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UPSC IES ISS 2023 Question Paper · General Studies

EXAM	YEAR	TYPE	SUBJECT
UPSC IES ISS	2023	Question Paper	General Studies

GENERAL STUDIES

Time Allowed : Three Hours	Maximum Marks : 100

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions

There are FOUR questions and ALL are to be attempted.

Candidates should attempt questions/parts as per the instructions given in the questions/parts.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Candidates are required to write clear, legible and concise answers and to adhere to word limits, wherever indicated. Failure to adhere to word limits may be penalized. The answers must be written within the space provided in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answers must be written in ENGLISH only.

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1. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than *200* words each) : 5×5=25

(a) What features of architecture indicate that Mohenjo-daro was a planned urban centre?

(b) Why is the Maurya Rule important in the history of India?

(c) Evaluate the contributions of Kabir and Guru Nanak Dev to the promotion of unity among the people.

(d) Who provided leadership to the Revolt of 1857? Discuss the role of any three of them.

(e) Why did Mahatma Gandhi consider Salt Tax more oppressive than other taxes? What was the outcome of his Dandi March?

2. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than *200* words each) : 5×5=25

(a) "Heat waves are expected to become longer and more intense and frequent over the Indian subcontinent." Examine the statement.

(b) Why are millets said to be climate friendly? Explain it in the context of International Year of Millets (2023) declared by the United Nations.

(c) What are the consequences of rapidly ageing population in India?

(d) "Human activity seems to be primarily responsible for Joshimath's crisis." Comment.

(e) Why do we have fewer cyclones in the Arabian Sea than in the Bay of Bengal?

3. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than *200* words each) : 5×5=25

(a) Infrastructure development is considered a key element for accelerating growth rate of the Indian economy. Do you agree? Discuss.

(b) "Free trade agreements with important economies in the world are good for India." Discuss.

(c) Examine the major obstacles towards replacing non-renewable energy by renewable ones in India.

(d) A rising income and wealth inequality in India may not be good for India's long-term goals. Do you agree? Critically discuss.

(e) What are the major obstacles for the development of human capital in India despite everyone is in agreement that human capital is a major driver of growth in future? Elaborate.

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4. Answer *all* of the following (in not more than *200* words each) : 5×5=25

(a) What are the basic structures of the Indian Constitution? Can they be amended? Explain.

(b) Critically examine the concept of judicial activism in the working of the Indian constitutional system.

(c) The Indian Constitution is enriched by the Constitutions of other countries. Elaborate.

(d) What is cooperative federalism? Is Indian federal system an example of cooperative federalism? Critically analyse.

(e) "India's foreign policy has moved from non-alignment to multi-alignment." Discuss.

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