

**12. Answer any TWO of the followings.**

**[10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) What are the major security threat for India in recent times?
- (b) Who are called minorities in India? What are the steps taken by the govt. for protection of minorities?
- (c) What do you mean by Wetlands? Describe about the Ramsar Convention.

**13. Answer any TWO of the followings.**

**[10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) Write on the J & K re-organisation act.
- (b) UDAY scheme is an all encompassing solution for power sector problems in India. Elucidate.
- (c) What is the Aspirational Districts Programme launched by the central govt.

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**VST-2**

**GENERAL STUDIES  
(Paper-I)**

**Time : 3 Hour  
Full Mark : 300**

**1. Answer any THREE of the followings.**

**[10 × 3 = 30]**

- (a) Indian economy was converted to colonial economy under the British rule. Comment.
- (b) Sepoy Mutiny is rightly called as the first war of Indian Independence. Explain.
- (c) "Formation of INC was a safety valve for the British rule in India". Comment.
- (d) Assess the role of Gandhi in India's struggle for Independence.

**2. Answer any FOUR of the followings.**

**[5 × 4 = 20]**

- (a) Write a brief note on Jallianawala Bagh Massacre.
- (b) How Swadeshi Movement contributed to the Nationalist Movement of India?
- (c) Role of extremists in freedom struggle.
- (d) Why Rowlatt Act was opposed?
- (e) Significance of INA.

**3. Answer any TWO of the followings.**

**[10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) What was the contribution of Swami Dayanand & Arya Samaj towards the Socio-religious reforms of India.
- (b) Give a brief note on Architecture, Sculpture & Painting of Medieval India.
- (c) Write about the major Peasant Movements against the British Colonial Rule?

**4. Answer any TWO of the followings. [10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) Describe briefly the art & architecture of Lingaraj Temple.
- (b) Write in brief the role of women freedom fighters in the freedom struggle of Odisha.
- (c) Discuss the Socio-Cultural developments in post independence Odisha.

**5. Answer any TWO of the followings. [10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) Indian Agriculture is gamble of monsoon. Comment.
- (b) Write a brief note on Peninsular Plateau region of India.
- (c) What is Dry Land Farming? What is the significance of dry land farming?

**6. Write short notes on any FOUR [5 × 4 = 20]**

- (a) What is the difference between Wild Life Sanctuary & National Park?
- (b) Give a brief note on major mineral resources of Odisha.
- (c) Mahanadi is rightly called as the lifeline of Odisha. Comment.
- (d) Write about the Significance of Bhitarkanika Mangroves.
- (e) Major Hydroelectric projects of Odisha.

**7. Answer any THREE of the following. [10 × 3 = 30]**

- (a) How a new state can be formed in India? Discuss the legislative procedures for such formation?
- (b) Discuss the powers and functions of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
- (c) What does the Preamble contain? What ideals does it preach?
- (d) Write the amendment procedures under Indian Constitution.

**8. Answer any THREE of the following. [10 × 3 = 30]**

- (a) Discuss the passage of an ordinary bill in a state having bicameral structure.
- (b) Define public interest litigation (PIL) and state its purpose.

- (c) Analyse the challenges and opportunities associated with expanding role of the office of CAG in India.
- (d) What are the various criteria through which an individual becomes a citizen of India?

**9. Answer any SIX of the following. [5 × 6 = 30]**

- (a) Give a brief account of the Advocate General of Odisha.
- (b) Briefly outline the composition of Legislative Council of a state.
- (c) Write a short note on NOTA.
- (d) Discuss the important features of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment Act.
- (e) “The rise of regional party culture in Odisha is not based on ideological foundation.” Comment
- (f) Briefly outline the composition and functions of the Odisha State Election Commission.
- (g) Write the structure of PRI in Odisha.

**10. Answer any TWO of the followings. [10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) What do you mean by Human Rights? What is the role of NHRC?
- (b) Write the role of education in bringing about social changes in India.
- (c) What are the reasons for high dropout rates of girls in India? What are the initiatives of the govt. to reduce the drop out of girls?

**11. Answer any TWO of the followings. [10 × 2 = 20]**

- (a) What do you mean by Economic Offences? What are the legal provisions to check economic offences?
- (b) How Electoral Bonds will help in bringing transparency to electoral fundings?
- (c) What is Communalism? What are the various causes of Communalism?