



MIT Civil Services Training Institute (MIT-CST)



GENERAL STUDIES (Paper - II)

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) The Personal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018, seeks to end the discrimination against leprosy patients. Analyse. 10
- 2) “The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established with an objective of setting science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.” In the light of above statement discuss the regulatory framework and challenges involved in enforcing food safety and standards in India. 10
- 3) Discuss the technological solutions in the domain of government-to-citizen cash transfers in context of India. 10
- 4) Discuss the threats and challenges faced by the tribes such as Sentinelese in India and how can they be protected? 10
- 5) There is growing synergies between India and Japan in the current volatile global geostrategic framework. Examine. 10
- 6) In its recent judgement, the Supreme Court has put forward a comprehensive set of measures to deal with issues of hate crimes. Discuss. 10
- 7) The amendments to Prevention of Corruption Act has made a balancing act between avoiding policy paralysis and at the same time create a deterrence against corruption in public offices. Critically examine. 10
- 8) The Strategic Trade Authorization status, STA-1, to India will ensure a greater supply chain efficiency for defence and other high-tech products. Comment. 10
- 9) Africa is at a critical juncture and India could play many roles in its growth story. Examine the above statement and discuss the challenges for India vis a vis China? 10
- 10) Indian policymakers need to be mindful of domestic industry’s concerns and not get into a raw deal with respect to the RCEP. Critically analyze. 10
- 11) In light of the strategic status quo in South Asia, there is a growing need to revise India’s nuclear doctrine. Discuss in light of India achieving Nuclear Triade & growth of Non-conventional threats. 15
- 12) Preamble contains the aims and aspirations of the constitution. Explain in brief those aims and aspirations Discuss whether the ideal of secularism has undergone a change since independence? 15
- 13) The controversy with respect to demand for reservation by communities such as Marathas, Jats etc highlights the need to re-examine the reservation policy. Comment. 15

- 14) The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2017 in its current form has many procedural and legal infirmities. Examine the statement in light of the Supreme Court verdict in Shayara Bano case. 15
- 15) Right to be forgotten as envisaged by draft data protection Bill will lead to compromises with transparency, freedom of speech and freedom of press. Critically analyze. 15
- 16) The progress on sustainable development goal (SDG) impacting child malnutrition has been tardy across the world including India. Examine and suggest how to tackle this problem? 15
- 17) Excellence is not just about governmental recognition, but ought to be the *raison d'être* of all higher education institutions. Comment, in the light of the recent government policy to create “institutes of eminence” in the country. 15
- 18) Discuss the role of CDSCO in protecting the interests of Indian patients? Examine how can we ensure that such gross negligence that happened in Johnson and Johnson’s case is not repeated in the future? 15
- 19) How can the role of NGOs be strengthened in India for development works relating to protection of the environment? Discuss the major constraints. 15
- 20) Critically examine how far India has managed to fulfill its national interests through the exercise of its foreign policy. Discuss in light of the overall objectives of India’s foreign policy? 15

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