

Think Learn and Perform (TLP) - 2017 Mains



Full Length Mock

GS-I

Instructions

There are 20 questions. All questions are compulsory.
All questions carry 12.5 marks each.
The duration for the test is 180 minutes.
The answers must not exceed 200 words.
Content is more important than the number of words.
Calm down, take deep breaths before you start writing your answers.

1. Warli paintings are living examples of the way nature has always been an integral part in India's art forms and represent the harmony between humans and environment. Elucidate.
2. Animal rights must take precedence over culture and traditions. Do you agree? Examine in the light of the recent controversies that have surrounded the Jallikattu festival.
3. Should Sanskrit be made compulsory in schools? Give your views and substantiate your arguments.
4. The revolt of 1857 changed the attitude and perception of the British towards the Indians. Do you agree? Do you think this change in attitude shaped the way in which policies were to be made thereafter? Analyse.
5. The 1930s mark the development of new strands in Indian political landscape. Do you agree? Substantiate by taking suitable examples.
6. European imperialist nations had deep interest in controlling the Muslim lands? Why? Explain.
7. What effect did old colonial boundaries have on newly independent African states? Examine.
8. Did nuclear weapons keep the peace in Europe after 1945? Critically analyse.
9. What is Truman Doctrine? Why did some Americans oppose the Truman Doctrine? Discuss.
10. Has there really been a final winner between socialism and capitalism? Discuss. Which system suits India better? Critically examine.
11. Women in India lack rights over their reproductive life. What can be the possible factors? Analyse. Also examine the ways in which the trends are changing especially amongst working women.
12. There is an evident bias against the disabled community in the provisioning of physical and social infrastructure. Comment. What course corrections would you recommend to address this bias? Discuss.
13. Is globalisation retreating? Critically examine.
14. Marriage as an institution has undergone myriad changes in the last few decades. Critically analyse.
15. Slums must not be seen as an urban hazard. Rather they are institutions that need due policy attention and support to unleash their true human potential. Do you agree? Substantiate.
16. What are local winds? How do they affect weather patterns in a region? Explain by taking suitable examples.
17. Why glaciers are important to humans? Discuss. What is glacier retreat? What are the factors behind such phenomenon? Examine the adverse impacts glacier retreat will have on world climate.
18. What is blue economy? Discuss. Examine its significance for India from a resource perspective.
19. Rural and cottage industries in India hold immense potential to bring about regional equality and can be globally competitive owing to the diverse physiography, climate and spread of the Indian subcontinent. Elucidate.
20. Urban flooding has become a menace in many cities of India. Discuss the factors that lead to or accentuate inundation in urban areas. Suggest measures to address the same.