

HPAS MAINS PREVIOUS YEARS' QUESTIONS

GS PAPER- 1

INDIAN HISTORY SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. Throw light on the chief elements and salient features of Indian culture.
- Q2. Write a critical note on Satyashodhak Samaj.
- Q3. Throw light on the salient features of Mughal Painting.
- Q4. Who were Swarajists? Discuss their activities and role in Indian National Movement.
- Q5. Discuss about the main features of temple architecture of South India.
- Q6. Throw light on the salient features of Mauryan Architecture.
- Q7. Describe the main provisions of Government of India Act, 1858.
- Q8. Write a note on the significance of Sangam literature.
- Q9. Describe the legislative measures adopted by the British in the area of social reforms in India during 19th Century.
- Q10. Mention the historical background of Satyagarha' movement.
- Q11. Examine critically the concept of Cultural Heritage.
- Q12. Why did the congress accept the Partition of India?
- Q13. Write a critical note on major Sepoy Mutinies before 1857 Revolt.
- Q14. Highlight the social contribution of Behramji Malabari.
- Q15. Write a critical note on – “The Charter Act of 1813.”
- Q16. Give an account of three important events of Viceroy Lord Chelmsford period.

8 MARKS

- Q1. Mahaballipuram marks the culmination of Rock-cut architecture in early India. Elucidate.
- Q2. Examine critically the features of De-colonization.

20 MARKS

- Q1. The Congress Agenda of national unity was undermined by the events between 1937 and 1939. Also highlight the Congress responsibility for it.

Q2. Examine critically the Major Famines falling in India during the period 1858 to 1947 A.D. Also highlight the recommendations of the Major Famine Commissions during this period.

WORLD HISTORY SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. What do you mean by the term 'Perestroika' and 'Glasnost'?
- Q2. Discuss Mussolini's policy towards Abyssinia and Spain.
- Q3. How has the treaty of Versailles (1919) changed the boundaries of countries?
- Q4. What changes have taken place in Socialism after the Second World War?

8 MARKS

- Q1. Define the term 'Industrial Revolution'. Discuss critically Socio- economic impacts of Industrial Revolution in Europe.
- Q2. "Industrial Revolution was the major cause for the emergence of imperialism". Comment.
- Q3. Write a critical note on the rise and growth of capitalism in Europe.
- Q4. Examine critically the boundary settlements after the first world war.

HIMACHAL STATE HISTORY SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. What do you mean by Bethu system? Discuss.
- Q2. Which ancient literary sources find reference to kuluta (kullu) region of Himachal Pradesh?
- Q3. Identifying any three considerations on which the British policy towards the Shimla hill states was based?
- Q4. Enumerate any four public welfare schemes executed by Raja Bhuri Singh of Chamba princely state.

8 MARKS

- Q1. Write a critical note on 'Suket Satyagrah'.
- Q2. Define the term 'Sanad'? Describe the objective, nature and extension of Sanad.
- Q3. Explain the relation of the Sikh with the Hill states in 19th Century.
- Q4. Comment on the 'Jhugga agitation' of Bilaspur and the 'Dumh Movement' of Bushehr.
- Q5. Discuss critically the relation of Mughals with Kangra hill state (1556-1707 AD).

- Q6. Highlight the activities of Sirmaur Praja Mandal and Chamba Praja Mandal in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q7. How the invitation to the Gurkhas by Raja Mahan Chand of Kehlur did changed the whole course of history of Shimla and Punjab hill states?
- Q8. Throw light on the emergence and growth of early medieval state of 'Kangra'.
- Q9. Define the term 'Reet'. Discuss the attitude of hill states towards 'Reet' custom.

20 MARKS

- Q1. Explain major agrarian unrests in the Shimla Hill States during the colonial era.

GEOGRAPHY SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. What do you understand by Nor'Westers. (Kaal Baisakhi)?
- Q2. What are Mangrove forests?
- Q3. Describe the impacts of migration on India's culture heritage.
- Q4. What is river regime?
- Q5. What is operation flood in India?
- Q6. What do you understand by burst of monsoon in India?
- Q7. Define Cloud Burst.
- Q8. What is Karst Topography?
- Q9. Write a geographical note on effect of Jhuming on soil.
- Q10. Write a geographical note on Mantalai Lake.

8 MARKS

- Q1. Compare the east flowing and the west flowing rivers of the peninsular plateau.
- Q2. Highlight various socio demographic consequences of migration.
- Q3. Classify Indian cities and towns on the basis of specialized functions. Give suitable examples.
- Q4. While defining natural vegetation discuss various factors affecting the distribution of natural vegetation in India.
- Q5. Explain the regional division of Himalayas with suitable sketch.
- Q6. Write a detailed essay on various facets of population composition in India.

- Q7. Discuss various problems and prospects of Indian railway transport system in recent times.
- Q8. Explain the factors responsible for the distribution of Sugar Industry in India.
- Q9. State the geographical factors which influence the rural house type in India.
- Q10. Highlight various characteristics of monsoonal rainfall in India.
- Q11. Discuss various measures for the development of drought prone areas of India.
- Q12. Explain types of drainage system in Peninsular India.
- Q13. What are the controlling factors of Indian climate?
- Q14. Make a comparative study of the islands of the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.
- Q15. 'Natural vegetation is the outcome of climate.' Explain the statement with reference to the natural vegetation of India.
- Q16. Describe the changing morphology of rural settlements in India.
- Q17. Analyze the distribution of population in India with special reference to areas of very high and very low densities.

HIMACHAL STATE GEOGRAPHY SECTION

8 MARKS

- Q1. On the basis of topography and altitude which are the major geographical zones in H.P.?

20 MARKS

- Q1. Describe the major types of natural vegetation of Himachal Pradesh.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. Suggest two ways of disaster risk reduction with appropriate examples.
- Q2. Explain voluntary disasters with suitable examples.
- Q3. Write a short note on National Disaster Management Authority.
- Q4. Explain briefly Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- Q5. What is hazard mapping? Why is it essential?

8 MARKS

- Q1. Distinguish between natural and man-made disasters.

SOCIETAL ISSUES SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. Which are main bases of social stratification in India?
- Q2. Briefly discuss the relationship between social justice and empowerment of women.
- Q3. Discuss the meaning and types of kinship system.
- Q4. Give your comments on causes and consequences of inter-caste marriage in India.
- Q5. Explain the rules of endogamy and exogamy.
- Q6. Briefly describe the policies for Women Empowerment in India.

8 MARKS

- Q1. How does religiosity convert into communalism? Give your comments on it with suitable examples.
- Q2. Critically examine the 'animistic' and 'naturalistic' theories of religion.
- Q3. Discuss the concept of globalization and its impact on Indian society.
- Q4. Discuss how fair and festivals are true exhibitor of cultural heritage and tradition?
- Q5. How do the rules of descent and alliance of kinship differ from each other? Illustrate.

20 MARKS

- Q1. Write a comprehensive note on the changes taking place in the institutes of marriage, family and kinship in India.
- Q2. Discuss the universal basis of social stratification. Critically examine the different approaches of it.
- Q3. Do you agree with this point of view that growth of communal polities in India led to partition. Also discuss how to eradicate the problem of communalism.
- Q4. Explain India's unity in diversity and diversity in unity. Give suitable examples from the socio-cultural life of the people in India.
- Q5. Why is gender dimension of social stratification? How does gender intersect other dimensions of inequality based on class, race and ethnicity?

HIMACHAL STATE SOCIETAL ISSUES SECTION

4 MARKS

- Q1. Write a brief note on the impact of legal protection to Scheduled Castes in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q2. Write a brief note on the forms of family in Himachal Pradesh.

- Q3. Write a brief note on major shrines of Himachal Pradesh
- Q4. Write a brief note on the tribes of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q5. Write a brief note on the forms of marriage practiced in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q6. Describe the brief the folk dramas of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q7. Describe in brief the marriage forms prevalent in Kinnaur district.
- Q8. Describe Kulluvi Nati's world record.
- Q9. Write a note on Nalwari fair of Bilaspur district.
- Q10. What is 'Bata-Sata' ritual in Himachal Pradesh? Mention its functions.
- Q11. Mention the principle of inclusion under the tribal development framework of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q12. Discuss the social implications of 'Karewa' for women in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q13. Discuss the basic challenges encounter for the inclusion of tribals in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q14. Discuss the provision of Act which helps in preventing the land alienation among tribal communities of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q15. Describe main festivals of Gaddis of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q16. Discuss the beliefs and practices during birth and death among Kinnaur tribe.
- Q17. How far do you agree that recreation and amusement are becoming part of cultural tourism in Himachal Pradesh?
- Q18. Discuss the changing pattern of family among tribes in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q19. Discuss the structural and functional view of caste system in Himachal Pradesh.

8 Marks

- Q1. Throw light on the main features of 'Basholi and Kangra' style painting of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q2. Discuss in brief the hill paintings of Himachal Pradesh.
- Q3. Throw light on the important Buddhist monasteries and their salient features in Himachal Pradesh.
- Q4. Highlight the cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh with special reference to popular temples.

HIMACHAL STATE INDUSTRY & HORTICULTURE

4 MARKS

- Q1. What are the main horticultural products of Kinnaur and Lahaul- Spiti regions of Himachal Pradesh?

Q2. Discuss how cultural tourism is a tool for socio-economic development in Himachal Pradesh?

8 MARKS

Q1. Which are the main industrial areas in H.P. and which are the major industries in them?

20 MARKS

Q1. Discuss the major problem and prospects of hydro power sector in Himachal Pradesh.

Q2. While giving suitable examples, discuss the major hurdles in horticultural development of Himachal Pradesh?

Q3. 'The development of tourism industry in Himachal Pradesh has generated multifold employment opportunities'. Explain the statement with examples from various geographical regions of state.

WELFARE SECTION

4 MARKS

Q1. Which are the main features of the Right to Education Act?

Q2. Briefly describe the objective of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna in India.

Q3. Highlight briefly the components of right to education act (RTE), 2009 related to education of children from Schedule Castes.

Q4. What is 'Jan Lok Pal' Bill?

Q5. How rights of differently-able persons have able to improve the quality of life for themselves?

8 MARKS

Q1. Examine various reasons for declining child sex ratio in India.

Q2. Discuss the impact of legal provisions for differently-abled people in India.

Q3. What is the situation of child rights in India? Comment.

Q4. Do you think different measures taken by Central government for upliftment of differently-able persons of society, justified? Comment on it.

Q5. Examine the protection of women from Domestic Violence Act.

ETHICS & GANDHIAN INDEOLOGY SECTION

4 MARKS

Q1. Define corruption and discuss its different types.

Q2. Explain Gandhian concept of Satyagraha.

Q3. Mention the philosophical basis of public service.

Q4. How technology is helpful in bringing the transparency and objectivity?

8 MARKS

Q1. Critically examine the core values in the domain of public service.

20 MARKS

Q1. Corruption has become an all pervasive phenomena in our society. Discuss the main causes and consequences of it in the development of our society.

Q2. 'Relation between religion and politics has been a subject of controversy since long.' Analyse Gandhi's view on this issue.

Q3. Examine critically Mahatma Gandhi's Ideas on State, Society and Sarvodaya.