



# SRI CHAITANYA IAS ACADEMY

## QUESTION PAPER

Name of the Student :

Adm No. :

Date : **09-09-18**Subject: **G. S. Comprehensive  
Test - I**

Medium :

**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. Ashoka's reign marked an important stage in the history of Buddhist Stupa architecture. Comment. (150 Words, 10 M)
2. How did colonial land revenue settlements affect the agrarian structure in India? (150 Words, 10 M)
3. Explain how print culture contributed to the growth of nationalism in India. (150 Words, 10 M)
4. How did the circumstances between the two World Wars facilitate the rise of Right Wing Movements in Europe? (150 Words, 10 M)
5. 'The origins of Socialism as a political movement lie in the Industrial Revolution'. Critically examine. (150 Words, 10 M)
6. Indian art has a long tradition of creating images of composite or morphed beings, at times combining human and animal or male and female. Why do you think they were imaged as such? Elaborate with examples. (250 Words, 15 M)
7. 'Britain ruled India as much by force as by consent'. Discuss with examples. (250 Words, 15 M)
8. Assess the role of intellectuals in building a narrative against the British rule and in promoting pan-Indian nationalism.

(250 Words, 15 M)

9. Do you agree with the view that Nehru's Socialist Planning helped in the development of agriculture, industry and knowledge? Substantiate. (250 Words, 15 M)
10. Religious fundamentalists have characterized interreligious marriages as 'love jihad'. What, in your understanding, is the cause of such a characterization? Should opposing this be important for the women's movement? (250 Words, 15 M)
11. Elucidate the conceptual distinction between 'caste' and 'tribe'. Do you think India's reservation policy leads to the empowerment of the tribes? (150 Words, 10 M)
12. Do you agree with the view that Globalisation has contributed to the spread of consumer culture in India? Substantiate.  
(150 Words, 10 M)
13. Describe the reasons of winter precipitation in India. Which part(s) of India come(s) under winter precipitation? (150 Words, 10 M)
14. Account for the recent emphasis on rainwater harvesting and small check dams on rivulets in India in preference to big dams on the main rivers. (150 Words, 10 M)
15. Why is the Indian pharmaceutical industry concentrated largely in the western parts of the country? (150 Words, 10 M)

16. Expanding human capabilities is not just the goal of development, but also the most important means of development. Discuss with reference to India. (250 Words, 15 M)
17. The idea of a secular state is enshrined in the Constitution of India and yet the meaning of secularism remains deeply contested. Take two examples of such contestations and suggest ways forward.  
(250 Words, 15 M)
18. Describe and explain the spatial patterns of agrarian distress in India (250 Words, 15 M)
19. Is shifting cultivation a specifically tropical form of agriculture? Do you consider it as wasteful and destructive or a logical reaction to environmental conditions? (250 Words, 15 M)
20. How does the population distribution of India relate to the broad physical divisions of the country? (250 Words, 15 M)

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