



MIT Civil Services Training Institute (MIT-CST)



GENERAL STUDIES (Paper I)

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks:250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.

There are **TWENTY** questions printed in **ENGLISH**.

All Questions are compulsory.

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

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided.

No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.

Answers to Questions No. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Questions No. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.

Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

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

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- 1) Discuss the evolution of rock cut architecture in India? Examine why Cave No 16 of Ellora Caves is considered as the epitome of rock cut architecture in India? 10
- 2) There are a lot of similarities, as well as significant differences between the Hindustani and the Carnatic music? Discuss. 10
- 3) What problems were germane to the decolonization process of Malay Peninsula? 10
- 4) The fall of Bastille was not just the fall of a fort but the beginning of French revolution. Comment. 10
- 5) What was the British Policy of Salutary Neglect? It is said, this policy of salutary neglect ultimately paved way for the American Revolution. Discuss. 10
- 6) “Temple movements in India have shifted its focus from being caste based to gender based...” Examine. 10
- 7) Discuss the contribution of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in the emergence of Bengal renaissance and Indian nationalism. 10
- 8) Despite affirmative action policies, caste consciousness is a part of everyday lives of Indians. Analyze. 10
- 9) What do you understand by heat budget of the earth? Examine how anthropogenic factors are impacting the heat budget of the earth? 10
- 10) With disintegration of the joint family system & emergence of nuclear family, children are the worst suffers. Comment. 10
- 11) A close analysis of art and culture of medieval India points to the cultural amalgamation, which has been a distinguishing feature of Indian society and polity. Examine. 15
- 12) Do you agree that the biggest revolution in human history is Industrial Revolution? Why was England the epicentre of Industrial Revolution? 15
- 13) Colonial exploitation and domination scarred Indian society in many ways. But paradoxically, colonialism also gave birth to its own enemy – nationalism. Comment. 15
- 14) The #MeTooCampaign which has gripped India recently has exposed the critical failure of our society & education system in developing a secure male – female environment. Analyse the above statement in light of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013. 15

- 15) The Sabarimala controversy has exposed the internal fissures in Indian socio-political discourse, a fight between socio-religious political entrepreneur and the social reformers. Comment. 15
- 16) Supreme Court in *Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India case 2018*, overturned its earlier judgment in Naz foundation case 2013. Analyse the reasons given by the Supreme Court? Discuss the implications on Indian Society. 15
- 17) The status of elderly in India has transformed a lot from the era gone by, in part because the society is in the turbulent changes. Examine and discuss the role played by Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act? 15
- 18) India has a rich tribal art filled with exclusivity & diversity but lacks on its commercialization. Discuss the work of TRIFED and its shortcomings in commercialization of tribal art. 15
- 19) Recent instances of Bhima-Koregaon, Samvidhan Morcha - the growing Dalit unrest points towards rumbling of discontent in a community disgruntled by the promises of empowerment. Analyse 15
- 20) Discuss the role of institutional and infrastructural factors in shaping the pattern of Indian Agriculture. Discuss the consequences of climate change on agriculture & food security, on coastal Regions of the India? 15