2023 – General Studies Paper 2

Total time: 3 Hours **Total Marks: 250 marks**

All Questions are compulsory.

Keep the word limit in mind while answering the question.

Q 1) "Constitutionally guaranteed judicial independence is a prerequisite of democracy". Comment.

Q 2) Who are entitled to receive free legal aid? Assess the role of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in rendering free legal aid in India.

Q 3) "The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially." Comment.

Q 4) Compare and contrast the British and Indian approaches to Parliamentary sovereignty.

Q 5) Discuss the role of Presiding Officers of state legislatures in maintaining order and impartiality in conducting legislative work and in facilitating best democratic practices.

Q 6) The crucial aspect of development process has been the inadequate attention paid to Human Resource Development in India. Suggest measures that can address this inadequacy.

Q 7) Discuss the role of the Competition Commission of India in containing the abuse of dominant position by the Multi-National Corporations in India. Refer to the recent decisions.

Q 8) E-governance, as a critical tool of governance, has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability in governments. What inadequacies hamper the enhancement of these features?

Q 9) 'Virus of Conflict is affecting the functioning of the SCO.' In the light of the above statement point out the role of India in mitigating the the problems.

Q 10) Indian diaspora has scaled new heights in the West. Describe its economic and political benefits for India.

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Q 11) "The Constitution of India is a living instrument with capabilities of enormous dynamism. It is a constitution made for a progressive society." Illustrate with special fice to the expanding horizons of the right to life and personal liberty.

Q 12) Explain the constitutional perspectives of Gender Justice with the help of relevant Constitutional Provisions and case laws.

Q 13) Account for the legal and political factors responsible for the reduced frequency of using Article 356 by the Union Governments since mid-1990s.

Q 14) Discuss the contribution of civil society groups for women's effective and meaningful participation and representation in state legislatures in India.

Q 15) Explain the significance of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. To what extent does it reflect the accommodative spirit of federalism.

Q 16) Explain the structure of the Parliamentary Committee system. How far have the financial committees helped in the institutionalization of Indian Parliament?

Q 17) "Development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable, by its nature, are discriminatory in approach." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

Q 18) Skill development programmes have succeeded in increasing human resources supply to various sectors. In the context of the statement analyze the linkages between education, skill, and employment.

Q 19) 'The expansion and strengthening of NATO and a stronger US-Europe strategic partnership works well for India.' What is your opinion about this statement? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

Q 20) 'Sea is an important Component of the Cosmos." Discuss in the light of the above statement the role of the IMO (International Maritime Organisation) in protecting environment and enhancing maritime safety and security.

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