

APCS (Gen) 2008

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GENERAL STUDIES

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :**
- All questions are compulsory.
 - The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.
 - Clearly mention question number and part number before attempting.
 - The parts of the same question must be answered together and must not be interposed between answers to other questions.
 - Limit your answer to the word limits mentioned for each part. Divide your time proportionately for each question.

P.T.O.

1. (a) Answer the following in about **200** words : (7)

Discuss the events from the Muslim League's observance of Direct Action Day to the Partition of India. What was the attitude of the Congress and Gandhiji to the demand for partition ? Why was the partition finally agreed to ?

- (b) Answer the following in about **125** words : (4)

Discuss the factors that led to the growth of militant nationalism in the beginning of the 20th century. How the ideology and actions of militant nationalists differed from those of the moderates ? How far both succeeded in achieving their political objectives ?

- (c) Write about the following (about **20** words each) : (8×0.5=4)

- (i) Muhammad Iqbal
- (ii) Bhimbhetka paintings
- (iii) Srinivasan Ayengar Ramanujan
- (iv) Carnatic Music

- (v) Chandella Temple Architecture
- (vi) Maha Kumbh Melas
- (vii) Subramanyam Chandrashekhar
- (viii) Madan Lal Dhingra

2. (a) Answer the following in about **200** words : (7)

Discuss cause, origin and distribution of the Monsoons in India ? How frequent floods during rainy seasons can be prevented ?

(b) Answer the following in about **125** words : (4)

Does sustainable development is key to environmental protection in the era of economic integration ? Discuss.

(c) Write about the following (about **40** words each) : (4×1=4)

(i) What is difference between a National Park and Wild Life Sanctuary ?

(ii) What are important eastward flowing Indian Peninsular rivers ?

(iii) What is difference between Estuary and a Lagoon ?

(iv) Briefly discuss the phenomenon of Cloudburst.

3. (a) Answer the following in about 200 words : (7)

Is Indian constitution unitary in nature with federal features ? Elucidate your answer. What are the advantages and disadvantages of such a system ?

(b) Answer the following in about 125 words : (4)

What are Electoral Reforms ? Why are they necessary ? In last ten years what steps have been taken by the Government of India in this direction ?

(c) Write about the following (about 40 words each) : (4×1=4)

(i) What is meant by the statement : "The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the House of People and individually responsible to the President of India."

- (ii) What is the Right to Constitutional Remedies ?
- (iii) What is meant by Uniform Civil Code ? What is its need ?
- (iv) What are the Constitutional provisions for acquiring Indian citizenship ?

4. (a) Answer the following in about **200** words : (7)

What are the main irritants in relationship between India and China ? What steps have been taken by both the countries in last 15 years to remove them ? How the Prime Minister's recent visit to China will help in strengthening the relationship between the two countries ?

(b) Answer the following in about **125** words : (4)

What is VAT ? What will be its advantages and disadvantages in India ?

(c) Why were the following persons, place programmes, etc. in news recently? Write about 20 words on each : (8×0.5=4)

- (i) Sania Mirza
- (ii) Mahmud Abbas
- (iii) Norah Jones
- (iv) J. K. Rowling
- (v) Mahabodhi Temple
- (vi) Sarkar Apke Dawar Programme
- (vii) Janaki Suraksha Yojana
- (viii) Initiatives proposed to be taken by the Ministry of Railways for reducing rail accidents.

5. (a) Answer the following in about 200 words : (7)

What do you know about Diversification of Agriculture? What is the need and potential of diversification of Agriculture in India? Do you think that WTO poses more challenges than opportunities for Indian Agriculture?

- (b) Answer the following in about **125** words : (4)
What are the goals and objectives of Planning in India ? How far planning is relevant in the free market economy and era of economic globalization ? What are the salient targets of 10th five-year plan ?
- (c) Write about the following (about **40** words each) : (4×1=4)
- (i) What is Devi Rupak Yojana ?
 - (ii) What are the sources of income of a Gram Panchayat ?
 - (iii) What do EPIP stands for ? What is its purpose ?
 - (iv) What was the outcome of the Third World Water Forum ?
6. (a) Answer the following in about **200** words : (7)
How Information and Communication Technology can help in empowerment of common man, development of agriculture and alleviation of rural poverty in India ?

(b) Answer the following in about 80 words :

Which are the different Government institutions related to space research in India and how they work in collaboration with each other ?

(c) Write about the following (about 40 words each) : (4×1=4)

(i) What is Terminator Gene Technology ?

(ii) Briefly discuss Software killers ?

(iii) What are future uses of Nanotechnology ?

(iv) What are Brahmos and Shaheen missiles ?

7. Answer the following :

(a) The telephone bills (in rupees) of 25 employees of a company are given below. Construct a cumulative frequency distribution table with a class size of 100 :

415, 175, 225, 370, 215, 325, 404, 255, 320, 400, 360, 330, 740, 430, 595, 415, 710, 540, 320, 421, 190, 315, 220, 198, 340. (4)

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The following table gives sectorwise distribution of expenditure (tentative figures) during a given five year plan.

Sector	Outlay (Crores Rs.)
1. Transport and Communication	6,870
2. Irrigation and Flood control	3,880
3. Social and Community Services	6,830
4. Agriculture and related areas	4,870
5. Power	7,400
6. Industry and Mineral	9,580

Represent the above information by suitable diagram. (3)

- (c) A railway half ticket costs half the price of a full fare ticket but the reservation charges are same for half ticket and full ticket. A person reserved an AC 3-tier ticket from city A to B by paying Rs. 720. On return journey he booked one full ticket for himself and a half ticket

for his son by paying Rs. 1,090. What is
the basic AC 3-tier full fare between the
two cities and what are the reservation
charges ? (3)