



UPSC IAS Mains 2022 "General Studies (GS Paper 1)" Exam Question Paper

1. How will you explain that medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days ? **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
2. Why did the armies of the British East India Company - mostly comprising of Indian soldiers - win consistently against the more numerous and better-equipped armies of the then Indian rulers? Give reasons. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
3. Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
4. Describe the characteristics and types of primary rocks. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
5. Discuss the meaning of colour-coded weather warnings for cyclone prone areas given by India Meteorological Department. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
6. Discuss the natural resource potentials of 'Deccan Trap'. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
7. Examine the potential of wind energy in India and explain the reasons for their limited spatial spread. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
8. Explore and evaluate the impact of work from home on family relationship. **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
9. How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption ? **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
10. Given the diversities among tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category? **(150 Words, 10 Marks)**
11. The political and administrative reorganization of states and territories has been a continuous ongoing process since the mid-nineteenth century. Discuss with examples. **(250 Words, 15 Marks)**
12. Discuss the main contributions of Gupta period and Chola period to Indian heritage and culture. **(250 Words, 15 Marks)**

- 13. Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 14. What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 15. Describe the distribution of rubber producing countries, indicate the major environmental issues faced by them. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 16. Mention the significance of straits and isthmus in international trade. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 17. Troposphere is a very significant atmospheric layer that determines weather processes. How? (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 18. Analyse the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 19. Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**
- 20. Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. (250 Words, 15 Marks)**