

## UPSC CSE MAINS – 2018

### GS - 1

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 250**

**Each Question (10 marks, 150 words)**

1. Safeguarding the Indian art heritage is the need of the moment.
2. Assess the importance of the accounts of the Chinese and Arab travellers in the reconstruction of the history of India.
3. Throw light on the significance of the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.
4. Why is Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) needed? How does it help in navigation?
5. Why is India taking keen interest in resources of Arctic Region?
6. Define mantle plume and explain its role in plate tectonics.
7. What are the consequences of spreading of “Dead Zones” on marine ecosystem?
8. “Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, caste system cannot be eradicated in India.” Comment
9. “Despite implementation of various programmes for eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing”. Explain by giving reasons.
10. How the Indian concept of secularism is different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.

**Each Question (15 marks, 250 words)**

11. The Bhakti movement received a remarkable re-orientation with the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Discuss.
12. Discuss whether formation of new states in recent times is beneficial or not for the economy of India.
13. Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to other colonies? Have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?
14. The idea solution for depleting ground water resources in India is water harvesting system. How can it be made effective in urban areas?
15. Defining blue revolution, explain the problems and strategies for pisciculture development in India.
16. What is the significance of Industrial Corridors in India? Identifying industrial corridors, explain their main characteristics.
17. Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.
18. “Women’s movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata”. Substantiate your view.
19. “Globalization is generally said to promote cultural homogenization but due to these cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian Society”. Elucidate.
20. “Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation”. Argue by giving suitable illustrations.