

**COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)**

**GENERAL STUDIES**

**Paper-I**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Full Marks : 200*

- Note : (1) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.  
(2) Answer the questions following the instructions strictly  
(3) Answer all questions.*

**(Modern History of India and Indian Culture)**

1. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 15
- (a) Discuss the causes of the Revolt of 1857.
  - (b) Assess the growth of revolutionary ideas during the British period.
  - (c) Was the Aligarh Movement led by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan successful in popularizing Western education among Muslims?
2. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 10×2=20
- (a) How did the development of modern communication and transport system contribute to the rise of nationalistic sentiments during the nineteenth century?
  - (b) Write, in detail, about the Sikh Reform Movement.
  - (c) Was the Non-Cooperation Movement the first mass movement of India? Comment.
  - (d) How did the All-India Muslim League promote the idea of a separate state for Muslims? Explain with suitable illustrations.
3. Write short notes on any *two* of the following (in about 75 words each) : 5×2=10
- (a) Hunter Commission
  - (b) Khilafat Movement
  - (c) Dandi March

(d) Harijan Movement of the Congress

**(History of Arunachal Pradesh)**

1. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 15
- (a) Describe the relationship of the British with the Nyishis.
- (b) Write about the provisions of the Hopkinson's proposal.
- (c) Discuss the development of the direct administration in Arunachal Pradesh after 1880.
2. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 10×2=20
- (a) Give an account of migration and subsequent settlement of Abo-Tani group of tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (b) Write about the process of manufacture of handmade paper by the tribes of the western Arunachal Pradesh.
- (c) Describe the Ahom-Nocte relations with special reference to the control of the Nocte salt wells.
- (d) Write a note on the appearances of the Chinese on the borders of Arunachal Pradesh in the beginning of the 20th century.

**(Political Science)**

1. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 15
- (a) Do you agree that the Preamble to Indian Constitution states the ideals, objectives and basic principles which it seeks to establish and promote? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) "Fundamental Duties have been incorporated to ensure a welfare state." Either validate or refute this statement with justification.
- (c) Explain the functions of the Election Commission of India.
2. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) : 10×2=20
- (a) Critically examine the Rights against exploitation as enshrined in the Constitution of India.
- (b) Discuss the powers and functions of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- (c) "Administrative reforms are essential for good governance in modern times." Comment.
- (d) Discuss the nature and functions of the important Standing Committees of Parliament.



3. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) :  $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) What is 'Lok Adalat'?
  - (b) Discuss the role of Anti-Defection Law in the Indian political system.
  - (c) Mention the areas of Centre-State relations in India.
  - (d) Discuss the provisions mentioned in the Sixth Schedule for the administration of tribal areas of Northeast India.
4. Answer any *one* of the following (in about 250 words) : 15
- (a) Analyse the role of Kotokis in Arunachal Pradesh-Assam relationship.
  - (b) Describe the administrative changes introduced in Arunachal Pradesh after the Government of India Act, 1956.
  - (c) Discuss the structure and functioning of the Village Councils of the Monpas and Sherdukpens.
5. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 250 words each) :  $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) Write a note on the division of Arunachal Pradesh in the tracts.
  - (b) Describe the administrative changes in Arunachal Pradesh introduced in 1945.
  - (c) Write about the features of Nehru-Elwin Policy towards the development of Arunachal Pradesh.
  - (d) Discuss the formation and working of Gram Panchayat and Anchal Samiti in Arunachal Pradesh.
6. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each) :  $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) To check the cases of economic offenders leaving the country to evade due legal procedures, the government has introduced the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill in the Lok Sabha. What are the provisions of this bill? How effective, in your opinion, will it be against the offenders that it will recognize once it becomes a law?
  - (b) Recently, with the electrification of Leisang village in Manipur, the Government has achieved the electrification of every village in India. Evaluate the causes that have contributed to this development.
  - (c) The increase of fuel prices, especially diesel and petrol, have led to demands for the inclusion of petroleum products under the Goods and Service Tax (GST). Do you agree with this demand? Give reasons for your answer.
  - (d) What, according to you, are the reasons for the decision of the United States to shift its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem? Evaluate the possible impact of this shift on India's relationship with Palestine.

7. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 75 words each) : 5×2=10

- (a) A large number of pending cases checks the effectiveness of India's judiciary. What measures can be taken to address this critical situation? Discuss ways in which the process of judicial appointments become more transparent as well as efficient.
- (b) The Central Government has filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) with the Supreme Court to ensure adequate and proper representation of SC/ST faculty members in academic departments across the country. In the light of this fact, detail the ways in which institutions of higher education emerge as sites that provide for social justice and equity.
- (c) Even as India has seen several women achievers in diverse fields, it remains a country that is marred by violence against women and children. What are the steps that the government can take to address this problem of crime against women and children?
- (d) The sporting achievements of any country are an index of its society's healthy lifestyle, cultural capital, and soft power. In the light of this statement, discuss the Government's initiative of Khelo India, with specific focus on the organization of Khelo India School Games (KISG), New Delhi, 2018.

8. Write brief notes on any *five* of the following (in about 25 words each) : 2×5=10

- (a) Nipah Virus
- (b) Village Rockstars
- (c) Meghan Markle
- (d) International Solar Alliance
- (e) Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Yojana
- (f) Prafulla Samantara
- (g) S. R. Bommai vs Union of India (1994)