

IASbaba Full Length Mock



GENERAL STUDIES Paper - I

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :

*There are **TWENTY** questions printed in ENGLISH.*

All the questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized 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 a medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answer the following questions in not more than 200 words each. Contents of the answers are more important than their length. All questions carry equal marks. 12.5 X 20 = 250

1. Sanskrit was a 'laboratory' in ancient India and unfortunately it has become a 'temple' now. Comment. The need of the hour is to probe and investigate Sanskrit, not worship it, not bring emotion to Sanskrit but rational thought process. Examine.
2. The entry of Nalanda Mahavihara into the World Heritage List is a celebration of its greatness. What significance does Nalanda hold in the cultural history of India? Discuss.
3. The project of 'cultural mapping of India' has been started by the Ministry of Culture to carry out a comprehensive survey on the cultural topography of India. What are the components of this initiative? Can it be effective in preserving the rich cultural heritage of India? Critically examine.
4. The cornerstone of modern Indian education system was laid by Lord Macaulay in his "Minute on Indian Education", where he argued for teaching Indians in English rather than in native languages. What were the arguments given by Macaulay? Which of the points were opposed? Discuss.
5. "Just as the addition of a grain of arsenic to a pot of milk renders it unfit as food so will the civility of Bardoli prove unacceptable by the addition of the deadly poison from Chauri Chaura." Contextualise the statement. Do you think the Chauri Chaura incident proved to be a watershed in the history of India's freedom struggle? Substantiate.
6. Why did Mahatma Gandhi reject the proposals of the Cripps Mission by calling it a 'post-dated cheque'. What were the implications of this move on freedom struggle? Evaluate.

7. India's decision to assert itself as a nuclear power arose from a confluence of several factors. Discuss. What were the implications of Pokhran II? Critically examine.
8. Operation Blue Star has considerable historical significance due to not just the operation but also its aftermath. Comment.
9. Announcement of Truman Doctrine was an official declaration of the Cold War. Do you agree? Substantiate. How did the doctrine shape the future of the world? Examine.
10. Why was the Berlin wall constructed? Did it succeed in achieving its objectives? What led to its fall eventually? Discuss.
11. Why was the Spanish Civil War Fought? What roles did the world powers play in this war? Analyse.
12. Marred by neglect and often abuse, the elderly are left to fend for themselves and end up living in penury and dying of starvation. How good is India's march as a 'young country,' if its young fail to take care of its old? Examine.
13. Even though female infants have an inherent biological advantage in terms of survival, India stands as a stark example of the cultural disadvantage that determines and decreases the female to male sex ratio. Comment. Why the decline continues despite legal attempts to stabilise it? Critically examine.
14. The support to 'triple talaq' is nothing but patriarchy and male chauvinism disguised as religion. Do you agree? Substantiate. Do you think the

continuance of this practice is a blatant violation of the right to equality?
Critically examine.

15. For India to make urbanisation sustainable, it must first tackle the problems of multiplicity of jurisdictions, weak revenue base and human resource capacity deficit that impact most of its cities. Analyse.
16. What is La Nina? When does it occur? Where is the impact of La Nina felt? Discuss.
17. A heat index has been introduced by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). What is the purpose of this index? Also discuss the causes and effects of the atmospheric phenomenon associated with this index.
18. Examine the potential, advantages and limitations of solar energy as a renewable resource. Which geographical features are conducive for tapping solar energy? Discuss.
19. What are tertiary sector industries? What are their locational factors? By taking suitable examples, discuss the locational pattern of tourism industry.
20. Discuss the general distributional pattern of industrial development in the world and its associated problems.