

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER

### GENERAL STUDIES-I

Time Allowed :3 Hours

Maximum Marks:200

#### PART-I

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum of 50 words in each case. Each question carries 4 marks.**

- (a) Who was the main figure of Banabhatta's literary and Biographical work? What was his main contribution in Indian history?
- (b) Which Harappan site has an evidence of a dockyard? What used to be handled in this dockyard?
- (c) Where and when in Europe, the first Fascist regime was established?
- (d) Who was popularly known in the Hill States as the 'Pahari Gandhi'? Briefly discuss his contribution in the Freedom Struggle.
- (e) Give examples of two nationally protected monuments of Himachal Pradesh.
- (f) Discuss the relationship between hazards, disasters and vulnerability?
- (g) What are the major criteria adopted by Census of India to define an area as Urban Place?
- (h) Discuss briefly the effect of El-Nino on Indian Monsoon?
- (i) Discuss the major faults/ thrusts of Himachal along with their geographical extent?
- (j) Which are the major rivers of the Ganges River System in Himachal Pradesh, also give the areas drained by this river system?
- (k) Define kinship. Explain the degree of Kinship in sociological context.
- (l) Describe how family is a primary unit of the Indian Society?
- (m) What is Gandhian concept of Satyagrah?
- (n) Define 'Reet'. Describe the events triggering abolition of this social evil.
- (o) Name the major Tribes of Himachal Pradesh. Which regions of the State are inhabited by these tribes?

15x4=60

#### PART-II

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum of 150 words in each case. Each question carries 8 marks.**

- (a) What is meant by the term 'dhamma'? Discuss its changing connotations?
- (b) Was 1857 a revolt or India's First struggle for Independence? Explain.

- (c) When was 'Begar' abolished in the Shimla Hill States? Who should be given credit for abolishing this social evil.
- (d) What is meant by the term 'Sanad'? What was its legality?
- (e) "The development is both the cause and effect of disaster". Discuss with examples.
- (f) Discuss the major physiographic features of Peninsular India?
- (g) "Vegetation is an index of climate". Discuss the statement by citing examples of different vegetation types and climate of Himachal Pradesh.
- (h) What do you mean by "Unity in Diversity" in the context of Indian society?
- (i) How good governance can be effective for ensuring a better public delivery services.
- (j) What are the socio-economic implications of "International Fairs" of Himachal Pradesh?

**10x8=80**

### **PART-III**

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum of 500 words in each case. Each question carries 20 marks.**

- (a) What prompted the European powers to give up their Colonies after the Second World War? Explain with examples.
- (b) Why the State of Himachal Pradesh needed a separate forest policy inspite of having a national forest policy? Give the salient features of State Forest Policy of Himachal Pradesh?
- (c) Discuss various policies, laws and safety initiatives undertaken by the Government of India for women empowerment, protection and security.

**3x20=60**

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER  
GENERAL STUDIES-II**

**Time Allowed :3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks:200**

**PART-I**

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum 50 words in each case.**

**Each question carries 4 marks.**

- (a) What is meant by doctrine of Pith and Substance?
- (b) Define double Jeopardy. Give an example of double Jeopardy.
- (c) 'India is a Union of States', discuss.
- (d) What do you mean by quasi-judicial bodies and what are their functions?
- (e) Define sub-regionalism. Discuss its role in Himachal Pradesh.
- (f) What are the components of Citizen Charters?
- (g) What are the Indicators of Good Governance given by World Bank?
- (h) Define poverty line. How poverty line is determined?
- (i) What do you mean by Social Inclusiveness?
- (j) What are the aims & objectives of The Himachal Pradesh Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011?
- (k) What do you mean by Global Groupings? Why these groupings are required?
- (l) Define Diaspora. What are its consequences?
- (m) What do you mean by UNICEF?
- (n) What are the main features of Single Line Administration in Himachal Pradesh?
- (o) What initiatives have been taken by Government of Himachal Pradesh to control drug menace?

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**PART-II**

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum 150 words in each case.**

**Each question carries 8 marks.**

- (a) Evaluate the concept of Equality with reference to the Constitution of India.
- (b) Theory of separation of power is rarely operating in context of judiciary and legislature. Comment.
- (c) Discuss the politics of Statehood in Himachal Pradesh.

- (d) Ethical deficit is affecting the Good Governance in India. Discuss.
- (e) "Non Government organizations have become an irresistible global force". Discuss.
- (f) What are the policies initiated by Government of Himachal Pradesh for empowerment of women?
- (g) Discuss the areas of conflict and cooperation between India & China.
- (h) Discuss the role of World Bank in the Globalised World.
- (i) To what extent Government of Himachal Pradesh has succeeded in protecting and promoting the interests of agrarian class?
- (j) Discuss various policies formulated by the Government of Himachal Pradesh for the upliftment of Schedule Castes.

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**PART-III**

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum 500 words in each case.  
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- (a) Discuss the areas of conflict between Centre and State relations in India. Give suggestions to improve these relations.
- (b) To what extent 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional amendments brought reforms at local level in Himachal Pradesh. Discuss in detail.
- (c) What are the Indian security issues and challenges in the new World Order?

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**MODEL QUESTION PAPER  
GENERAL STUDIES-III**

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**PART-I**

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum 50 words in each case.  
Each question carries 4 marks.**

- (a) What is meant by “Demographic Dividend”? Has it benefitted Indian economy?
- (b) What is Inclusive growth? Discuss latest initiatives taken by Government for ensuring Inclusive Growth.
- (c) What are the implications of Skill India initiative for a hill State like Himachal Pradesh?
- (d) Discuss sectoral distribution of Gross State Domestic Product in Himachal Pradesh.
- (e) What is Free Trade? Is it beneficial for Indian Economy?
- (f) How can space technology be utilized for the welfare of common man?
- (g) Explain in Brief:-
  - (a) India’s Independent Regional Navigation satellite system.
  - (b) India’s Extraterrestrial exploration.
- (h) Elaborate briefly the public concerns and perceptions that have triggered anti Nuclear Protests.
- (i) What is the role of Geographical Indications (GI) for Economic and Human Development? Identify the potential products of Himachal Pradesh that can be considered under GI.
- (j) Why Biodiversity is important? Describe in brief factors responsible for the loss of Biodiversity in Himachal Pradesh.
- (k) Elaborate briefly the salient features of National Missions for sustaining the Himalayan Eco-System.
- (l) Discuss the concept of “Soil Health Card” scheme launched by GOI. How it is going to impact the farmers in India.
- (m) What are endangered species? Explain in-situ and ex-situ conservation strategies.
- (n) Explain how Eco-Tourism is a case of symbiotic relationship between tourist and environment.
- (o) What are cultural implications of tourism in Himachal Pradesh?

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## PART-II

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum 150 words in each case. Each question carries 8 marks.**

- (a) What are Repo and Reverse Repo rates? How do they affect common man?
- (b) What are main features of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003.
- (c) Explain main components of Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
- (d) Describe in brief the applications of remote sensing technology in monitoring dynamic earth resources.
- (e) Describe in brief issues and concerns of hydropower development in the country.
- (f) List and briefly describe wetlands of International importance in Himachal Pradesh.
- (g) Explain how science & technology contributed to harness the valuable medicinal resources of India?
- (h) Describe briefly ethical issues in Genetic Engineering and Transgenic mechanism.
- (i) How National mission for sustainable agriculture will contribute to bring second green revolution in India? Support your answer with suitable example(s).
- (j) Briefly describe the tourism potential of Himachal Pradesh.

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## PART-III

**Note:- Attempt all questions. Answer should be limited to maximum 500 words in each case. Each question carries 20 marks.**

- (a) Discuss in detail the development of education, health, physical and financial infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh during last two decades.
- (b) What are various sources of energy in India? Explain the importance and role of non conventional sources of energy as a possible solution for energy crisis.
- (c) What is the relevance of Environment Impact Assessment? Briefly explain the regulatory mechanism established in the country for providing prior Environment clearance to projects and activities.

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