaspur.
- Q.18 Discuss critically the relation between Sirmour and the Mughals.
- Q.19 Throw light on the Emergence of Kullu State and also highlight the reign of Raja Jagat Singh Kullu.
- Q. 20 Meghalaya Plateau is a part of Peninsular India. Elaborate it.
- Q.21 Describe the pattern of winter rainfall in India with a suitable sketch.
- Q.22 Which are the main industrial regions in Himachal Pradesh? Which are the major Industries in them.
- Q.23 Write a detailed geographical essay on Lesser Himalaya zone of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q.24 The thesis that the rural is about caste and urban is about class is too simplistic. Give your views on this statement.
- Q.25 Joint family system in Indian Society even in the rural area is getting nuclearized. What are the main reasons for this?

Section-III

Attempt all question. Answer to Question No. 26 to 28 should not exceed to 400 words in each case. Content of the answers are more important than their length. Each question carries 20 marks.

- Q.26 Corruption is like a termite that destroys the best of systems. What suggestions would you prescribe for a robust and corruption-free system in India?
- Q.27 Discuss critically the major Tribal uprising, Civil Rebellions and Sepoy Mutinies in India against the British Rule during the period 1757-1856 A.D.
- Q.28 Describe air transportation in India and throw light on trunk air routes.



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