



SRI CHAITANYA IAS ACADEMY

QUESTION PAPER

Name of the Student :

Adm No. :

Date : **16-09-18**Subject: **G. S. Comprehensive
Test - III**

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. Goods and Services Tax (GST), the biggest indirect tax reform, has contributed to a surge in direct tax collections. Discuss.
(150 Words, 10 M)
2. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food retail has the potential to give the much needed push to agriculture in India. Comment
(150 Words, 10 M)
3. Offshore wind energy could play an important role in India's future renewable energy mix. Do you agree? What are the challenges we are likely to encounter in setting up offshore wind farms?
(150 Words, 10 M)
4. Skilling and reskilling human resources holds the key to reaping demographic dividend in India. Comment. (150 Words, 10 M)
5. What are drones and how are they useful in agriculture and industry? (150 Words, 10 M)
6. Explain the term 'Demonetisation'. Assess the effects of demonetisation on the economy and on black money.
(250 Words, 15 M)
7. Define informal sector employment. What are the vulnerabilities faced by workers in the informal sector in India? Point out the required policy measures to ameliorate the social and economic hardships of Indian informal sector workers. (250 Words, 15 M)

8. While the need for inclusive growth is generally well recognized by policy makers, there is a need for the state to step up, rather than withdraw, to fulfil its obligations towards key social sectors. Critically examine. (250 Words, 15 M)
9. What is Economic Planning? Distinguish between 'indicative planning' and 'planning by direction'. Which of these two is followed in India and why? (250 Words, 15 M)
10. Account for the exponential growth in India's horticulture production. What are the policy measures required to help increase horticultural incomes? (250 Words, 15 M)
11. What is hydrogen energy? What are the advantages and disadvantages of hydrogen fuel cells? (150 Words, 10 M)
12. Home grown terror modules pose a serious threat to India's internal security. Comment (150 Words, 10 M)
13. What are the implications of a complete sealing of the India-Pakistan border? Do you think there are better alternatives to this proposal? Substantiate. (150 Words, 15 M)
14. The lack of timely, reliable and authentic environmental data has been a major bottleneck in achieving the full benefits of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in India. Comment
(150 Words, 10 M)
15. What are the causes and triggers for crowd disasters in India? What role could the media play in managing such disasters?
(150 Words, 10 M)

16. 'Continuing and large-scale loss of lives and damage to public and private property due to floods indicates that we are yet to develop an effective disaster mitigation and response strategy to floods'. In the context of the above statement, examine National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA) guidelines on flood prevention, preparedness and mitigation. (250 Words, 15 M)
17. What is a heat wave? What is the impact of heat waves on human health? Given the fact that India has been experiencing massive heat waves in recent years, don't you think heat waves must be considered as natural calamities? Examine. (250 Words, 15 M)
18. How far is the restructuring of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to make them more competitive a better strategy than the tacit policy of privatizing them? Discuss in the light of our recent disinvestment experiences. (250 Words, 15 M)
19. What are the highlights of India's National Intellectual Property Policy? Has the policy been able to address the concerns of US industry, especially with respect to Section 3(d) and Compulsory Licensing in healthcare? (250 Words, 15 M)
20. What are the cyber security challenges facing India's banking industry? How can we de-risk India's banking space from cyber security threats? (250 Words, 15 M)

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