



UPSC IAS Mains 2021 "General Studies (GS Paper 1)" Exam Question Paper

1. Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti Literature and its contribution to Indian culture. **10 Marks**
2. Trace the rise and growth of socio-religious reform movements with special reference to Young Bengal and Brahmo Samaj. **10 Marks**
3. Assess the main administrative issues and socio-cultural problems in the integration process of Indian Princely States. **10 Marks**
4. Differentiate the causes of landslides in the Himalayan region and Western Ghats. **10 Marks**
5. Despite India being one of the countries of the Gondwanaland, its mining industry contributes much less to its Gross Domestic Product(GDP) in percentage. Discuss.**10 Marks**
6. what are the environmental implications of the reclamation of the water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples. (Answer in 150 words) **10 Marks**
7. Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment. **10 Marks**
8. Why is India considered as a sub-continent? Elaborate your answer. **10 Marks**
9. Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems. **10 Marks**
10. Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India. **10 Marks**
11. To what extent did the role of the moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment. **15 Marks**
12. Bring out the constructive programmes of Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation Movement and Civil Disobedience Movement. **15 Marks**
13. " There arose a serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars." Evaluate the statement. **15 Marks**

- 14.** Briefly mention the alignment of major mountain ranges of the world and explain their impact on local weather conditions, with examples. **15 Marks**
- 15.** How do the melting of the Arctic ice and glaciers of the Antarctic differently affect the weather patterns and human activities on the Earth? Explain. **15 Marks**
- 16.** Discuss the multi-dimensional implications of uneven distribution of mineral oil in the world. **15 Marks**
- 17.** What are the main socio-economic implications arising out of the development of IT industries in major cities of India? **15 Marks**
- 18.** Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail. **15 Marks**
- 19.** What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also? **15 Marks**
- 20.** How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it. **15 Marks**