West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2018

General Knowledge and Current Affairs · compulsory paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

Group A: answer any four (12½ × 4 = 50 marks)

1. Discuss the main features of India's "Look East" and "Act East" policies.

2. Write a note on the Paris Climate Agreement.

3. Discuss the causes and effects of the Emergency in Sri Lanka declared on March 6, 2018.

4. Discuss the CPN-UML and CPN-Maoist merger in Nepal.

5. Write a note on the Marine Sanctuary of the Pacific island nations.

6. Comment on the Lost City of Alexander the Great as discovered in Iraq.

7. Discuss the Rohingya issue with reference to Bangladesh-Myanmar initiatives.

Group B: answer any five (10 × 5 = 50 marks)

8. (a) How many departments are there in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India?
(b) Why were the National Awards to teachers instituted in India?
(c) What is the Central Scheme for North East Indian industrialisation?
(d) What is the purpose of the 'Shikshashree Scheme' of the W.B. Government?
(e) Write a short note on the 'Kanyashree Scheme/Prakalpa' of the W.B. Government.

9. Write in brief on: (a) the Mekong-Ganga Co-operation; (b) BRICS; (c) BREXIT; (d) the Indian Ocean Region; (e) UIDAI.

10. (a) What is the Cabinet Bill for allowing the NIA to probe human trafficking?
(b) 'NIRBHAYA Fund': discuss.
(c) Discuss the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018.
(d) Write on the Mahanadi water dispute.
(e) Bengaluru-based Inlogg: define and discuss.

11. (a) Which two states of India first passed a bill awarding the death penalty for rape of girls below 12 years of age?
(b) Write a brief note on India's first all-women railway station.
(c) Discuss in brief which state of India launched the world's largest solar park.
(d) Discuss the new state flag of Karnataka.
(e) What is unique about the Arunachal Express?

12. Discuss the following with reference to socio-economic development in India: (a) Swatantra Sainik Samman Yojana; (b) Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018; (c) Union Cabinet approval for relief package for the telecom sector, 2018; (d) PMEGP Scheme; (e) the Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

13. Write briefly on: (a) Bahadur Shah Zafar; (b) Indira Gandhi; (c) David William Donald Cameron; (d) Donald John Trump. (2½ × 4)