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General Studies Paper 1 Question Paper: UPSC Civil Services Main Exam (Written) 2023

Q 1: Explain the role of geographical factors towards the development of Ancient India. (Answer in 150 words)

Q 2: What was the difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore in their approach towards education and nationalism? (Answer in 150 words)

Q 3: Bring out the socio-economic effects of the introduction of railways in different countries of the world. (Answer in 150 words)

Q 4: Discuss the consequences of climate change on the food security in tropical countries. (Answer in 150 words)

Q 5: Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources? (Answer in 150 words)

Q6: How are the fjords formed? Why do they constitute some of the most picturesque areas of the world? (Answer in 150 words)

Q 7: Why is the South-West Monsoon called 'Purvaiys' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region? How has this directional seasonal wind systems influenced the cultural ethos of the region? (Answer in 150 words)

Q 8: Do you think marriage as a sacrament is losing its value in Modern India? (Answer in 150 words)

Q 9: Explain why suicide among young women is increasing in Indian society. (Answer in 150 words)

Q 10: Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children. (Answer in 250 words)

Q 11: What are the main features of Vedic society and religion? Do you think some of the features are still prevailing in Indian society? (Answer in 250 words)

Q 12: What were the major technological changes introduced during the Sultanate period? How did those technological changes influence the Indian society? (Answer in 250 words)

Q 13: How did the colonial rule affect the tribals in India and what was the tribal response to the colonial oppression? (Answer in 250 words)

Q 14: Comment on the resource potentials of the long coastline of India and highlight the status of natural hazard preparedness in these areas. (Answer in 250 words)

Q 15: Identify and discuss the factors responsible for diversity of natural vegetation in India. Assess the significance of wildlife sanctuaries in rain forest regions of India. (Answer in 250 words)

Q 16: Why did human development fail to keep pace with economic development in India? (Answer in 250 words)

Q 17: From being net food importer in 1960s, India has emerged as a net food exporter to the world. Provide reasons. (Answer in 250 words)

Q 18: Does urbanisation lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises? (Answer in 250 words)

Q 19: Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static? (Answer in 250 words)

Q 20: Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism. (Answer in 250 words)