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IASbaba's Mains Answer Writing Programme

Full Mock-GS Paper3

Test 18

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. What purpose does merger of banks serve? Does it offer credible solutions to India's slowing economy? Critically comment. (10)
2. "Government bailouts are a moral hazard". What do you understand by this statement? Moreover, do you agree with this statement? Substantiate your response. (10)
3. Why is it important to promote household savings in a middle income country like India? What positive spillovers does saving habit have in the economy? Analyse. (10)
4. Without the involvement of the private sector and simultaneous financial reforms, the target of spending 100 lakh crore on infrastructure in the next five years will be a distant dream. Do you agree? Critically analyse. (10)
5. India has had three consecutive years of bumper onion crop production. How does it affect the farmers? What policy measures can be taken to address the challenges arising out of this trend? (10)
6. For the sugar manufacturers in India, examine the current status, challenges on the export front and future prospects arising out of a global shift toward cane-based ethanol. (10)
7. What are high temperature superconductors? How are they different from normal conductors? What are their potential applications? Discuss. (10)
8. Would you consider Chandrayaan II a failure? Critically comment. (10)
9. The decision to appoint a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) is one of the biggest defence reforms. What will the benefits of this decision? Analyse. (10)
10. Singapore passed the Protection from Online Falsehood and Manipulation Act (POFMA) 2019 on 8 May 2019. Do you think, a similar law is needed in India as well? Critically assess. (10)
11. The MSMEs will play a key role in realising the target of becoming a 5 trillion dollar economy. Comment. What measures can be taken to strengthen the engine of economic growth i.e. the MSMEs? Suggest. (15)

12. Domestic consumption has long propped up India's economy, so its decline is cause for alarm. Comment. What has caused this decline? What measures can be taken to address it? Discuss. (15)
13. What difficulties are being faced by India on the international trade front? Discuss the factors creating these challenges. What measures need to be taken to address them? Discuss. (15)
14. Why has India emerged as a key player in solar power? Examine. What challenges are the domestic manufacturers of solar cells facing? How has the government responded to this challenge? Discuss. (15)
15. How does high consumption of meat and dairy produce fuel global warming? Can a vegan lifestyle address this problem? Critically examine. (15)
16. What are the objectives of India's National Policy on Biofuels? Discuss. Also, examine the prospects and challenges of biofuels in India. (15)
17. What is blockchain technology? What is so revolutionary about it? What can be its applications? Discuss. (15)
18. What is zero budget natural farming? What are its benefits? Is it a viable form of farming in Indian conditions and for catering to India's food requirements? Critically examine. (15)
19. What vulnerabilities does India's open coastline cause to the internal security ecosystem? What measures have been taken to address those? Discuss. (15)
20. Cyber Security breaches have become the new normal with invasive bugs on the rise. In this light, examine the threats that social media platforms and online messaging tools bring into the lives of common citizens. (15)

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