West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2021

General Knowledge and Current Affairs · compulsory paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

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

1. Write a brief note on the valour of Mewar under Maharana Pratap Singh.

2. Write briefly on the three tier Panchayati Raj Institutions introduced by the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India, 1992.

3. Discuss the emergence of Quadrilateral grouping or the QUAD in the Indo-Pacific region.

4. What is Gender Development Index (GDI)?

5. Write on the significance of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in India.

6. Discuss the impact of EASE 4.0 reforms in India.

7. What is the impact of Pandemic on global economy?

8. Write briefly on the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

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

9. (a) Who is the first woman to become the President of the European Commission?
(b) Who is the prominent woman Oxford Corona Vaccine developer?
(c) Who wrote Great Expectations?
(d) Which organization received world peace prize 2020?
(e) For what Salim Ali was popularly known?

10. (a) Which day is observed as the International Day of the Girl Child?
(b) Which young girl environmental activist is fighting for the cause of climate change/climate crisis?
(c) Who wrote the book Development as Freedom?
(d) Who wrote the book Hind Swaraj?
(e) Which world leader received the Padma Bhushan award for public affairs 2021?

11. (a) Where is the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics located?
(b) NH13 is between which major cities of India?
(c) Pangong Tso is located in which part of India?
(d) What is the name of the Harappan Script?
(e) Where did the Buddha deliver his first sermon?

12. (a) Who received Padma Shri award in Sports from Bengal (table tennis player), 2021?
(b) What is the Aarogya Setu app?
(c) Who wrote Glass Palace?
(d) In which category did Neeraj Chopra win gold in Tokyo Olympics, 2021?
(e) Which category of medal was won by P.V. Sindhu in Tokyo Olympics, 2021?

13. (a) Who was the Governor of Bengal after the Battle of Plassey?
(b) Which is the national language of Bhutan?
(c) In which state are Udayagiri and Khandagiri caves located in India?

(d) Which musical instrument is played by Hari Prasad Chaurasia?
(e) Where is "Lohri" celebrated?

14. (a) Where is the BARC (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre) situated?
(b) Who was the architect of the First Five-Year Plan (1951-1956) of India?
(c) Point out one trend of work culture during the Covid pandemic.
(d) What is the significance of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)?
(e) What is the capital of Austria?

15. (a) What is the significance of Aadhaar?
(b) Which Indian state tops in the sex-ratio chart?
(c) Where are Elephanta Caves located?
(d) Where is the Kaziranga National Park situated?
(e) Where is the Mountain Railways situated in West Bengal?

16. Write briefly on:
(a) Fourth Industrial Revolution
(b) Digilocker Programme in India. (5×2=10)

17. (a) What is El Nino?
(b) Which is the largest desert in the world?
(c) Who was the last Viceroy of India?
(d) When did the Cabinet mission come to India?
(e) What is 'Smiling Buddha'? (2×5=10)

18. Write briefly on the Indo-China relations in the contemporary times. (10)