

AKR/1/16

2016-17

GENERAL STUDIES

Full Marks : 300

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any ten of the following questions in about 200 words each : 16×10=160
 - (a) Discuss the basic features of the Indian Constitution. Is the Indian Constitution flexible in nature? 14+2=16
 - (b) Discuss the nature of Fundamental Rights in India. Under what conditions can Fundamental Rights be suspended in India? 12+4=16
 - (c) Write about the composition of the Election Commission of India. Briefly describe its main functions. 2+14=16
 - (d) "Sardar Patel accomplished a silent revolution by ensuring the absorption and assimilation of a multitude of principalities without shedding even a drop of blood." Discuss. 16

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- (e) Analyze critically that Buddha's teachings to a large extent could be helpful in understanding and resolving the problems of today's society. 16
- (f) India has had its cultural and trade relations with the nations of South Asia since ancient time. Illustrate with examples. 16
- (g) Describe the salient features of Indian agriculture. Delineate the major rice-producing belt of India. 8+8=16
- (h) Discuss the salient features of the Harappan culture. Write the causes of its decline. 8+8=16
- (i) How did external invasions influence the art and culture of India in the post-Mauryan period? 16
- (j) What are the sustainable development goals initiated by the UN General Assembly? What are its global goals for transformation of world? Explain briefly. 2+6+8=16
- (k) "Assam is not only rich in natural resources but also in cultural life and socioeconomic setup which are prevalent among the different ethnic groups." Examine it with reference to the various ethnic groups of the State. 16

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- (l) Mention various kinds of skill development projects undertaken by the Government of Assam. Do you think that the Skill Development Mission, 2022 will cover all the targeted individuals (specially abled persons) to be trained? Comment. 16
- (m) Give an overview of Space Programme in India. Write briefly about the major space centres of India. 16
- (n) What are the main factors for the degradation of forests in India? Write briefly about the 'Ecomark' scheme and its objectives. 8+8=16
- (o) Write briefly about the NITI Aayog. How does it differ from the Planning Commission? 16
2. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about 100 words each : 8×5=40
- (a) What is Money Bill? Discuss the passage of the Money Bill. 2+6=8
- (b) When was the National Food Security Act enacted? Highlight the major programmes of the Act under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. 2+6=8

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(c) What is the main cause of urbanization? Critically examine the major issues and challenges that India faces as her urbanization proceeds. 3+5=8

(d) Write a short note on 'Gamosa' and its significance in Assamese society. 4+4=8

(e) What are the major causes for conflicts over water? Discuss in short one international and one inter-State water conflict. 8

(f) What are greenhouse gases and what is greenhouse effect? Discuss the potential and contribution of these gases to global warming. 2+6=8

(g) What policies did the Ahoms adopt towards the frontier tribes? 8

(h) Discuss the recent population policy framed by the Assam Government. Is it helpful for the development of the State? Give reason. 4+2+2=8

3. Answer any *eight* of the following questions in about 50 words each : 5×8=40

(a) What is biodiversity hot spot? Write the biodiversity significance of North-East India. 2+3=5

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- (b) Why is there a disparity in development of North-East India? How can we address regional disparities by appropriate planning? 3+2=5
- (c) Write the influence of climate on the economy of the population of Assam. 5
- (d) Write about the significance of 'Japi' in Assamese society. 5
- (e) Distinguish between culture and civilization. 5
- (f) What are 'tax havens' and how are they promoting corruption in India? 5
- (g) Write about acid rain and its impact on environment. 5
- (h) Assess the development of science and technology in the Mughal period. 5
- (i) Write briefly about the position of women in medieval Assamese society. 5
- (j) What is disaster management? How could it be helpful in preventing the loss of lives and property in the event of occurrence of any disaster? 2+3=5
- (k) What are renewable and non-renewable sources of energy? Give examples. 5
- (l) Write in short about GST and its impact on India's economy. 5

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4. Answer any *thirty* of the following questions :

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- (i) What is pocket veto power?
- (ii) What is zero hour?
- (iii) What issues does IMDT Act address?
- (iv) What does the Article 1 of the Constitution deal with?
- (v) What is Three-Tier Panchayat system?
- (vi) What does the Article 360 deal with?
- (vii) What are the fossil fuel resources in India?
- (viii) Which is the largest mineral-based industry in India? Why is it a key or basic industry?
- (ix) Mention two geographical requirements for the growth of wheat in India.
- (x) Identify two issues in which NE India is lagging behind its neighbouring States of India.
- (xi) Name the countries having international boundary with the States of North-East India.
- (xii) Give two reasons why Assam is lagging behind in blue revolution in spite of having innumerable wetlands.

- (xiii) How has climate change affected the production of tea in Assam?
- (xiv) Name the tropical rain forest of Assam and state its characteristics.
- (xv) What is the decadal growth of population in Assam during the decade 2001-2011?
- (xvi) Name the States of India in which Garba and Tamasha dance form originated.
- (xvii) What is the meaning of 'Bhatima'?
- (xviii) What are the Zikirs and Zaris?
- (xix) What is the other name of 'Naam Ghosa'? Why is it so called?
- (xx) What do you know about 'Bhatheli festival'?
- (xxi) What is ozone-layer depletion?
- (xxii) What are carbon nanotubes?
- (xxiii) What do the letters CTC stand for when used in relation to tea?
- (xxiv) Name the authors of *Akbarnama* and *Harshacharita*.
- (xxv) Name two leaders of Santhal uprising (1855).

- (xxvi) Name two tea gardens of Maniram Dewan.
- (xxvii) Mention two threats faced by the small tea growers of Assam.
- (xxviii) Which Five-Year Plan focussed on 'growth with social justice and equity'?
- (xxix) In which Five-Year Plan the gap between target and actual growth was the highest?
- (xxx) What is Ali-Aye-ligang?
- (xxxi) Mention two commercial crops of Assam other than tea.
- (xxxii) In which year the Battle of Saraighat was fought and who was the Ahom king at that time?
- (xxxiii) Name the bird sanctuary of Assam and in which district it is located.
- (xxxiv) What is McMahon line? Why is it the bone of contention between China and India?
- (xxxv) Mention in two points how the productivity of human resources of India is adversely affected by high birthrate of population.
