



**Think, Learn and Perform (TLP) 2019**

**IASbaba's Mains Answer Writing Programme**

**Full Mock-GS Paper2**

**Test 17**

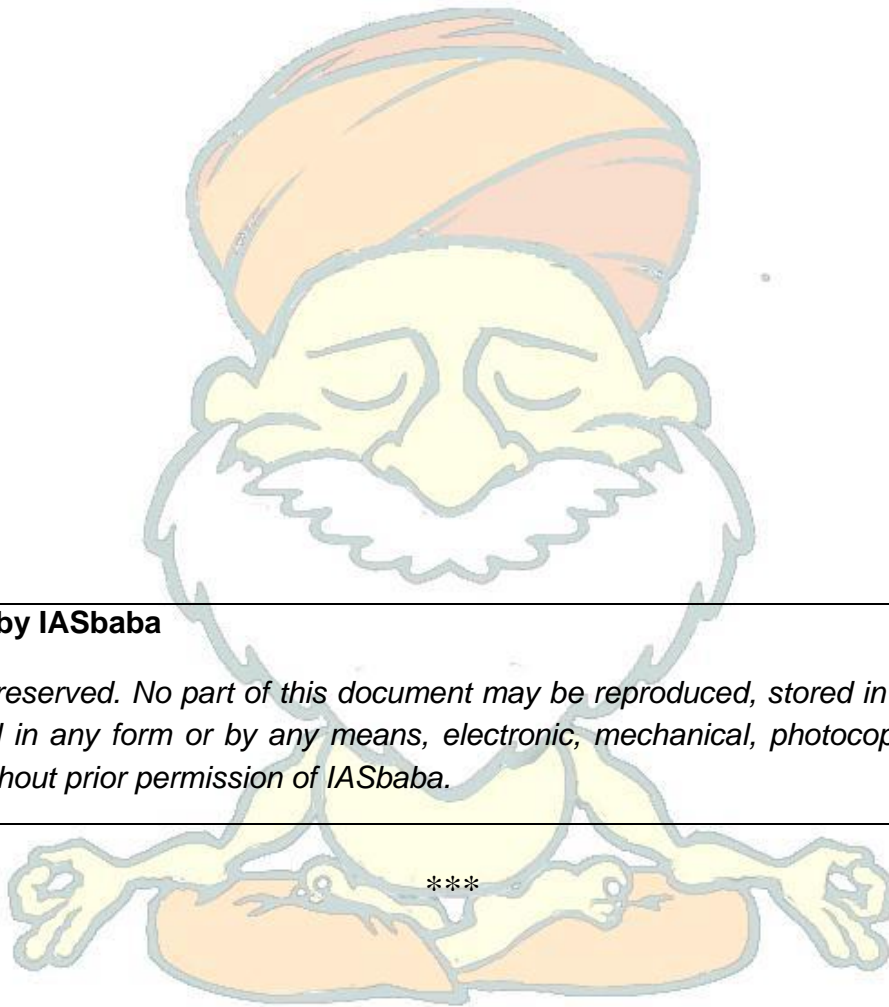
**Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :**

- 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.

1. Many political and legal commentators believe that the sedition law should be reviewed and amended. What are your views on this issue? Substantiate your viewpoints. (10)
2. What is the freebie model of governance? How sustainable and justified is this model? Critically examine. (10)
3. What are the most striking features of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act? Are these changes justified? Share your viewpoint. (10)
4. There is an urgent need to strengthen the judicial apparatus in India. Comment. Can you suggest few measures to achieve it? (10)
5. In order to increase the efficiency of the overall public expenditure, there needs to be a decision-making body like the GST Council that would keep a check on the expenditure. Do you agree? Critically comment. (10)
6. The Supreme Court should be there to address everyone's fears, but Public Interest Litigations must be for the poor. Elucidate. (10)
7. On the question of gender equality versus religious sentiments, what should take precedence? Share and substantiate your views. (10)
8. What are electoral bonds? Explain. What are the controversies surrounding these bonds? Are they justified? Critically analyse. (10)
9. The Gandhian dream of self-dependent village republics can be best achieved by the constitution of efficiently functioning self-help groups. Do you agree? Illustrate. (10)
10. Examine the factors that have made the Indo-pacific region enter the geo-strategic discourse. What has been India's stand with respect to this region? In this light, discuss the guiding principles enunciated in the Shangri La dialogue. (10)
11. The judiciary has, through various landmark judgments, given broader and deeper interpretations to the fundamental right to life and liberty. Expand upon some of these judgments and bring out their contemporary significance. (15)

12. Is there a way-out to reconcile privacy concerns with identity based entitlement? Examine in the light of the controversy surrounding the use of Aadhaar as a mandatory document for passing on government benefits to the citizens. What has been the response of the government and the judiciary in this regard? Discuss. (15)
13. What are your views on the provisions of the draft National Education Policy, 2019? Does the draft policy echo the aspirations of a young and dynamic India? Critically examine. (15)
14. What are the most constraining impediments affecting the functioning of PRIs in India? Discuss. What measures would you suggest to address those impediments? (15)
15. What are your views on the decision to provide 10 per cent reservation in jobs and higher education to economically backward sections among the upper castes? Don't you think awarding reservations to newer sections of people is a retrograde step? Critically comment. (15)
16. What significance do Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) hold for the socio-economic development of the country? Discuss. Is there a need to regulate the activities of NGOs in India? Critically examine. (15)
17. What significance does Russia hold for India's economic and strategic interests? Discuss. What have been the major irritants in Indo-Russia relations? Examine. (15)
18. The ongoing outreach and deeper engagements with the Islamic nations shall reap long term economic and strategic benefits for India. Do you agree? Critically comment. (15)
19. Discuss the most significant contributors to India's soft power status in the world with special attention on the contributions made by the Indian diaspora. What measures have been taken recently to enhance India's soft power status? Examine. (15)

20. Keeping in mind the evolving geopolitics of South and South East Asia, it is imperative for India to have more meaningful and deeper relations with her neighbours, particularly Nepal and Bhutan. Would you agree? Comment. Is anything being done on this front? Examine. (15)



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