

2018 (62nd)
GENERAL STUDIES
PAPER -II

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 300

Instructions :

- The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
- Answer **eight** questions, selecting at least **three** each from Section -I and Section -II and any **two** from Section - III.
- Candidates are required to give their answer in their own words as far as practicable.
- All questions have been printed both in English and Hindi. In case of any ambiguity in Hindi version, the English version shall be considered authentic.
- Parts of the same question must be answered together and must not be interposed between answers to other questions.

SECTION - I

1. "The Directive Principles of State Policy are not mere pious declaration but clear directions for the guidance of State Policy." Comment and show how far they have been applied in practice. **38**
2. Examine the concept of 'Hindutva'. Is it against secularism? **38**
3. Identify the major pressure groups in Indian politics and examine their role in it. **38**
4. Discuss the powers and actual position of the Governor in Bihar politics. **38**

SECTION -II

5. "Not just providing employment but increasing the employability of the labour force is the main issue of a long-term employment policy in India." Discuss this statement with special reference to knowledge and skill development through quality education and training. Also explain the trends and implications of sector wise employment generation in the country after 2000. **38**
6. Explain the growth and productive trends of agriculture in India. Also suggest measures to improve productive and increases farm income in the country. **38**
7. "Decentralized planning through the strengthening of the Panchayat system is the focus of planning in India in recent times." While explaining this statement, suggest a blueprint for an integrated regional development plan. Also critically examine the decentralized planning scenario in India after the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution. **38**
8. What do you mean by public goods subsidy, merit goods subsidy and non-merit goods subsidy in India? Explain the recent trends and problems of food, fertilizer and petroleum subsidy in the country.

SECTION - III

9. Pollution has become serious threat for India. Identify cause and indicate which mandatory steps should be taken by the Government and what should be taken by the Government and what should be voluntarily done by the public. **36**
10. With growing energy needs, should India keep on expanding its nuclear energy programmes? Discuss the facts and fears associated with nuclear energy. **36**
11. How do you see achievements of India Space Research Organization (ISRO)? What are their next exciting targets? **36**

12. What is 'UDAY' (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojna)? Which States are partners in this Yojna? How is Bihar going to be benefitted by 'UDAY'?

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