

FS – 2 / 15-16
General Knowledge

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Answer all questions.

1. What is green climate fund ? Discuss its significance in combating climate change. 15

OR

What is El Nino ? Discuss its implications on the Indian Sub-continent.

2. Answer the salient features of any **three** of the following (each answer within **150** words) :

10×3 = 30

- (a) Digital India Program
- (b) Sendai Framework for action on Disaster Risk Reduction
- (c) Sagarmala Project

(d) Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

(e) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

3. Write short notes on any **six** of the following with in **75** words each : $5 \times 6 = 30$

(a) ESDP (Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program)

(b) Genetically Modified Crops

(c) Operation Veerangana

(d) Ground Zero Summit

(e) Global Peace Index

(f) GAGAN

(g) Black Carbon

(h) Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDC)

4. What are the situations in which the powers of the Union Parliament are extended over the subjects mentioned in the state list ? 15

OR

What are the emergency powers of the President of India ?

5. Answer any **three** of the following in not more than **150** words each : $10 \times 3 = 30$

(a) Discuss the functions of the Attorney General of India.

(b) What are the salient features of 73rd Amendment of the Indian Constitution ?

(c) Why Indian Constitution is described as federal in form but unitary in spirit ?

(d) What are the procedures for the creation of new states ?

6. Answer **six** of the following in not more than **75** words each : $5 \times 6 = 30$

(a) Functions of the Lok Adalat

(b) Gandhian principles adopted in the Indian Constitution

(c) Difference between the revenue budget and capital budget of India

(d) Conditions of acquisition of Indian citizenship

(e) Zero Hour in Indian Parliament

(f) Referendum

(g) Adult Franchise in India

7. "The temple art and architecture of Odisha depicts a diverse history of different faiths and beliefs". Elucidate with suitable examples. 15

OR

Give a historical account of the literary contributions during vedic age between 1500 B C to 600 B C in India.

8. Answer any **three** of the following within **150** words each : $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) Social reforms of Raja Rammohan Roy
- (b) Role of Buxi Jagabandhu in Paika Bidroha
- (c) Gandhiji's Civil Disobedience Movement
- (d) Emergence and Spread of Buddhism

9. Answer any **five** of the following within **75** words each : $6 \times 5 = 30$

- (a) Anandmath
- (b) Dandi March

- (c) Indian National Army
 - (d) Vir Surendra Sai
 - (e) Gandhara Art
 - (f) Indian Independence Act, 1947
 - (g) Mughal Paintings
10. "Indian agriculture is a gamble of the monsoon."
Discuss with suitable examples. 15

OR

Why interlinkage of rivers is considered significant for India ?

11. Answer any **three** of the following within **150** words each : $10 \times 3 = 30$
- (a) What is ICZM ? Discuss its relevance for India.
 - (b) Explain various methods of biodiversity conservation in India.
 - (c) Briefly describe the characteristics and distribution of mangrove vegetation of India.
 - (d) What are the Golden Quadrilaterals and NS-EW Corridors ? What is its role in the development of the country ?

12. Explain any **three** of the following (each within **75** words) : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Community based Disaster Preparedness
- (b) Operation Flood
- (c) Watershed Management
- (d) Kal-Baisakhi

13. What do you mean by the following ? $5 \times 3 = 15$
(Answer any **three** within **75** words each) :

- (a) Tsunami
- (b) Multilevel Planning
- (c) Water Harvesting
- (d) Smog

