



SRI CHAITANYA IAS ACADEMY

QUESTION PAPER

Name of the Student :

Adm No. :

Date : 01-07-18

Subject : G. S. Paper - I

Medium : Telugu/English

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 250 M

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 authorised 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 medium other than the authorised one.
- Word limit in questions, if specified, should be adhered to.
- Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) booklet must be clearly struck off.

Total Marks Obtained:

Remarks :

Signature of Examiner

Answer questions in NOT MORE than the word limit specified for each in the parenthesis. Content of the answer is more important than its length:-

1. The Chola temple architecture and bronze sculptures demonstrate a high degree of grandeur, maturity and refinement. Comment.

[150 Words, 10 M]

2. The Bhakti movement empowered the subalterns (those on the lowest rungs of Indian Society) and provided impetus for the growth of vernacular literature. Critically analyse. [250 Words, 15 M]

3. Bhimbetka paintings reflect a long interaction between people and the landscape, as demonstrated in the quantity and quality of rock art. Do you agree? Also provide reasons as to why more animal figures are depicted in cave paintings than human figures. [150 Words, 10 M]

4. What were the factors that contributed to the emergence of the English East India Company as the pre-eminent foreign power in India?

[150 Words, 10 M]

5. 'Through his pioneering administrative, social and educational reforms, Lord William Bentinck laid the foundations for modern India'. Discuss. [250 Words, 15 M]

6. Discuss the impact of the British policies on the Indian Peasantry. Explain the factors that led to widespread rural poverty and the frequent occurrence of famines in India. [250 Words, 15 M]

7. 'Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was the muslim renaissance man of India'. Comment. Was the Aligarh Movement responsible for the birth of Muslim nationalism in India? Explain [250 Words, 15 M]
8. Bal Gangadhar Tilak epitomized militant nationalism and social conservatism. Comment [150 Words, 10 M]
9. The Civil Disobedience Movement expanded the social base of the nationalist movement. Critically examine. [150 Words, 10 M]
10. Although Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru fought from the same platform for India's Independence, their political and economic views were distinctly different. Elucidate. [250 Words, 15 M]
11. 'Local bodies in India suffer from paucity of resources, and this prevents them from performing optimally. In the context of the above statement, what measures have been suggested by the 14th Finance Commission to augment the finances of local bodies? [150 Words, 10 M]
12. Critically examine the role of Governor in our federal polity. Do you agree with the view that the office of Governor is used as a crude political instrument by the Centre to further its political objectives? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples from the recent past. [250 Words, 15 M]
13. Examine the role of Departmentally Related Standing Committees (DRSCs) in holding the executive answerable and accountable to the legislature.
[150 Words, 10 M]
14. 'Police' and 'Public Order' must be moved from the State List to the Concurrent List to tackle increasing inter-state crime and terrorism under a unified framework. Critically analyse.[150 Words, 10 M]

15. What is Public Interest Litigation (PIL)? Examine its evolution and features in India. What are the criticisms levelled against Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and Judicial Activism in India? [250 Words, 15 M]
16. India is a 'holding together federation', not a 'coming together federation'. Do you agree? Substantiate. [150 Words, 10 M]
17. How is a money bill different from an ordinary bill? Do you agree with the view that using the 'money bill route' to bypass the Rajya Sabha is an affront to constitutional morality and federal principles? Substantiate with examples from the recent past. [250 Words, 15 M]
18. What is the utility of the Rajya Sabha? Do you think it is relevant today? What steps can be taken to make the Rajya Sabha a relevant second chamber? [150 Words, 10 M]
19. There is a growing view that India's Parliament is in decline because of frequent disruptions and parliamentary logjams. In the context of the above statement, what steps can be taken to restore the glory of the Parliament as the sovereign legislative organ? [250 Words, 15 M]
20. Article 21 of the Indian Constitution has played an important role in harmonising Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Rights. Critically examine. [250 Words, 15 M]

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