West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2019

General Knowledge and Current Affairs · compulsory paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

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

1. Write a note on the Bahmani Kingdom.

2. Describe fold mountains, mentioning the causes of their formation, their types and the names of young (new) fold mountains.

3. What is angina pectoris? Compare artery, capillary and vein.

4. Explain the Election Commission, mentioning its formation, functioning, laws and provisions, and state-level functioning.

5. What is your view on climate change finance, especially India's role?

6. Write a note on the International IP Index, 2019.

7. Discuss the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act on 10 per cent quota for EWS in jobs and education.

8. Elucidate the Ease of Doing Business Report 2019, highlighting key points, India's initiatives for improvement in doing business, challenges etc.

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

9. (a) What is the name of the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning US-based author who passed away on 21 January 2019?
(b) Who won the 'Prabha Khaitan Woman's Voice Award' at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF 2019)?
(c) What is the theme of the 12th edition of Aero India 2019, held in Bengaluru from 20 to 24 February 2019?
(d) Who was elected the new Prime Minister of Sweden on 18 January 2019?
(e) In which state is the Diffo Bridge, inaugurated on 18 January 2019, located?

10. (a) Who won the 2019 El Salvador presidential election?
(b) Which country won the 2019 Asian Cup football tournament?
(c) What is the theme of World Cancer Day 2019 (4 February)?
(d) Which state was declared the best state for active participation in the Swasth Bharat Yatra on 28 January 2019?
(e) Which word was declared the Hindi word of the year 2018 by the Oxford dictionaries?

11. Write in brief on: (a) the fifth generation of computer technology; (b) IOS and SIOS, the two initiatives of the RBI.

12. What is the first 'JAI' trilateral meet? State its importance.

13. The International System of Units (SI) redefinition is a landmark moment in scientific progress. What is that redefinition and what would be the impact of the new definition?

14. Write a brief note on the fifth edition of the 'Bengal Global Business Summit', emphasising two points: 'Blooming Bengal' and 'Bengal means Business'.

15. Name the winners: (a) Padma Vibhushan 2019, Art (Vocals, Folk); (b) Padma Bhushan 2019, Science and Engineering (Space); (c) Padma Shri 2019, Sports (Football); (d) Padma Bhushan 2019, Art (Music, Sitar); (e) Grammy Awards 2019: Record of the Year and Song of the Year (name of the song and the person).

16. Name the author/translator of the books: (a) 'New Brazilian Poems', an anthology translated and edited (24 January 2019) by ...; (b) 'Law, Justice and Judicial Power: Justice P.N. Bhagwati's Approach', written by ...; (c) 'Let's Talk on Air: Conversations with Radio Presenters', released on World Radio Day 2019 (13 February), authored by ...; (d) 'Undaunted: Saving the Idea of India', launched by former Vice President Hamid Ansari on 8 February 2019, written by ...; (e) the banned Punjabi poem 'Khooni Vaisakhi', recently published, written by ...

17. Explain: (a) TN bags FSSAI awards for Swasth Bharat Yatra; (b) the Human Microbiome Project of India.

18. Write a brief note on the US withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action in May 2018.

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