KAS MAINS · PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION PAPER

SUBJECT CODE : 644

Essay (Paper-I)

2025

Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(i) Candidates have to attempt all questions.

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1. From Silver Screen to Streaming: Is OTT reshaping Indian cinema culture and censorship ? (Not more than 1500 words) **[125 marks]**

2. Bengaluru's traffic isn't just a problem — it is a test. Can AI, infrastructure and policy innovation transform the City into a true Smart Mobility Hub ? (Not more than 1500 words) **[125 marks]**

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SUBJECT CODE : 645

General Studies-1 (Paper-II)

2025

Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(i) Candidates have to attempt all questions.

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1. How did the idea of a casteless society develop in 19th and 20th-century in India, and how did reformers address caste discrimination ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. Discuss the pre-Gandhian and Gandhian phases of Karnataka's role in the national freedom movement. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

3. Discuss the evolution of Kannada as the literary and administrative language from the Kadamba period to the Vijayanagara period. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

4. Analyze the contributions of Karnataka's women freedom fighters and their impact on the National Freedom Movement. Discuss how their efforts shaped both regional and national resistance against British rule. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

5. Analyze the architectural features of the Hoysala temples with special reference to UNESCO recognised Belur Chennakeshava Temple. Discuss its impact on heritage conservation in Karnataka. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

6. Examine the trade relations between South India and the Roman Empire and discuss key trade routes, goods exchanged, and cultural influences. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

7. Examine how socialist ideology and Jayaprakash Narayan's concept of 'Total Revolution' aimed to transform Indian society and analyze its impact on social justice and political reforms. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

8. "Decentralization in India was intended to empower local governance, yet it has often led to political fragmentation and inefficiency." Critically examine the paradox of decentralization with a focus on Panchayat Raj institutions. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. Analyse the conflict between modernism and traditionalism in India. To what extent has modernism helped in combating social evils like fundamentalism, and caste discrimination, and whereas traditionalism continued to exert its influence ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

10. Discuss the impact of globalisation and westernisation on the lifestyles, values, and social roles of children and the elderly in India. How has this cultural shift affected family structures and traditional caregiving systems ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

11. Explain the concept of social disorganisation and critically analyse its impact on marginalised communities in India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. Discuss the socio-cultural structure of Indian villages. Explain how are these structures evolving in response to modernisation. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

13. Examine the institutional conflicts between the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary in India. How have judicial activism and executive overreach impacted the balance of power in a democracy ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

14. Land reforms under Devaraj Urs were a landmark in Karnataka's agrarian history. Analyse the impact of these reforms on tenant farmers, landowners, and rural society. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

15. Evaluate how the PDS (Public Distribution System) and food security programs help rural India in reducing malnutrition. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

16. Examine how common property resources like, ponds, forest, and grazing lands, affect the sustainability of rural life. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

17. Discuss how the Finance Commission's revenue-sharing formula has caused friction between Centre and State. Evaluate whether restructuring its role could promote cooperative federalism. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

18. Analyse the impact of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) in Karnataka on women's empowerment and financial inclusion. Discuss the measures taken by the Karnataka government to protect borrowers from exploitation by MFIs. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

19. The frequency distributions of serum nicotine levels of smokers and non-smokers is given below :

Nicotine Level (mg/ml)	Smokers	Non-smokers
0 – 13	78	3800
14 – 49	183	97
50 – 99	142	50
100 – 149	200	18
150 – 199	176	7
200 – 249	170	8
250 – 299	151	9
300+	200	11
Total	1300	4000

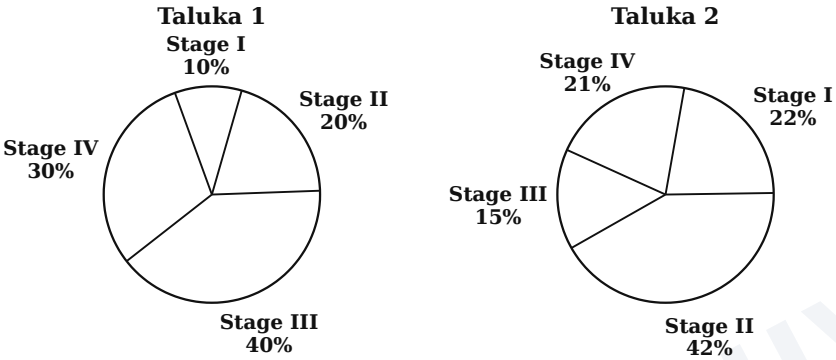
Answer the following based on above data :

(a) Is it fair to compare Nicotine level distributions for smokers and non-smokers using absolute frequencies ? Why or why not ?

(b) Construct a line graph for smokers and non-smokers using above data.

(c) What is your interpretation about the distribution of recorded nicotine levels in each group ? **[2+5+3=10]**

20. A survey was conducted in two Talukas and charts were prepared based on the stages of cancer in Taluka 1 and Taluka 2. In Taluka 1, about 1,000 cancer patients were found, while Taluka 2 had 7% fewer total Cancer patients than Taluka 1.



Answer the questions below :

(a) Calculate the Stage III and Stage IV cancer patients in Taluka 2 and compare with early cancer patients (Stage I and Stage II) of Taluka 2. Write the interpretation of the result.

(b) Compare the Stage IV cancer patients cases between Taluka 1 and Taluka 2.

(c) Compare the early stage cancer patient cases (Stage I and Stage II) between Taluka 1 and Taluka 2. Write the interpretation. **[4+2+4]**

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SUBJECT CODE : 646

General Studies-2 (Paper-III)

2025

Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(i) Candidates have to attempt all questions.

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1. Analyse the role of ocean currents and tides in global climatic regulation. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. "Human migration patterns are no longer dictated solely by geography but also by socio-political and economic factors." Examine the evolving nature of migration trends in the 21st century. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

3. Discuss the impact of urban expansion on land use, migration patterns, and resource management. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

4. Analyse the factors influencing the formation and location of deserts across the world. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

5. Examine the potential of inland waterways in India as a cost-effective mode of transport. Why has India not been able to fully develop its waterway network ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

6. Evaluate why Karnataka's tourism industry has not developed to the same extent as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Goa, despite having rich cultural, historical, and ecological attractions. What strategies can be implemented to boost eco-tourism, heritage tourism, and adventure tourism in the state ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

7. Discuss the reasons why certain regions in India remain industrially backward despite policy interventions. What strategies can be adopted to promote industrialisation and balanced economic development in these backward regions ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

8. "The recent controversies around restrictions on free speech highlight the challenge of balancing individual freedoms with national security." Critically examine the scope of reasonable restrictions under Article 19. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. "The autonomy of constitutional bodies like the Election Commission and Public Service Commissions has been questioned in recent political debates." Analyse the role of these institutions in safeguarding democratic governance and discuss measures to ensure their independence. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

10. "The recent push for a Universal Basic Income (UBI) and welfare schemes like PM Garib Kalyan Yojana reflect the evolving interpretation of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)." Critically assess the constitutional significance of DPSPs and their impact on socio-economic policies. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

11. "The Supreme Court's reaffirmation of the Basic Structure Doctrine in recent cases has once again emphasised the limits of parliamentary sovereignty." Critically analyse. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

12. Examine the role of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies in maintaining parliamentary and assembly neutrality. How have recent controversies regarding biased disqualification of MLAs affected speaker's credibility ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

13. How has caste been used both as a tool for social justice (reservation policies) and for vote-bank mobilization ? What measures are needed to ensure caste does not hinder democratic progress ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

14. Compare the federal structures of India and the USA. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

15. "Institutions like Lokpal and Lokayukta were meant to ensure accountability, yet they struggle with political interference and limited effectiveness." Critically assess their role in tackling corruption. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

16. "With evolving organizational dynamics, traditional management tools like SWOT Analysis, PERT and CPM, and POSD-CORB are being challenged by agile frameworks." Critically evaluate relevance of traditional management tools in present situations. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

17. "With growing geopolitical conflicts, the UN's ability to maintain global peace is under scrutiny." Assess its effectiveness in conflict resolution, citing recent cases like the Russia-Ukraine war and Israel-Palestine crisis. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

18. In the wake of China's expanding influence through initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), how should India recalibrate its foreign policy to maintain regional dominance ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

19. Analyze India's role in G-20, and BRICS in shaping global economic governance. How has India's G-20 presidency and advocacy for Global South nations impacted international diplomacy ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

20. How has responsive administration and digital governance improved crisis management in recent years ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

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SUBJECT CODE : 647

General Studies-3 (Paper-IV)

2025

Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(i) Candidates have to attempt all questions.

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1. With growing energy needs, should India keep on expanding its nuclear energy programmes ? Discuss the facts and fears associated with nuclear energy. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. "India is in the key position in global pharma industry." — Give your opinion about the statement considering the recent achievements of Indian Pharma industry. Also critically analyse the available ecosystem for its growth. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

3. What do you know about the use of Augmented and Virtual Reality in immersive technologies ? Elaborate your writing based on the various applications. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

4. Define digital transactions and their types in India. What technologies are related to digital transactions ? Mention their merits and demerits in the Indian context. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

5. How has India's policy for science and technology evolved over time and what are its key focus areas today ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

6. How have e-governance, e-commerce and e-learning transformed India's socio-economic landscape, and what challenges remain in their widespread adoption ? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

7. Write a note on truth and myths related to vaccines produced by rDNA technology. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

8. India's solar capacity has grown under initiatives like PM-KUSUM and the National Solar Mission. Critically examine the challenges and opportunities in expanding solar energy in rural and industrial sectors. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. Why do metals undergo corrosion and what are the various methods used to prevent or control corrosion ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

10. What are the toxic metals commonly used in electrical and electronic products ? Discuss their harmful effects on health and the environment. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

11. How does lifestyle increase the risk of cardiovascular diseases ? Explain. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. Discuss the significance of native and foreign cattle breeds in India's dairy industry and major challenges faced by dairy farmers in India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

13. Discuss on how precision farming helps in improving the yield and quality of pulses and oilseeds in India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

14. India has made significant advancements in genetic engineering research. What are genetically modified organisms (GMOs) ? What are the rules and regulations for handling GMOs in India ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

15. What is Bioremediation ? Discuss the bioremediation methodologies to reduce solid wastes. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

16. India is witnessing rapid advancements in fertilizer technology. Discuss biofertilizers and nano fertilizers emphasizing their advantages over conventional chemical fertilizers. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

17. Explain the primary production in terrestrial ecosystems. The highest rate of primary production occurs in tropical rain forests. Why ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

18. In recent years microplastics have entered the human body. Examine the causes, consequences and way ahead to address this issue. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

19. Lakes in Bengaluru are on the verge of extinction. Discuss. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

20. Define wasteland. Discuss waste land reclamation strategies for sustainable development. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

21. Examine the feasibility of India's river-linking projects as a solution to the water crisis while assessing their environmental impact and sustainability concerns. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

22. Identify recent visible signs of climate change in India and globally. Analyze India's preparedness for climate challenges and suggest measures to enhance climate resilience. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

23. Critically evaluate the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in controlling air pollution in India. Discuss its successes, challenges and the way forward. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

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General Studies-4 (Paper-V)

2025

Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

(i) Candidates have to attempt all questions.

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1. What is the role of conscience as a source of ethical guidance in public administration ? Explain with examples where following one's conscience led to ethical governance despite legality and political pressures. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. You are the District Collector of a flood-prone region. Due to unexpected heavy rains, floods have devastated villages, displacing thousands. The government has allocated limited relief resources, including food, medical aid and rescue boats. However, you are faced with several challenges.

(a) Resource Shortage : The relief supplies are not enough to cover all affected areas equally.

(b) Political Pressure : Local politicians are pressuring you to prioritise aid for their constituencies.

(c) Media Scrutiny : News agencies are covering the relief efforts, questioning transparency in resource distribution.

(i) How will you allocate limited resources fairly and efficiently ? Will you yield to political pressure or ensure equitable distribution of aid ?

(ii) What steps will you take to maintain transparency and public trust in relief operations ?

(Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

3. You are a senior medical researcher developing a life-saving drug for a rare disease. Initial trials are promising, but the full testing process will take five more years before official approval. Meanwhile, thousands of terminally ill patients are desperate for treatment. Ethical dilemmas arise : some doctors urge compassionate use, arguing that patients have nothing to lose.

Regulatory authorities insist on strict trials, fearing unknown long-term side effects. Pharmaceutical companies push for quick approval, seeing a major profit opportunity. Patient advocacy groups demand access, pressuring the government.

(a) Should experimental drugs be given to terminally ill patients before full approval ? What ethical safeguards should be in place ?

(b) How will you handle pressure from pharmaceutical companies while maintaining medical ethics ?

(c) What role should government agencies play in balancing medical innovation with public safety ?

(Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

4. Public servants need to be both fair and compassionate, but these can clash. Discuss this issue with examples. How can a balance be maintained for fair and ethical governance ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

5. "Examine this statement with two examples : one where an act is legal but ethically questionable, and another where an act is ethical but illegal." (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

6. "Family and society shape an individual's ethical values." Discuss how early social conditioning impacts ethical decision-making in public life with examples. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

7. Discuss the importance of integrity in public administration and suggest ways to uphold it in decision-making. Provide relevant examples to illustrate its role in ethical governance. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

8. "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." – Abraham Lincoln

Discuss how this quote applies to civil services and ethical governance, highlighting its relevance in the conduct of public servants with suitable examples. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. "A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones." – Nelson Mandela

How does this quote emphasize the role of empathy and tolerance in public administration ? Discuss its significance with examples of welfare policies aimed at weaker sections. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

10. You are the Municipal Commissioner of a metropolitan city. As winter approaches, there has been a sharp increase in homeless deaths due to cold waves. Many homeless individuals, including migrant labourers, elderly and abandoned women, sleep on pavements. While the city has government-run night shelters, reports indicate they are underutilized due to poor awareness, social stigma and unsafe conditions. Additionally, a few commercial groups are lobbying to clear footpaths to prevent 'encroachments' that affect their businesses. The media has begun questioning the administration's accountability.

(a) How will you ensure immediate relief for the homeless while addressing long-term rehabilitation ?

(b) How will you balance the economic concerns of businesses with the rights of vulnerable people ?

(Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

11. "Excessive empathy can sometimes conflict with objectivity in decision-making." Examine this dilemma with suitable examples. How can a public servant balance empathy with fairness and impartiality ? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. Meera, a district magistrate, is overseeing an anti-encroachment drive to clear illegal settlements. While the action is legally mandated, she finds that many affected families are poor and have no alternative housing. Evicting them would cause immense suffering, but delaying the operation could result in legal consequences and accusations of favouritism.

(a) Should Meera proceed strictly as per the law or consider a more empathetic approach ?

(b) How can she balance legal duty with compassion ?

(c) What long-term policy solutions can address such dilemmas ?

(Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

13. You are an KAS officer posted in your home district, Your father, a respected political leader, is under investigation for alleged misuse of public funds. As the head of the administration, you are expected to ensure a fair and unbiased inquiry. Your family expects loyalty, while the media and opposition parties accuse you of favouritism. Meanwhile, your junior officers are hesitant to take action due to your familial ties. The public is watching your response closely, as this case will impact the credibility of governance and public trust in the administration.

(a) How will you maintain objectivity and fairness while dealing with an inquiry involving your family ?

(b) What steps will you take to ensure public trust and institutional integrity in your decision ?

(c) How will you handle personal emotions and professional responsibilities in this situation ?

(Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

14. Discuss the role of emotional intelligence in sports, focusing on its importance in handling pressure, teamwork and leadership. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

15. Select one Indian and one Western moral philosopher and discuss how their ethical ideas can be applied to modern public administration. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

16. Discuss how public officials can use social influence and persuasion to promote responsible waste disposal and recycling. Provide examples of successful waste management initiatives driven by behavioural change. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

17. Analyse the significance of both aptitude (skills, intelligence) and attitude (mindset, ethics) in civil services. Justify which is more important for effective governance with examples from public administration. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

18. As the Police Commissioner of a metropolitan city, you have introduced an AI-based facial recognition system to enhance security and crime prevention. The system can track potential criminals and monitor public spaces in real time. However, concerns have emerged: Civil rights activists argue that it violates privacy and may be used for mass surveillance; reports suggest that AI has biases, leading to wrongful identification of marginalized groups; law enforcement officers support the system, claiming it has reduced crime and Tech companies and political leaders push for expanding AI use, citing national security.

(a) How will you ensure that AI-based policing remains ethical, unbiased and respects individual privacy ?

(b) What safeguards will you implement to prevent misuse of AI by law enforcement agencies ?

(c) If the AI system incorrectly flags an innocent person as a criminal, what accountability measures should be in place ?

(Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

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2021

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1. The New Education Policy, 2020(NEP,2020) ensures the youth to face the challenges in a challenging way. (Not more than 1500 words) **[125 marks]**

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2. "Land is not for haves; but for those who are interested in agriculture". Analyse the statement in the background of Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 2020. (Not more than 1500 words) **[125 marks]**

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SUBJECT CODE : 419

General Studies–1

2021

Time: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Explain Ashoka's concept of Dhamma. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. Discuss about the British Land Revenue System in Bengal. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

3. "Raja Ram Mohan Roy inaugurated the modern age of Indian history". Discuss. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

4. Discuss about the cultural contributions of the Pallavas to the Nation. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

5. The Ancient Indians showed insatiable curiosity to science and technology and their contribution to Astronomy is immense. Discuss. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

6. The Mughal Art and Architecture under Akbar was a happy synthesis of the Islamic and Hindu art traditions and elements. Discuss. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

7. The part played by Karnataka in the "Quit India Movement" was unique. Comment. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

8. Discuss the deterministic theory of social change. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. Discuss the different development programmes aimed at reconstruction of rural social life. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

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10. Explain the concept of Sanskritization. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

11. Discuss the factors that are responsible for changing status of women. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. Is defective System of Indian education an indicator to youth unrest? Analyze. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

13. Social Policy (Legislation) brings social change. Discuss. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

14. What is modernization? Explain the factors that are responsible for the process of modernization. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

15. How can the digital India programme help farmers to improve farm productivity and income? What are the steps taken by the government in this regard? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

16. How does 'PURA' help in the rural economic development? Discuss. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

17. Explain the defects of Agriculture market in Karnataka. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

18. Explain the importance of Socio-Economic infrastructure in Karnataka. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

19. The Nature of economic growth in India in recent times is often described as jobless growth. Do you agree with the view? Give arguments in favour of your answer. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

20. Describe the importance of small scale industries in Indian Rural Economy. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

21. Green Revolution was aimed to achieve self-reliance in food production. Analyze. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

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SUBJECT CODE : 420

General Studies–2

2021

Time: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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1. "Human Migration is continuous". Elucidate the statement with different causes of migrations. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. List and explain the different types of tides and theories of origin of tides. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

3. Explain the distribution and production of Bauxite in India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

4. Explain about the Land Utilisation in Karnataka. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

5. List and explain the industrial regions of India. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

6. Discuss about the importance of transportation system in Karnataka. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

7. Explain the mechanism of monsoons in India. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

8. Explain the concept of 'Public Interest Litigation' and discuss how it has helped in achieving social justice with the help of decided cases. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. Examine the limitations in amending any part of the Constitution. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

10. Explain the scope of freedom of trade, commerce and intercourse under Article 301 of the Constitution of India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

11. Explain the concept of Right to Privacy as a fundamental right in the light of judgment of Supreme Court in K.S. Puttaswamy Vs. Union of India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. "Rights and duties are closely related and cannot be separated from one another". In the light of the above statement, discuss the importance of fundamental duties outlined in Part IVA of the Indian Constitution. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

13. What is Preamble in Indian Constitution? Discuss the golden goals that are outlined in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

14. What is a money bill? Explain the legislative procedure regarding ordinary bill and money bill. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

15. "U.N. General Assembly is like a world Parliament". Examine the powers and functions of the General Assembly of United Nations Organization. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

16. Explain the role of India in achieving the aims and objectives of SAARC. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

17. Discuss the core characteristics and features of new public management. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

18. What are the differences between Administration and Management? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

19. Mention the role of central agencies in maintenance of law and order. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

20. "Responsive Administration is a key to Good Governance". Do you agree with this? Elucidate. What are the chief components of Responsive Administration? (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

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General Studies–3

2021

Time: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Discuss the role of Science and Technology to help farmers in boosting their productivity and income. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

2. Discuss the impact of big data in businesses. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

3. What is Digital Divide? Discuss the causes and impacts of digital divide. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

4. Write about RailWire Wi-Fi and RailTel. Explain the significance of RailWire Wi-Fi. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

5. Briefly explain the measures and remedies taken by the government to control pollution. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

6. Explain the major drivers for development and deployment of new and renewable energy in India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

7. What is disaster? Critically explain the causes and consequences of natural and manmade disasters. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

8. What are vaccines? Explain the advantages and disadvantages of DNA vaccines. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

9. What is blue revolution? Discuss its features and outcome in enhancement of food production. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

10. Critically evaluate the role of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) in strengthening the rural economy in Karnataka. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

11. Briefly explain the importance of agriculture in Indian Economy and mention the scope of agriculture in India. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. Mention the methods of agricultural price stabilisation. Briefly describe the price policies in India to stabilise agricultural prices with their objectives and illustrate the current method of calculation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) by CACP. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

13. What is watershed? Highlight the importance of watershed in conserving the natural resources. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

14. Differentiate between manures and fertilisers with suitable examples and briefly describe the classification of nitrogenous fertilisers based on the form of nitrogen present in N-fertilisers. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

15. Explain the conventional methods of municipal waste water treatment. Add a note on the uses of treated waste water. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

16. Explain waste based energy. Give an account of recently developed biomass based energy technology for sustainable development. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

17. What are the primary and secondary air pollutants? Explain the human health problems caused by air pollution. Add a note on air pollution in New Delhi. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

18. Define Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and write its importance. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

19. Define keystone species. Discuss the importance of keystone species in conservation biology. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

20. What are Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)? Discuss IPRs and their implications on forestry and allied sectors in India with suitable illustrations. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

21. Describe the role of NGOs in JFM with special reference to biodiversity conservation. Justify with suitable examples. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

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General Studies–4

2021

Time: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 250**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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1. "My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness" says His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. Elaborate the values that can be inculcated from his life and teachings. (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

2. Explain the principles of Corporate Governance and discuss about any three Indian Companies in relation to their best corporate practices. (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

3. Some employees in an organisation have found that their organisation is engaged in illegal activities, which they personally disapprove. Should they blow the whistle? Or should they follow orders from the top officials? Suggest measures to resolve such Ethical Dilemmas. (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

4. Explain the role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values. (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

5. Critically explain integrity, impartiality and its significant role with reference to public administration. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

6. Critically evaluate dedication for economically weaker section in the context of Women upliftment. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

7. Differentiate between the value of impartiality and non-partisanship in public administration. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

8. Explain the values of tolerance, impartiality and objectivity in religious context. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

9. Critically analyse the concept of dedication and objectivity in public administration. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

10. You are an Officer in charge of authenticating the documents of people who lost their life support in a natural disaster. An illiterate senior citizen comes to meet you one day anticipating your support in getting the benefit proclaimed by the Government. After verifying the papers produced by him, you understand that they are not the documents as expected to be a beneficiary. You are not ready to reject his request because in reality he has no support for survival other than what he has lost in the disaster. This leads to a conflicting situation of either to support him or not.

How do you resolve this situation? Explain. (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

11. Explain attitude and its structure. Describe the main component models of attitude. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

12. Explain political attitudes and factors influencing political attitudes. (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

13. What is persuasion? How can attitudes be changed using messages? (Not more than 150 words) **[10]**

14. Explain Social influence by demand. (Not more than 250 words) **[15]**

15. What are the administrative problems faced by the people? How do you overcome these problems by effective administration? (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

16. What is emotional intelligence? Explain the utilities and applications of emotional intelligence in administration and governance. (Not more than 300 words) **[20]**

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General Studies 1

2015

Time : 3 hours **Maximum Marks : 250**

SECTION—A

1. Explain the difference between the Indus civilization and Vedic civilization. **[12]**

2. How did Sir Syed Ahmed Khan articulate the identity and existential issues of Muslims in India? **[12]**

3. Write a note on Kailasanatha Temple and Dashavatar Cave architecture of Rashtrakutas. **[12]**

4. Explain the foreign policy of Alia Ramaraya and write a brief note on its effects. **[12]**

5. Discuss the economic development of Mysore under Diwan Mirza Ismail. **[12]**

6. Describe the importance of 1946 Unification Conference. **[12]**

7. Explain the importance of Belgaum Congress Session. **[12]**

SECTION—B

8. Do you consider that LG Havanur Committee report is a Bible for backward class in Karnataka? Discuss. **[12]**

9. What is social movement? Bring out two important features of social movement. **[12]**

10. Describe the concept of Role and Role Conflict. Discuss the nature and extent of role conflict among working women in India. **[12]**

11. Explain the limitations on the power of State Legislature. **[12]**

12. Discuss the role of Punchhi Commission Report as regard to federal restructuring in India with special reference to the autonomy claimed by States. **[12]**

13. What is market economy? Discuss the social consequences of market economy. **[12]**

14. What is bonded labour? Explain the constitutional safeguards against this practice. **[12]**

SECTION—C

15. Examine the factors that led to India's industrial deceleration in the 1960s. **[12]**

16. Enumerate the effect of depreciation of rupee on India's Balance of Payments (BoP). **[12]**

17. Explain the initiatives of Government of Karnataka to implement the recommendations of Nanjundappa Committee. **[12]**

18. Discuss about the policy initiative to strengthen decentralised planning process in Karnataka. **[12]**

19. Critically assess the prominent export items of Karnataka. What are the important measures taken by the Government of Karnataka to promote exports? **[12]**

20. Discuss the rural sanitization initiatives in Karnataka. **[12]**

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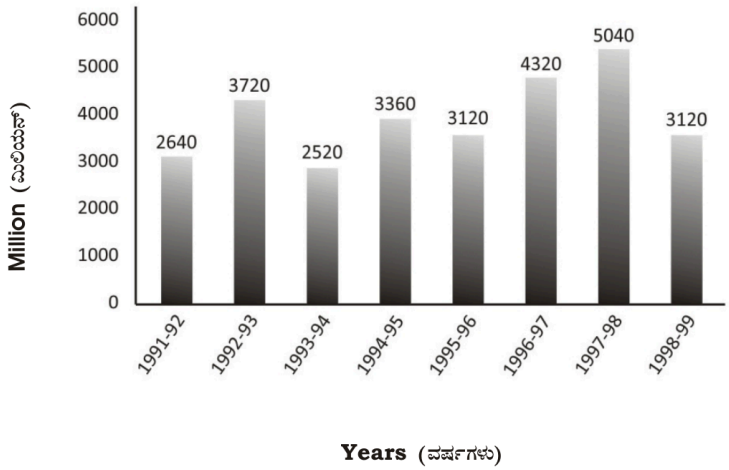
21. The bar graph given below shows the foreign exchange reserves of a country (in million US $) from 1991–1992 to 1998–1999.



(a) What was the percentage increase in the foreign exchange reserves in 1997–98 over 1993–94?

(b) The foreign exchange reserves in 1996–97 were approximately what percent of the average foreign exchange reserves over the period under review? (1991-92 to 1998-99)

(c) For which year the percent increase in the foreign exchange reserve over the previous year is the highest? **[3+4+3]**

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General Studies 2

2015

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SECTION—A

1. Explain landforms produced due to the fluvial erosion. **[12]**

2. Discuss the broad racial groups of the world with suitable examples. **[12]**

3. Give a geographical account on oilseeds of India. **[12]**

4. Explain the importance of hill area development and tribal area development in Regional Planning. **[12]**

5. Explain the trend and pattern of urbanization in Karnataka. **[12]**

6. Write critically on the shortage of electric power in Karnataka and the challenges to ensure its availability. **[12]**

7. Discuss the major agroclimatic regions of Karnataka with their major crops. **[12]**

SECTION—B

8. Discuss the religious, cultural and educational rights provided under the Indian Constitutional law. **[12]**

9. "The powers and functions of the Governor of Indian States resemble that of the President of the Union Government." Comment. **[12]**

10. Explain the powers of the Parliament on State subjects. **[12]**

11. Discuss the appointment, term, duties and powers of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India. **[12]**

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12. "The power of delegation by the Parliament and State Legislature to their executives are made with suitable restriction." Discuss. **[12]**

13. Discuss the effect of 42nd and 44th Amendments on the basic structure of the Indian Constitution. Explain the principles laid down in the Minerva Mills case by the Supreme Court of India. **[12]**

14. Which are the welfare mechanisms implemented by the government in accordance with the Directive Principles of State Policy? **[12]**

SECTION—C

15. Confirm the role of Home Department in the maintenance of law and order situation in State. **[12]**

16. Discuss the factors to the emergence of new public administration. **[12]**

17. What is the major criticism of Herzberg's two-factor theory of motivation? Do you think, it makes a contribution to the better understanding of motivation in the workplace? Defend your answer. **[12]**

18. Write a note on Balwantrai Mehta Committee. **[10]**

19. Write short notes on the following :

(a) Fishbone diagram

(b) Pareto Chart

(c) Performance appraisal **[4+4+4=12]**

20. Mention the second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) recommendations. **[12]**

21. Enumerate the achievements of the International Labour Organisation in promoting labour welfare in Asiatic countries during the last twenty years. **[12]**

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General Studies 3

2015

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SECTION—A

1. What are the types of Government interactions in e-Governance in India? **[12]**

2. What is INSAT programme? Explain the different satellites launched under INSAT programme. **[12]**

3. Write a note about Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) and its objectives. What are the action plans taken by the Government of India to reach its objectives? Give the details of solar energy scenario of Karntaka. **[12]**

4. What is bioremediation? Explain the different biotechnological methods and approaches for the control of pollution in the environment. **[12]**

5. Bring out various issues involved in the supply of drinking water in India. Add a note on drinking water quality standards. **[12]**

6. What is the difference between gender equity and gender equality? Why is it important to take gender concerns into account in programme design and implementation? **[12]**

7. What are the differences between first, second and third generations of biofuels? Why are first and second generation biofuels seen as threat to food security? How do third generation biofuels manage to address those problems? **[12]**

SECTION—B

8. What are microorganisms and how are they classified? Give a detailed note on harmful and useful aspects of microorganisms. **[12]**

9. Explain the difference between vermicompost and vermiculture. What are the limitations of upgrading vermiculture in India? **[12]**

10. What is sericulture? Write a brief note about different silkworms reared in India, nature of cocoons, geographical distribution and their host plants. **[12]**

11. What are Genetically Engineered (GE) crops? What are the goals of Genetic Engineering (GE)? How are biotech crops and foods are assured for safety? **[12]**

12. (a) List out the important economic character of sheep breeds of Karnataka.

(b) What are the advantages of stall fed goat farming? **[7+5=12]**

13. Write a note about Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission. **[12]**

14. On World Tuberculosis Day, 24th March 2016, Bedaquiline—new drug for Drug Resistant TB—was launched in India as part of the national programme. Discuss. **[12]**

SECTION—C

15. Compare and contrast between National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries. List any five important National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of India. Briefly explain the salient features of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. **[12]**

16. Define rainwater harvesting. Why rainwater needs to be harvested? Explain the basic components of rainwater harvesting system. List some traditional methods of rainwater harvesting. **[12]**

17. Write about the causes of the loss of biodiversity. Write about the International Red Data Book and give an account of the categories of threatened species. **[12]**

18. What are the characteristics and types of solid waste? Write a critical note on the problem of solid waste management keeping Bengaluru metropolitan city in view. **[12]**

19. Discuss the possible ecological impacts of river linking project in India. **[12]**

20. With suitable examples, describe human perturbation to the global carbon cycle. **[12]**

21. Explain the difference between chloroflurocarbon (CFC), hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) and the significance of Kigali agreement. **[10]**

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General Studies 4

2015

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SECTION—A

1. Critically consider the essence, determinants and consequences of human action with reference to J. S. Mill act utilitarianism Charvaka and Karmayoga. **[20]**

2. Write a note about ethical dilemmas in government and private institutions. **[15]**

3. Critically analyze the ethical issues in International Relations. **[15]**

4. What is the objective of the Right to Information Act? Evaluate the ethics underlying the provisions of this Act. **[20]**

5. Elucidate the human values and their types with special reference to Patanjali's classification of virtues. **[15]**

SECTION—B

6. Explain integrity. Describe different types and significance of integrity. Describe how an individual can achieve personal integrity. **[15]**

7. What is the difference between empathy, sympathy and compassion? Describe empathetic behaviour at work. **[15]**

8. Explain tolerance and compassion in Indian context. How effectively can tolerance and compassion be used by the respective authority in the process of decision making in public administration? **[15]**

9. Explain the factors which determine an employee's dedication to public service. **[15]**

10. Explain what is impartiality, non partisanship and objectivity in context to public service. How can impartiality and objectivity can be practiced by a civil servant for the upliftment of weaker section? **[20]**

SECTION—C

11. Explain fundamental values of civil services. **[20]**

12. Explain social influence as fundamental feature of communication. **[15]**

13. What are the cognitive approaches to persuasion? **[15]**

14. Explain dissonance and the less-leads-to-more effect. **[15]**

15. What is emotional intelligence? Explain its major components. **[20]**

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QCA : 29

Essay

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Write two essays, choosing one from each of the Section-A and Section-B in about 1000-1200 words each. (125 × 2 = 250)

Section-A

1. Explain the concept 'Demographic Dividend' what are its advantages? Discuss the different methods of reaping the benefits of Demographic Dividend.

2. "Indian democracy despite internal contradictions has emerged stronger in each successive election". Explain.

3. Given the Dialogue among the BRICS countries, do you think the latter will emerge as new power block that would challenge the hegemony of the US?

4. "New social Movements have introduced new discourses into politics but would not be able to stop the march of globalization". Discuss with specific reference to anti-globalization movements in India.

Section-B

5. Discuss the current Agrarian distress in Karnataka. Account for farmer's suicide in the state. What measures would you suggest for minimising agrarian distress?

6. "Regional political parties in India are competing with national political parties as alternative powers". Analyse.

7. How far this statement "Karnataka is one of the first states to bring in paradigm shift in the realm of land relations by introducing different land reforms" is true? Critically analyse.

8. Justify the need for article 371(J) of the constitution for the development of Hyderabad Karnataka. Does this reduce the regional imbalance in Karnataka? Discuss.

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KAS MAINS · PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION PAPER

QCA : 30/I

General Studies : Paper-I

2014

Time : 3 hours **Maximum marks : 250**

INSTRUCTIONS

(Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions)

There are TWENTY questions printed both in KANNADA and in ENGLISH.

All the questions are compulsory.

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1. Discuss the ideas which the Satya Shodhaka Samaj articulated and built up a movement to empower the under privileged classes. **[12½]**

2. Explain the meaning and nature of total revolution and highlight its significance in the socio-political life of contemporary India. **[12½]**

3. Explain the main features of Sculpture art during Rashtrakuta period. **[12½]**

4. What do you think were the causes for rise of Sufism in Karnataka? **[12½]**

5. Write about the importance of backward class struggle in the Karnataka Independence movement. **[12½]**

6. Describe different stages of the unification of Karnataka from 1916 to 1956. **[12½]**

7. Elucidate the favourable factors responsible for the upliftment of women status in Modern India. **[12½]**

8. Explain the nature of Indian party system. **[12½]**

9. Discuss the broad features of financial relations between the union and the state in India. **[12½]**

10. Discuss the 74th constituent amendment related to urban local Governments. **[12½]**

11. Examine the bearings of Jajmani system on the traditional rural society in India and changes which have influenced the Jajmani system. **[12½]**

12. Define Economic development and discuss the impact of social determinants on economic development. **[12½]**

13. Explain the role of Panchayat Raj in changing the traditional power structure in Rural India. **[12½]**

14. Discuss the growth of Karnataka economy during the plan Era. **[12½]**

15. Critially examine India's balance of payment trends during 1950-2005 and explain the phase of crisis during 1990-92 **[12½]**

16. Critically evaluate India's trade policy of “Import liberalisation for export promotion”. **[12½]**

17. What are the major objectives of Special development Plan (SDP) introduced by Government of Karnataka to reduce regional imbalances? Critically examine the implementation of SDP. **[12½]**

18. 'India's Economic development in recent years is services Sector led'. Justify? **[12½]**

19. High cholesterol levels in the blood have been associated with an increased risk of heart attack and diet seems to affect cholesterol levels. Researchers have found that fats with higher percentages of monounsaturated fatty acids reduce the cholesterol level in the blood. The following is the breakdown for some common oils.

Type of oil	Monounsaturated	Polyunsaturated	Saturated
Olive oil	72.3%	10.6%	17.1%
Peanut oil	48.1%	31.5%	20.4%
Butter	30.0%	4.0%	66.0%
Corn oil	27.6%	57.9%	14.5%
Soybean oil	23.4%	61.0%	15.6%
Sunflower oil	13.1%	77.7%	9.2%

Construct a bar chart showing the percentage of monounsaturates in the six oils. Also prepare a pie chart showing the breakdown of olive oil into the three kinds of fatty acids. Comment based on the bar and pie charts. **[12½]**

20. A cricket team of eleven cricketers is to be formed from sixteen cricketers. These sixteen cricketers include five bowlers and two wicket keepers.

Find the number of ways a team can be chosen if :

(a) There are exactly three bowlers and one wicket keeper.

and

(b) There are three bowlers and at least one wicket keeper. **[12½]**

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QCA : 31/II

General Studies : Paper-II

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1. Critically analyse the Discretionary powers of Governor. **[12½]**

2. The constitution of India provides strong Central Government and weak States. Discuss. **[12½]**

3. Explain the process of Urbanization with special reference to India. **[12½]**

4. Write the salient features of urban fringe. **[12½]**

5. Summarize the factors influencing on the distribution of Ocean Salinity. **[12½]**

6. Narrate the bases for Human racial classification. **[12½]**

7. Elucidate the factors influencing the distribution of population. **[12½]**

8. Explain the powers and functions of Election commission. **[12½]**

9. Explain the socialistic principles of directive principles of state policy. **[12½]**

10. "National development council is a super cabinet." Examine. **[12½]**

11. Bring out the relationship between Ministers and Civil Services in administering the affairs of welfare states. **[12½]**

12. Briefly explain the different types of Communication. **[12½]**

13. Explain the significance of planning process in decision making and evaluate the components of plan. **[12½]**

14. Critically evaluate the problems associated with delegation of authority. Suggest guidelines for effective delegation. **[12½]**

15. "Leadership is Situational". In the light of this statement discuss the various theories of leadership in brief. **[12½]**

16. Give an analysis of soft reformative techniques of monitoring and evaluation in the field of public Administration. **[12½]**

17. Have the welfare measures implemented by the Government of India from time to time reformed the condition of SC/ST and women practically? **[12½]**

18. 'Bi cameral legislation protects individual freedom against legislative despotism'. Discuss. **[12½]**

19. Distinguish between 'Formal and Informal Organisation'. What are the benefits and problems associated with Informal Organisation? **[12½]**

20. Explain the recent trends in industrial production in Karnataka. **[12½]**

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QCA : 32

General Studies : Paper-III

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1. Define the global warming and explain its effects. **[12½]**

2. Discuss the precautionary measures to reduce CFCs in the environment. **[12½]**

3. Discuss the role of Civil Society in forest management and its Sustainable development. **[12½]**

4. Discuss the importance of hotspot biodiversity and its development. **[12½]**

5. Describe the role of information technology on human health. **[12½]**

6. Write a note on the sustainable development of water resources. **[12½]**

7. Write a note on the important five National Parks in Karnataka and indicate their location in respective districts. **[12½]**

8. Write a note on HIV/AIDS and its control measures. **[12½]**

9. Distinguish between polar and equatorial orbits of artificial satellites. Which of the above two orbits is suitable for a

(i) Geostationary satellite

(ii) satellite used for weather forecasting? **[12½]**

10. Describe the role of fungi in medicine, agriculture and industry. **[12½]**

11. Explain the term recombinant DNA. Write a note on the applications of recombinant DNA technology (RDT). **[12½]**

12. What are renewable and non-renewable resources. How are they depleted and protected. **[12½]**

13. What is package technology or Green revolution? Enumerate whether this revolution has helped to Indian agriculture after independence. **[12½]**

14. Discuss in brief about the Farmers welfare programmes in India. **[12½]**

15. Write about the development of Sericulture practice in Karnataka. **[12½]**

16. Discuss in detail about the post harvest technology and value addition in agricultural crops. **[12½]**

17. Describe about the Green House cultivation. **[12½]**

18. Write in detail about the national watershed development program. **[12½]**

19. Critically comment on the endangered species in Western Ghats. **[12½]**

20. What is Red list, why is it important to notify the list? **[12½]**

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QCA : 33/IV

General Studies : Paper-IV

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Answer all the questions in NOT MORE THAN 200 words each. Contents of the answer are more important than its length. All questions carry equal marks. (12½ × 20 = 250 marks)

1. Explain public service reforms and the need for reforms in India. **[12½]**

2. Critically analyze the need for ethical civil service code. **[12½]**

3. Discuss Social influence on public service. **[12½]**

4. Explain the relationship between social influence and persuasion. **[12½]**

5. Differentiate Gandhian concepts of Socialism to Marxian concept of socialism. **[12½]**

6. Trace the origin of swadeshi movement and its influence on the attitude of People in India. **[12½]**

7. Explain the essence of ethics in private and public relationships. **[12½]**

8. Appropriate utilization of public fund and challenges of corruption are burning issues at present in public administration. critically evaluate. **[12½]**

9. Describe lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders help in inculcating human values with suitable illustrations. **[12½]**

10. Delineate role of integrity and impartiality in public administration. **[12½]**

11. Explain the effect of values its relation with thoughts and behaviour of the Administrator. **[12½]**

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12. Give the suitable suggestion for strengthening of ethical and moral values in Governance. **[12½]**

13. Evaluate laws, rules, regulations are conscience as source of ethical guidance. **[12½]**

14. Explain the determinants and consequences of ethics in human action with suitable Examples. **[12½]**

15. Explain the importance of accountability and ethical governance in public administration. **[12½]**

16. Describe codes of conduct and quality of service delivery are most important at present scenario in governance. **[12½]**

17. Write a note on reformers and administrators who are role models for inculcating values. **[12½]**

18. Aptitude and fundamental rules are most essential concepts of civil service Critically evaluate. **[12½]**

19. Explain the essentials of information sharing and citizen charter in public service. **[12½]**

20. In Public administration tolerance and compassion towards the weaker section help for better governance. Evaluate with suitable example. **[12½]**

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