GENERAL STUDIES

Paper-I

Time Allowed—Three Hours
Full Marks—300

1. Answer the following (in about 150 words each):

 $2 \times 10 = 20$

- (a) Assess the theoretical positions of Moderates and Extremists in the History of Freedom Struggle in India.
- (b) Determine the place of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as an architect of Indian Constitution,
- 2. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words): $2\times10=20$
 - (a) Examine the various theories regarding the birth of Indian National Congress.
 - (b) "Economic policy of the British proved fatal to Indian handicrafts." Comment.
 - (c) Evaluate the role of Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phule as a fore runner of Social Change.

- 3. Write about the following (not exceeding 20 words each): 10×2=20
 - (a) Sabha and Samiti
 - (b) Saptanga
 - (c) Samskaras
 - (d) Nagara Style
 - (e) Nadu
 - (f) Shahna-i-Mandi
 - (g) Paragana
 - (h) Sir Sayyad Ahmad Khan
 - (i) Hindu Code Bill
 - (j) Bhudan Movement.
- 4. Answer any *three* of the following: $3\times10=30$
 - (a) Discuss the contributions of Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das to the Freedom Movements in Orissa.
 - (b) State the contributions of Ramadevi to the shaping of Freedom Movements in Orissa.
 - (c) Explain briefly, the architecture of the Sun Temple at Konark.
 - (d) Analyse the trends of socio-cultural developments in post-independence Orissa.

- 5. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 125 words): 2×10=20
- (a) 'Indian farming is a gamble in the Monsoon.'

 Discuss.
 - (b) Industrial development has certainly numerous advantages in India, but it has created some environmental problems. Discuss.
 - (c) Why is there a heavy concentration of population in the Ganga Plains?
- 6. Write short notes on *four* of the following questions: $4\times5=20$
 - (a) Hirakud Dam A multipurpose project
 - (b) Chilka Lake A tourist resort
- (c) Chief iron ore mining areas
 - (d) Major river systems
 - (e) Physiographic characteristics of coastal plains.
- 7. Answer any one of the following questions (in about 250 words):
 - (a) Elucidate the socio-economic and philosophical foundations of the Indian Constitution.
 - (b) "India has a federation with a strong centralisation tendency." Discuss.

- 8. Answer any *two* of the following (in about 150 words each): $2\times10=20$
 - (a) Explain the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy and critically examine the steps taken by the Government to implement them.
 - (b) "The position of Indian President is that of influence but not power." Explain.
 - (c) Assess the impact of coalition government compulsions on the role of Prime Minister.
- 9. Answer the following (in about 20 words each):

5×4=20

- (a) How are the Fundamental Rights different from the Directive Principles of State Policy?
- (b) What is the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution of India?
- (c) What are the factors that led to the emergence of regional parties in India?
- (d) What are the major flaws in our electoral system?
- (e) To what extent can the Governor influence the State Politics?

- 10. (i) "Politics in Orissa has been the Politics of Coalition."— Examine. 3×10=30
- (ii) Elucidate the functions of the Legislative Assembly of Orissa.
 - (iii) Analyse the problems of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Orissa, and suggest remedial measures.
 - 11. Answer any *two* questions (in about 125 words each): 2×10=20
 - (a) Identify the major gains for India from the Indo-U.S. Nuclear Deal (2007) under the 123 Agreement.
 - (b) Discuss the scope of Right to Information Act (2005) as an antidote to politico-administrative corruption in India.
 - (c) Bring out the salient features of the new initiatives in fiscal management in India.

- 12. Answer any *two* questions (in about 125 words each): $2\times10=20$
 - (a) Write a note on Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.
 - (b) Discuss some unique features of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005.
 - (c) Why is Human Rights Movement not strong in India?
- 13. Answer any *two* questions (in about 125 words each): $2\times10=20$
 - (a) Discuss the importance of, and India's achievement in, Biosphere Reserves.
- (b) Enumerate the welfare measures for the disabled people in India.
- (c) Explain India's national policy on Family Welfare in recent time.
- 14. Write brief notes on any *five* of the following: $5\times4=20$
 - (a) Majuli
 - (b) AGMARK
 - (c) UB/313
 - (d) BrahMos

- (e) India's National Bird
- (f) Barren Island
- (g) Rashtriya Sadbhavana Yojana
- (h) AYUSH
- (i) Swayamsiddha
- (j) Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.