UP PCS-J (Mains) 2012

General Knowledge · compulsory paper

1. (a) There is a demand to attach and confiscate the property of corrupt public servants. How far it is justifiable and lawful? (Word limit: 150) 10 Marks

1. (b) Examine critically the Mullaperiyar Dam dispute. (Word limit: 150) 10 Marks

2. (a)(i) Underline the contribution of Akbar and Dara Shikoh towards the development of Sanskrit literature. (Word limit: 75) 05 Marks

2. (a)(ii) Discuss the role of the Nineteenth century reformist movements in improving the condition of Indian women. (Word limit: 150) 10 Marks

2. (b) Answer the following (1 mark each):
(i) The Mauryan had diplomatic relations with Syria. Name the Syrian ruler, who was Ashoka's contemporary.
(ii) Who was controlling the Maratha power at the time of the death of Aurangzeb?
(iii) Name the two weekly papers of which Tilak was the editor.
(iv) Which session of Indian National Congress was presided over by Mahatma Gandhi?
(v) How and when did Goa become a part of the Indian Republic? 05 Marks

3. Write short notes on the following: (Word limit: 50 each)
(i) Inter-state Council
(ii) Paid News
(iii) National Rural Livelihood Mission
(iv) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project
(v) National Policy for Senior Citizens 20 Marks

4. (a) What measures have been taken to curb child labour? (Word limit: 150) 10 Marks

4. (b) Discuss India-ASEAN relationship and its significance. (Word limit: 150) 10 Marks

5. (i) Discuss the significance of Fundamental Duties incorporated in the Indian Constitution. (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

5. (ii) What are the latest revised norms for registration of political parties? (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

5. (iii) Article 21 of the Constitution guarantees protection of life and personal liberty. Is this right available to foreign nationals staying in India? (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

5. (iv) Do Lok Adalats follow normal judicial procedure? (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

6. (i) What are your views regarding the issue of suicide by farmers in India? (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

6. (ii) When and with what objectives World TB Day is observed? (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

6. (iii) Write a brief note on the World Heritage Sites in India. (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

6. (iv) What are the provisions in the Constitution regarding administrative tribunals? (Word limit: 50) 05 Marks

7. (a) Write explanatory notes on the following: (Word limit: 50 each)
(i) Agni-V

(ii) GSAT-12
(iii) Kepler 22b
(iv) Dracula Therapy
(v) Mission Sun 15 Marks

7. (b) Write the full form of the following:
(i) DRDO
(ii) IIDEM
(iii) NABARD
(iv) NGRBA
(v) PMAGY 05 Marks

8. (a) Write notes on the following: (Word limit: 50 each)
(i) Dubbi Volcano
(ii) Fukushima Disaster
(iii) Lake Vostok
(iv) Majuli Island
(v) Storm Washi 10 Marks

8. (b) Why have the following been in the news? (Word limit: 25 each)
(i) Binayak Sen
(ii) Bhupen Hazarika
(iii) Mohan Dharia
(iv) Aung San Suu Kyi
(v) Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk
(vi) Adam G. Riess
(vii) Bruce A. Beutler
(viii) Vladimir Putin
(ix) Yingluck Shinawatra
(x) Yoshihiko Noda 10 Marks

9. (a) Based on the provisional figures of 2011 Census arrange the States Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat in descending order in respect of the following:
(i) Sex Ratio
(ii) Literacy 10 Marks

9. (b) Write notes on the following: (Word limit: 50 each)
(i) National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reform.
(ii) Ninety-fifth Amendment to the Constitution.
(iii) National Science Day
(iv) National Mathematics Day
(v) National Commission for Higher Education and Research 10 Marks

10. (a) Name the Indian States bordering the following countries:
(i) Bangladesh
(ii) China
(iii) Nepal

(iv) Myanmar
(v) Afghanistan 10 Marks

10. (b) In which States are the following situated and what is their importance? (Word limit: 25 each)
(i) Ellora
(ii) Corbett National Park
(iii) Gulmarg
(iv) Hampi
(v) Junnar
(vi) Konark
(vii) Mahabalipuram
(viii) Porbandar
(ix) Sirpur
(x) Sundarban 10 Marks

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