2012 – UPSC Mains Essay Paper

Total time: 3 Hours **Total Marks: 200 marks**

Write an essay by choosing one topic. Word limit: 2000-2500 words.

1. In the context of Gandhiji's views on the matter, explore, on an evolutionary scale, the terms 'Swadhinata', 'Swaraj' and 'Dharmarajya'. Critically comment on their contemporary relevance to Indian democracy.

2. Is the criticism that the 'Public-Private-Partnership' (PPP) model for development is more of a bane than a boon in the Indian context, justified?

3. Science and Mysticism : Are they compatible ?

4. Managing work and home – is the Indian working woman getting a fair deal?

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