



SRI CHAITANYA IAS ACADEMY

QUESTION PAPER

Name of the Student :

Adm No. :

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

Medium :

EnglishTime 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. Do you agree with the view that the terms of reference of the 15th Finance Commission adversely affect the better performing states? Explain. (150 Words, 10 M)
2. Throw light on the Supreme Court's verdict on Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code. Do you agree with the view that the judgment highlights the centrality of individual freedom and choice? Substantiate.
(150 Words, 10 M)
3. Do you agree with the view that Parliament must 'regulate the regulators'? What are the ways to strengthen Parliamentary oversight of regulators? (150 Words, 10 M)
4. 'As a sovereign legislative body, Parliament must have the power to convene itself'. Discuss. (150 Words, 10 M)
5. Pressure groups that resort to extra-constitutional methods of protest and short term populism do more damage to our democracy than good. Critically examine. (150 Words, 10 M)
6. Critically examine the demand for Special Category Status by some states. Do you agree with the view that such asymmetric arrangements on discretionary and political grounds will weaken our federal fabric?
(250 Words, 15 M)
7. Judicial pendency and the lack of transparency and accountability erode public trust in the judiciary. Critically examine. (250 Words, 15 M)

8. Do you agree with the view that the 'First Past the Post' system must be replaced with the 'Proportional Representation' system in India? What are the relative merits and demerits of these electoral systems?
(250 Words, 15 M)
9. The increasingly partisan and political role of the Speaker does irreparable damage to our democratic polity. Discuss with examples drawn from the recent past. (250 Words, 15 M)
10. Examine the role of Indian Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in promoting empowerment of women and human rights.
(250 Words, 15 M)
11. In light of the mounting attacks on minorities, examine the work of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) as a parastatal watchdog to oversee the implementation of human rights and civil liberties of minorities. (150 Words, 10 M)
12. The Higher Education Commission of India Bill, which seeks to scrap the University Grants Commission (UGC), seems to give more powers to the Centre at the cost of the states. Comment. (150 Words, 10 M)
13. What are the provisions of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018. State the merits of the amended legislation and its glaring drawbacks.
(150 Words, 10 M)
14. In view of rising protectionism and trade unilateralism, it is in India's interest to have a strong World Trade Organisation. Comment. (150 Words, 10 M)

15. Comment on India's 'Connect Central Asia Policy'? What are the gains and likely challenges in our quest for greater engagement with Central Asia? (150 Words, 10 M)
16. 'If the people have the power to elect their representatives, they should also have the power to remove their representatives when they engage in misdeeds or fail to perform'. In the context of the above statement, examine the pros and cons of the 'Right to Recall' in the Indian context
(250 Words, 15 M)
17. What are the salient features of the Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission? What are the implementation and infrastructural hurdles it faces? (250 Words, 15 M)
18. What is the goal of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme? What are the innovative interventions under the Scheme? Have the governmental interventions created a positive ecosystem or enabling environment for our girls? (250 Words, 15 M)
19. Can India-Pakistan relations be improved through Track II diplomacy? Do you agree with the view that people-to-people contacts would diffuse tensions and prepare the ground for meaningful dialogue between the two states? Explain. (250 Words, 15 M)
20. What are the strategic and economic aspects of the India-US relationship? Throw light on the sticking points in the strategic and economic relationship between the two powers. (250 Words, 15 M)

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